

Pacelli Post

Educating the Heart and Mind

August 24, 2022

Cardinal Pacelli School's Mission

Cardinal Pacelli, parish school of Our Lord Christ the King, is driven by Christian values, committed to academic excellence, strengthened by a nurturing community and dedicated to educating both the heart and mind, while serving the Lord.





Dear Pacelli Families & Friends,

Welcome back to a new year! We have 82 new faces this year, 403 total students, and 242 school families. This is the largest group of students including our largest Jr. Igh students we have had in eight year with a total of 91!

High group of 91, that we have had in over eight years.

We are off to a great start. Our children are happy to be back, making new friends, encountering new learning, including a foreign language (Spanish for grades 4-8), and our new Integrated Technology class, and have been very enthusiastic for our new playground. We are working to get the Pacelli Village completed along with signage depicting rules and expectations of all users of this wonderful facility. Until then, some sensible reminders would include:

- · no Dogs or other animals
- · no food
- · no drink
- · no sunflower seeds or other similar items on the field
- · no gum
- · no wheels only feet
- · no metal cleats
- · no golf
- · no smoking
- · no littering
- · Safe play at all times on all the new equipment

<u>Curriculum Night</u> We welcome **ALL** parents to Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 25th @ 6:00 PM. Check the schedule below:

Grades K-4 visit classrooms @ **6:00 – 6:40 PM** (Two-20 minute sessions)

General Welcome Meeting @ **6:45 – 7:20 PM** (Gym)

Grades 5 – 8 visit classrooms @**7:30 – 8:10 PM** (Two-20 minute sessions)

With each group you will spend 20 minutes in your child's homeroom gathering information for the new year. We will have a General Meeting beginning **at 6:45 PM in the Gym for ALL parents.** You will be introduced to all of our teachers, hear from Fr. Adam Puntel, our PTO, Athletics, and myself. Specials teachers can be found in the Gym both before and after the General Meeting.

<u>Volunteers Needed</u> Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered for Cafeteria and Recess duty for us. We are so grateful for your help. However, we still a few time slots to be filled. These volunteer opportunities are an absolute foundation and an essential part of our school day. Without volunteers, our teachers do not get more than a few minutes to eat their lunches. You would be thoroughly blessed if you could help in this area.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the PTO Volunteer signup page. You can also help with Mid-week treat, Room Parent, and Art Room Helpers. Throughout the year, as PTO events evolve, there will be more opportunities to be part of our school community. The Cardinal Pacelli PTO has enormous hearts and a talent for sharing their time with us. It's all for our kiddos!

<u>Arrival and Dismissal</u> Our school doors are open at 7:30 AM to receive our students into the building. Those arriving before 7:30 AM will need to wait in the school office. So far, most students

window for students to arrive, 7:30 – 7:50 AM. Classes begin promptly at 7:50 AM. Those students who are not in the classroom at that time, will miss the beginning part of the school day and will be marked tardy.

Dismissal started off to be a little trickier than normal. However, with your help, I think we have resolved some of the problems and it appears to be going more smoothly than the first couple days of school. A key to a safe and successful dismissal is that all families remain in their cars who are at the end of the car line in the front of school. We often need to move cars along to prevent blocking the driveway and if people are not in their vehicles, it prevents the flow from happening.

Please continue to:

- · Pull up as close as possible to the car in front of you in the back to fit more cars
- · Stay in your car and wait to greet your children at the side door of the school if you are at the end of the car line in the front of the school. Those already in the back can get their children while the cars are not moving.
- · Form two lanes in the front of school to allow more cars to enter the school parking lot
- Do not walk up the hill from the street to get you child. If you are parked on the street, your child will be dismissed as a walker. If you have a Pre-Schooler or Pre-K student, please walk up the stairs in the front of school and around the sidewalk to pick up your child from their teacher.
- · Be patient typically walkers are called around 2:40 PM Thank you for helping us keep our students and staff safe during dismissal.

<u>COVID-19 UPDATE</u> The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently updated its guidance on how people can protect themselves and others from COVID-19. The Ohio Department of Health is following that guidance for Ohio K-12 schools.

According to ODH:

"We now have much stronger immune resistance stemming from a combination of vaccines and prior illness. We have access to COVID-19 vaccines for children as young as six months. We also have widespread access to treatments proven to reduce the risk of serious illness and hospitalization for our most vulnerable Ohioans, including staff and family members of students who are more vulnerable to severe illness based on their age or medical conditions."

With the new guidance in place, Cardinal Pacelli School will no longer be recommending the "Mask to Stay, Test to Play" quarantine alternative for schools. Instead, according to ODH, if students or staff feel sick or suspect they might have COVID-19, they should stay home and if necessary, follow up with their primary care physician. Students and staff should stay home from school for at least five (5) days or longer if necessary, until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving.

Additionally, after isolation ends, students and staff should continue to take precautions as they resume normal activities by wearing a mask for five (5) days (or after two negative tests 48 hours apart). Continued personal hygiene and handwashing will also combat the spread of any communicable disease and should be put into regular practice.

As a school, we will continue working with our local health department to monitor community spread, modify measures of protection as necessary, and We will provide updates as developments arise. A more detailed guidance can be found on our school website.

<u>Communication</u> With so many new families and faces around school, I thought I would share some important information as to who you would contact for answers to questions.

· In most cases, Teachers, are the first to be contacted regarding your child's learning or other

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- · RenWeb Parent Portal has a wealth of information regarding your child's demographics, the subjects they take, grades, schedules, etc.
- · <u>absent@cardinalpacelli.org</u> when your child will be out for the day
- · office@cardinalpacelli.org when you need to communicate to either Mrs. Siemer or Mrs. Boehm
- · <u>nurse@cardinalpacelli.org</u> if you need to contact either of our nurses Mrs. Benintendi or Mrs. McCafferty
- · <u>admissions@cardinalpacelli.org</u> for questions regarding enrollment and admission to the school
- · Florio_j@cardinalpacelli.org for information on uniforms
- · ptoonline@cardinalpacelli.org for information regarding PTO events or fundraisers
- · <u>Cardinal Pacelli School website</u> will also be able to answer questions regarding policies, programs, and events.

"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul." ~ Saint Teresa of Avila

Counting my Blessings,

Mrs. Terri Cento

PTO News

The PTO Needs YOUR HELP!

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to volunteer! However, multiple openings for Parent Volunteers remain. Volunteer positions available include options with varied time commitments, and skills to support school related events.

Junior High Parent Volunteers

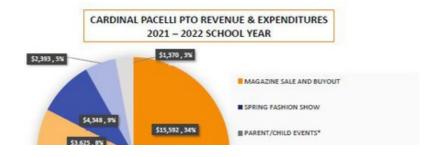
- 7th grade room parents
- 8th grade room parents
- Junior High events/dance Chair(s)
- Camp Joy Volunteers

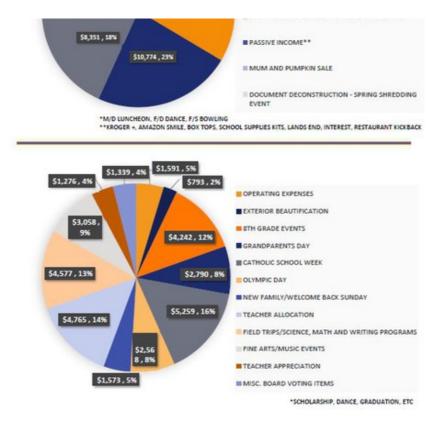
These special traditions cannot happen without your support. Please click the link to sign up and help continue the traditions: <u>Junior High Volunteer Signups</u>

K-8 Parent Volunteers Volunteers

- Recess and Lunchroom Volunteers
- Art Room Volunteers
- Library Volunteers

To support the teachers, volunteers across school contexts are utilized in various capacities. Thank you, in advance, for your support: <u>Cardinal Pacelli Volunteer Signups</u>

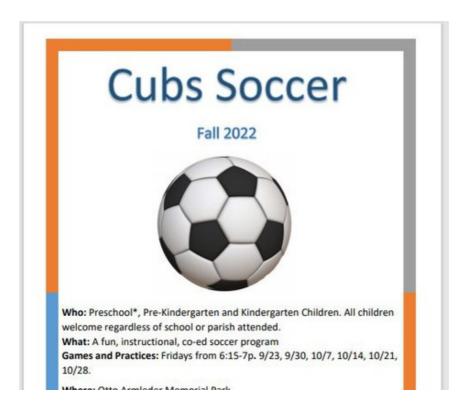




PTO After School Extracurriculars

Spanish is back at Pacelli and the teacher who will be leading our 4th - 8th graders is teaming up with PTO to offer after school lessons to the younger students as well! This is a new group than we have used for after school Spanish lessons in the past and we are excited for their partnership! Here is the link to sign up! https://www.pacellipto.org/extracurriculars.html#/

Cubs Fall Soccer



Click Link to register: 2022 Fall CUBS Registration

Please email Joe Schwendeman and Anna McCann with any questions at ctkcubs@gmail.com

*Players must be 2.5 years old by the first session on April ***WE ARE IN NEED OF COACHES!!! It's a great way to get involved and meet new families. No coaching or soccer experience necessary.

LUNCH MENU

Reminder - All lunch orders MUST be placed before 8:00 a.m. to guarantee a lunch is available for your child!!

September Lunch Menu

August and September Dates to Remember

- August 25 Annie Jr. Auditions Grades 5-8
- August 25 Curriculum Night
- August 31 Jr. High Field Trip to Camp Joy
- September 5 Labor Day No School
- September 13 Spirit Wear Day
- September 18 Catechetical Sunday Mass 10:30
- September 29 Spirit Wear Day



Parish News

Our Church Tower, Illuminated!

If you drive by Christ the King at night, you will notice a beautiful new feature! Our church tower, a landmark in the Mt. Lookout community, is now illuminated for all to see. As a result of last year's #GivingTuesday campaign and your generosity, the new tower lighting has been installed, making our church a true beacon in the night! Thank you to Pro Lighting & Solar who designed the display and Riverside Electric who installed the lights last week. We feel marvelously fortunate to have completed this project which honors Father Frank Voellmecke. This is a wonderful tribute to him as he was a guiding light for so many of us!



Thank You from the Panther Open!

The good times were flowing at the 2022 Panther Open Golf Outing at the California Golf Course. Blessed by beautiful weather, over 90 golfers participated in this year's event. Thank you to the following volunteers who made it possible: Sean Talty Kris



Durstock, Jeff Fisher, Matt Schildmeyer, Danny Reilly, Craig Murphy, and Doug Storer.

We are greatly appreciative of the following Donors: Mike Burton and Thunderdome Restaurant Group, Chris Stagnaro and Stagnaro Distributing, Scott Lovdal and Outdoor Environments Incorporated, Jason Esterkamp and O'Bryons Bar & Grill.

Our Premier Sponsors were Todd King and 5th/3rd Bank, Ben Schmidt and Hoist, Tom Payne and Urban Air Adventure Park, Doug Storer and The Roehr Agency. Hole Sponsors were Mike Callihan and Document Destruction, Todd King and 5th/3rd Bank, and Scott Lovdal and Outdoor Environments.

Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic? Would you like a Faith Refresher in Catholicism?

RCIA is not just for people who want to become Catholic! It is an excellent opportunity to refresh your understanding of our faith even if you are already Catholic. RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, begins in September. This eight-month long program is for anyone who wishes to become Catholic or is interested in learning more about the faith. We meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 12th and continue through the year, culminating in the Easter Vigil on April 8, 2023 at which those who are joining the Church are Baptized, Confirmed, and receive their First Communion. Please call the parish office at 321- 4121 to register. If you have questions, please contact Scott Kroencke at skroencke@globe-usa.com

Wednesday Women's Bible Study "What We Believe"

"What We Believe" is a deep dive into our rich Catholic Faith. This series is filmed at many sights in Rome, and it discusses the what, when, why and how of our Catholic faith. This 10-week series takes us along the journey with 30 minute videos, and a book and workbook. "What We Believe" by no means covers all the topics of our faith, but it will confirm some things and challenge you for further study. The videos alone are like a field trip to Rome with Catholic tour guides that explain our faith in simple yet deep terms.

When: 12 - 1:30 pm on September 14, 28; October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7.

Where: Atrium Gathering Space

RSVP: Please contact **Patty Green** at pattydgreen@gmail.com to register and purchase the

workbook.

Fall Cubs Soccer

Who: Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children. All children welcome regardless of school/parish attended

What: a fun, instructional, co-ed soccer program

Games & Practices: Fridays from 6:15 –7:00 pm on 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28

Where: Otto Armleder Memorial Park Registration ends Monday, September 5.

Scan the QR code on <u>FLYER</u> to register or email Anna McCann at <u>ctkcubs@gmail.com</u> *We need coaches!!! No experience necessary!

Cougar Football Golf Scramble – September 16

We are excited to announce our first ever **Friends of Cougar Football Golf Scramble**! The event is open to everyone, including alumni, family, and friends. Proceeds will benefit the Cougar Football program for away jerseys and updated equipment. Cougar Football is the youth football program at Cardinal Pacelli. Space is limited, so please reserve your foursome today! <u>View event flyer</u>

Shotgun Start: 1 p.m., Arrival by 12:15 p.m.

Location: California Golf Course, 5924 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45228 **Cost**: \$500 per Foursome, includes Course Fees, Cart, Dinner & 3 Drink Tickets Sponsorship Opportunities Available! \$100/Hole & \$500/Event (Logo on all Signage)

Register here

The Pacelli Village Project - The Final Phase!

The Pacelli Village Project has transformed Cardinal Pacelli's playfield into a dynamic play area and learning space that will provide years of outdoor enjoyment for many children. **Update**: The cement for the hard surface play area has been poured and is now curing. Next up will be the installation of the basketball hoops and lines for the court and other games. You can still support this investment in our children's future here!

Attention Donors of \$1,000+: We are planning to engrave pavers in the outdoor classroom for those donors who have fulfilled pledges of \$1,000 or more. Please complete this <u>Google Form</u> so we know exactly what to engrave on the paver! Thank you!

18th Annual Blue Mass - Sunday, September 22, 2022

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati extends an invitation to all Greater Cincinnati Police, Fire and Public Safety Personnel to attend a special "Blue Mass." People of all faiths are invited to join us as we pray for the men and women whose dedicated service assists us in making our communities safe and for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to save others. Police Chaplain, Reverend Steve Angi, Celebrant.

Location: The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains

Time: Mass at 11:00 am, followed by Reception. Blessing & Procession begin 10:45 am

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