

Cougar Tracks

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

EDITION 12—NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the families that were present for the services for Anna and Ethan Mentzer. Our communities' support has been overwhelming. Can you help another family as they traverse an unexpected road? The Baumann family, Patrick (7th grader) has been diagnosed with Lyme disease. Please read his aunt's comments in this Cougar Tracks. As a community we need to keep him in our prayers.

We are ending the 1st trimester this Friday. Students who have any missing work, if not turned in by Friday, will receive a zero for their work. We are struggling with the amount of students that do not turn in work. As part of the home/school partnership, please check Ren-Web frequently to assure your child is following through with his/her responsibilities. Report cards will be emailed on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017.

I look forward to sharing fellowship and pizza this Thursday at 6:30PM in Nicholson Hall. If you have not RSVP'd, please do so.

Wishing you all a wonderful rest of the week..

Go Cougars!

TARDY EPIDEMIC

Our first bell is at 7:45 am, giving students 5 minutes to get in their seats before the tardy bell. Campus opens at 7:30 am. One recent, random day we had 19 unexcused tardies. Please have your children at school by 7:45 am. And if they are tardy, after 8:15 am, you need to come into the office to sign them in. Thank you for your help!

DISCIPLINE WITH PURPOSE

Two of the skills DWP begins with are "Listening" and "Following Instructions." These skills are the first two taught to students. The program hopes by teaching those skills in the very beginning, they will be mastered by the time they leave 2nd grade. While many have mastered these skills, we still have students who struggle with them. We make an effort each day to remind students to listen carefully and follow exactly what is asked of them. How about helping us with these skills by showing your child/children time when listening is important and following your directions usually does might life easier for all.

PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Pizza with Principal will be 6:30PM on Thursday, Nov. 2. Dr. Zeches is so excited to see more than 30 reply they will be attending. This session will include your questions and concerns, plus a small talk on anxiety in children—understanding it and how can you help your child.

Preparing our students spiritually,

academically & socially to take

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



Calendar Reminders:

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	Veterans Day—No School
Wed., Nov 15	Picture Retake Day
Thurs., Nov 16	Pastries with the Principal

Fruit of the Month:

(Fruit of the Spirit)

November: Peace



Thank you for
the Tasty Treats!



Garcia Family
Gaspers Family
Martinez-Sevilla Family

Please fill out the pink form so we can thank you

Word of the Week:

humble

The greatest among you must be
your servant. Whoever exalts himself
will be **humbled**; but whoever
humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11-12

SPORTS UPDATES

JV tournament was exciting, some of the best games all season were played in that weekend. The Varsity's last week of practice is this week as they get ready for their tournament this weekend, November 4th and 5th.



Second season sports is almost here. Boys' Volleyball and Girls' Basketball in grades 5-8th. Any students interested must have a current physical in the office, completed sports packet, and a \$80 sports fee. Students must have an overall C average and passing all subjects. If you know of anyone interested in being a paid volleyball or basketball coach for the next season, please let Coach Schwab or Mrs. Unger know.

Sportsmanship is contagious, let's have an epidemic!

PRAYERS FOR PATRICK

I'm Ginny Reilly, and my nephew Patrick Baumann, 12, is in the 7th grade at St. Cyril School. His sister, Bridget, graduated from St. Cyril in 2016.

Patrick has suddenly become very sick. He was diagnosed with Lyme disease on Oct. 4, 2017. In early September, we watched him go from being a busy Irish dancer, Tucson Boys Chorus member, basketball fiend, top student, and classical guitarist to a kid with overwhelming physical pain, fatigue and mental fog. He is sleeping 16-18 hours a day. He will push through the pain in order to practice guitar, and then not be able to remember 10 minutes later if he practiced or not. He has not been to school since Sept. 1.

We do not know how this Arizona kid got Lyme disease. He's never been to New England, where it is common, nor does he recall any sort of tick bite. But Lyme is everywhere now, and researchers feel it can be spread by mosquitoes. His parents might have spent years searching for a diagnosis for Patrick were it not for a conversation Lisa had with another chorus mom, who happened to be a doctor. She is the one who told Lisa to test Patrick for Lyme.

As diseases go, Lyme is extremely complicated. It's a real disease - a bacterial infection you can see under a microscope - but each patient seems to present with a different set of symptoms. Because Lyme mostly attacks internally, the sufferers can look healthy. Patrick does not look sick, but he can barely function.

Patrick's parents, Lisa & Tom, are exploring many different therapies & protocols for him. Patrick is currently on both conventional and homeopathic meds, but is only improving slightly. Lyme usually manifests with co-infections, and he has strep, thyroiditis and other autoimmune diseases as well, so there are many components to his Lyme illness. On a positive note, his gentle & kind personality is unchanged, his weight is stable and he's growing like crazy.

All we ask is that everyone keep Patrick in their prayers. He is going to get better, but this could be a very long journey.

-Ginny Reilly

CORPORATE TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

Do you, or someone you know, own a C-Corporation, S-Corporation, LLCs filing as an S-Corporation or an Insurance Company paying taxes in Arizona?

Did you know you can donate up to your full AZ State tax liability using dollar-for-dollar tax credits?

With an unprecedented 5 million in corporate dollar-for-dollar tax credits still available, St. Cyril School would love to partner with you so that together we can continue to provide high quality education that's vital to our future.

If you own a C-Corp, S Corp, Insurance Company or a LLC, we would like the opportunity to provide you and/or your tax professional with information on the Corporate Tax Credit Program offered by the State of Arizona.

Please contact Lori Soehl in the office at 520.881.4240 or loris@stcyril.com for more information.

Prayer of the Week

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace,
Saint Francis Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where
there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console; to be
understood as to understand; to be loved as to
love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that
we are born again to eternal life.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Salpointe Drama proudly presents:

Disney Beauty and the Beast,
The Broadway Musical

Corcoran Theater

December 1 & 2 7:00 p.m. AND

December 3 2:00 p.m.

Special Alumni Event December 7 6:00 p.m.

December 8 & 9 7:00 p.m. AND

December 10 2:00 p.m.

Tickets available at showtix4u.com

DAY OF THE DEAD ALTAR

During the month of November, the Spanish Department will be observing The Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos). Many Mexican families prepare to celebrate the reunion of the living with the non living. It is not scary or morbid. It does not honor death, but our dead relatives. We invite all students to honor their deceased loved ones by bringing pictures to place at an altar (Ofrenda) which we have set up at the Library. We will be sharing and offering our love to our departed family members and friends during our Spanish classes.

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., Victoria B., Emma D., Clark F., Emilio G., Dutch L., Laural L., Angelina M., 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.