

Cougar Tracks

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

EDITION 15—DECEMBER 6, 2017

WAIT UNTIL 8TH

You may already be aware of the "Wait until 8th" website pledge that was started by a mom in Austin, TX., Brooke Shannon. After many conversations with friends about the smartphones, Brooke wanted to make a change in her community and hopefully beyond. The idea behind this pledge is to get other parents to sign it as well so it becomes a support network for the parents AND kids. It can be very isolating for the kids when all of their classmates have smart phones and are constantly talking about what they posted on Snapchat the night before.

Hopefully, some parents will take the pledge.
<https://www.waituntil8th.org/>

COMING SOON!

We are so excited to announce that our school will be participating in the Apex Fun Run this year as one of our major fundraiser! The Apex program will be with our students from January 22nd through February 2nd as we raise much needed funds to help our school. Watch for more information each week on this fantastic program!

SCRIP

'Tis the season to buy Scrip! Orders will be placed on Tuesday, December 12, and Monday, December 18 to finish up the calendar year! Scrip orders now count toward the second half of the year. Remember every gift card you purchase gives money back to the school! See the enclosed flyer about Scrip and Benefit!

LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE 18-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Last week's School Express included a Letter of Intent for the 2018-19 school year. We would appreciate your response by December 13th as the information provided allows us to prepare for Online Registration as well as how many new students we are able to admit from the waitlist for the following school year.

LAS POSADAS

On Thursday December 21, the school community will come together to celebrate Las Posadas. All students will be honing their performance skills which support our mission to teach the whole child. Thank you for having your student present on this awesome school day full of learning through activity. What a great way to show support for your child's education and the staff who have worked so hard preparing the event.

Parents are invited to attend the event, as well. The performance begins at 10 AM in the church. The doors will open at 9:30 AM. Please take note of the reserved signs for the students. No personal reserved signs are permitted. Someone must be sitting with any saved seats.

Preparing our students spiritually,
academically & socially to take
personal responsibility for a lifetime of
faith, learning, leadership & service.



Calendar Reminders:

Thurs., Dec 7	2 PM Geography Bee
Fri., Dec 8	School Mass
Thurs., Dec 14	Pastries with the Principal 2 PM Spelling Bee
Thurs., Dec 21	Las Posadas 12:15 PM dismissal No After School
Fri., Dec 22	First Day of Christmas Break
Mon., Jan 8	Classes Resume

Fruit of the Month:
(Fruit of the Spirit)
December: Joy

Thank you for
the Tasty Treats!



Locke Family * Ochoa Family
Browne Family * Manley Family
Pifer Family * Hartenbach Family

Please fill out the pink form so we can thank you

Word of the Week:
Inhabitants

"People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the **inhabitants** of Jerusalem
were going out to [John] and were being
baptized by him in the Jordan River as
they acknowledged their sins."

Mark 1:5

Prayer of the Week

Advent Prayer of Hope: Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Found on
dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/advent-prayers

SPORTS UPDATES

Parents! We are looking for one or two starters for track season which runs from March through April. No experience is needed. We will train you! There are five track meets. They could be divided between two starters. Please let Debbie know if you are interested in learning the skill of starting track meets. It is quite fun!



Just a reminder, weather can effect practice or games. Coach Schwab will send out emails if there is a change, so keep an eye out for an email on cloudy/stormy day!

If you have any questions about anything, please see Coach Schwab.

Sportsmanship is contagious, let's have an epidemic!

A NOTE REGARDING ATTENDANCE

On Page 9 of the Parent Student Handbook—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 send a physical note from home if your child will be leaving from school. Emails are not always received in time for your child to be at the office for them to leave school. If a student is going to be late to school, a call to the attendance line is the preferred method of letting the office know that they will be late. Please always let the office know of attendance situations, and the office will let the homeroom teachers know.

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: Robert A., Ryker B., Victoria B., Emma D., Clark F., Emilio G., Dutch L., Laurel L., Angelina M., Joseph M., Theofania R., Benjamin S., Gabriella S., Luis S., Marcelino S., Dylan T., and Roman V.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

You are invited to gather with the community of St. Augustine Catholic High School as we remember the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

Las Posadas

Thursday, December 7, 2017

6 PM Procession Begins in Gercke Hall

6:30 PM Cocoa and Carols

This is a free event sponsored by the Fine Arts Department at St. Augustine Catholic High School

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Salpointe Drama proudly presents:

Disney Beauty and the Beast,

The Broadway Musical

Corcoran Theater

Special Alumni Event December 7 6 PM

December 8 & 9 7 PM AND

December 10 2 PM

Tickets available at showtix4u.com

1st Annual Premier Chess Pre-Arizona State Grade Championship Camp at Sonoran Science Academy—Tucson!

January 2-4, 9 AM to 5 PM

National Master Evan Rabin, CEO of Premier Chess will lead camp.

Camp will be open to all students K-5; we will cater to students from beginner to master.

To register or ask any questions, reach out to Evan Rabin, CEO of Premier Chess at erabin66@gmail.com or (917) 776-1306 or Molly Coy, Lower Elementary Department Head at Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson at mcoy@sonoranschools.org or (520) 665-3430.

USA Youth Sports

A Charitable Non Profit 501(c)(3) Organization

Sign Ups for All Tucson Regions—Winter 2018

Soccer, Baseball, Flag Football, Basketball

For more information call 520-336-4755 or sign up online at

www.USAYouthSports.org

Mandatory Parent Meeting January 13

Free Soccer Clinics and Tryouts

December 9 & 16 Rodeo Park Field C 9-11 AM

WIN A YEAR of PIZZA CERTIFICATE FOR 12 FREE PIZZAS

Bring in an original drawing completed with colored pencils, crayons, or markers based on the theme Holidays in the Desert.

Each store will choose 3 winners, one for each age group: 6 and under, 7-11, and 12 and older. Please include parent name and phone number on the back. Limit one (1) entry per child.

Submission must be received by 8:00 PM on December 26, 2017.

When you bring in your art, you'll receive \$3 OFF ANY FAMILY SIZE PIZZA. Winners to be posted in the store on December 31, 2017.

You can find forms to color in the office.