

Cougar Tracks

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

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Dear Parents,

The past two weeks certainly have had their ups and downs. The St. Cyril School community has certainly embraced all in sorrow and joy. To see how our community has come together reinforces to me the blessings of this community for all its members.

This Friday and Saturday we will be remembering Anna and Ethan Mentzer. Friday, October 27, will be the Visitation at St. Cyril Church from 5:00PM-8:00PM with a rosary at 7:00PM. Saturday, October 28, will be the funeral Mass at 10:00AM with burial immediately following at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery. I have been privileged to hear many of the wonderful stories of Anna and Ethan these past weeks and know during the services, you, too, will hear some of the enjoyable stories. Anna and Ethan touched many lives and the memories many have with remain etched in their hearts.

Not only has the St. Cyril community rallied around the family, but the entire Tucson community has through the incredible donations to GoFundMe. The larger community has called the school with offers to help whether it be in counseling or just monies for whatever is needed. Parents at our school, St. Joseph School and Salpointe are rallying not only monetarily, but also with meals for the family until Christmas. Additionally, so many families have offered so much, from transportation services, overnight stays for Eli to taking care of his tuition the entire time he is at our school.

I share these things solely because our world is in turmoil. We need to hear and feel the positive things going on. As a community, we can dwell on the negative, but the St. Cyril and Tucson communities have a heart and have not let divisive feelings and actions overtake human kindness. So I ask, in memory of Anna and Ethan, let us look out for one another each day of the week and embrace each other with God's love.

This past weekend many families enjoyed the beautiful weather and fun atmosphere of our 1st Block Party. Your support of the new tradition was outstanding. Many have commented on how much fun it was even though the rides were not there. I understand the "hamster balls" were a big "hit" in so many ways. Thank you to the planning committee, Chris Baker, Michelle Torok, Maite Seldner and Lydia Kennedy for the tremendous amount of time and energy you put in to create a new venue of fun for the school community. We look forward to the block party becoming a great tradition. When all is said, the community "played" and "profited" together.

Monday evening I sent out a notice to see if any parents were interested in "Pizza with the Principal" on November 2, 2017. What a wonderful positive response. We will be enjoying pizza and conversation on that evening at 6:30PM. On November 16, 2017, I will be hosting "Pastries with the Principal." In an effort for all parents to attend, I have tried to schedule evening and daytime meetings. These are great times to come chat with me and the other parents attending. There is no special agenda, just thoughts, suggestions and concerns you might have, plus I will add a bit of discussion of a relevant topic. If you plan to attend either event, please RSVP to me through

my email address: annz@stcyril.com. Thank you to those who have indicated they will be attending the "Pizza" night! As usual, if you can't make any of the meetings, my door is always open to your questions, comments and concerns. After all, the positive home/school partnership has been proven to increase students' academic success.

Blessings to all and Go Cougars!

Dr. Zeches

Preparing our students spiritually,

academically & socially to take

personal responsibility for a lifetime of faith, learning, leadership & service.



Calendar Reminders:

Tue., Oct 31	Halloween Parade No School Mass Junior High Dance
Wed., Nov 1	School Mass for All Saints' Day Intermediate Saint Museum
Thurs., Nov 2	Pizza with the Principal
Fri., Nov 3	End of Term 1
Wed., Nov 8	Report Cards go Home Half Day * Early Dismissal Conferences Begin
Thurs., Nov 9	No School Conferences Continue
Fri., Nov 10	Veteran's Day No School

Word of the Week:

depend

The whole law and the prophets *depend* on these two commandments.

Matthew 22:40



Fruit of the Month:

(Fruit of the Spirit)

October: Self-Control

FUTURE KINDERS

If you have a child who would like to be considered for the 2018-19 Kindergarten class, applications are now being accepted. For an application, please stop by the office or visit our website at www.stcyril.com.

Applications can be found under Downloads. Please return the application with a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable) and the application fee of \$40.

Welcome, soon-to-be Cougar siblings: Ryker B., Clark F., Dutch L., Lural L., Joseph M., Benjamin S., Gabriella S., Luis S., Dylan T., and Roman V.

Please don't delay as we anticipate a waitlist for the coming school year.

MASS DAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to the Holy Day of Obligation on November 1st, All Saints' Day, school Mass will be held on Wednesday instead of Tuesday that week. Mark your calendarsschool Mass on Wednesday, November 1st instead of Tuesday, October 31.

HALLOWEEN PARADE INFORMATION

The St. Cyril School Halloween Parade will be on Tuesday, October 31. Students may wear their costumes as directed by their individual department. Parents are invited to attend! We will begin as close to 8:15 am as we can. Students will be "parading" just INSIDE the canopy pillars. Parents may stay on the OUTSIDE of the pillars.

Parents should be respectful of our community when choosing what costume their child will wear. There should be no violence, blood, weapons or too much "gore". Face paint is allowed but should be kept to a minimum in kindergarten and primary. Once again, we ask that you leave all extreme goriness and weapons at home.

FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you have not completed the Federal Education Program Form that was sent in last week's express, please do so by Thursday, October 26th. Another form was included in this week's express if you need a copy. Thank you for filling out this important form and getting it back to the office.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!

Please help the office with notes when your student is leaving early. According to the Parent/Student Handbook, in case of absence from part of a day, "A parent must send a note in the morning explaining the reason a child will be absent for part of the school day. The student must have the homeroom teacher sign the note." Please take the time to send a note with your child, it helps Marcy at the front desk tremendously. Also, if you ever have any questions about absences, page 9 in the Parent/Student Handbook has a wealth of information for you to use.

DISCIPLINE WITH PURPOSE

As we continue to implement Discipline with Purpose throughout our school, we will continue to highlight various skills. Another skill that is part of DWP is "Fact vs. Fiction." This skill is so often difficult for students and even parents. So often friends tell us something as a "fact" when indeed, the "fact" is definitely fiction. We work with students in an effort to get them to realize they should check their facts before passing on gossip. So often things passed on can be very hurtful and untrue. Not only do we see this happen between friends and colleagues, but very often in happenings in our community or world. All of us love to be the first to pass on some tidbit of information. How often do we really check whether it really is a "fact" before we pass it on? Please help us work with your children by modeling checking the facts vs. fiction before you pass on information!

Prayer of the Week

Prayer for All Saints' Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints.
I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven.
Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ.
Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did.
Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors.
Amen.

Find the Original Here: <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/prayer-saints-day/#ixzz4wRGMSYU5>

Correct Change Please...

The office is being asked to make change more and more often. It would be so helpful if you could bring correct change or a check when paying for things in the office. Thanks for your help.



Thank you for
the Tasty Treats!



Martinez Family
Hossack Family
Moreno-Fernandez Family
Schulte-Buckley Family

Please fill out the pink form so we can thank you

SPORTS INFORMATION



It is the last week of JV sports! The Tournament will be this weekend! JV Girls' Volleyball will be Saturday, while JV Boys' Basketball will be Sunday. All games will take place at Immaculate Heart Academy. If you have not received a schedule, please see Coach Schwab. Let's end the season strong, Cougars!

Sportsmanship is contagious, let's have an epidemic!

MEAL TRAIN

There is still availability if you want to make a meal for the Mentzers. Here is the website to sign up:

<https://mealtrain.com/7n5q6m>