St. Cyril of Alexandria School

Creating Tomorrow's Leaders Through Inspiration & Innovation

Cougar Tracks

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

EDITION 19—JANUARY 24, 2018

JUST A COUPLE OF OFFICE REMINDERS

Please have a conversation with your child/children regarding the "brown shelf" in the office. The brown shelf is the place that students can go and look for the many items that are brought in by adults during the day. Items left for students could be food, clothes, homework, etc. Too many calls are being requested to specific students about things left on the brown shelf. Please teach your children to check the shelf if they think someone may bring something in for them. We need to respect the teaching process and not disrupt classes so often.

The office does not provide snacks to children who come without one or forget theirs. Crackers or chips are provided for a cost of \$1.00 just for students who do not have a lunch.

Please remember that every day your child is home from school (sick or otherwise,) a call, voicemail or email to the office is needed and very much appreciated!!

STEM LAB NEEDS YOUR USED LEGOS

The Stem Lab is looking for hand-me-down Legos for Robotics and STEM activities at St. Cyril School. If you have Legos which are no longer being used in your home, please consider bringing them to the school office for donation to the STEM Lab—*Thank you!!*

FROM THE PALS...

Thank you to all of our families who so generously donated to this year's Gingerbread House for our teachers and staff. It is these acts of kindness and appreciation that make St. Cyril School such a special community. PALS had so many fun events in 2017 and we have no intention of slowing down as we continue to reinforce the importance of our community. During the next few weeks, the students will be seeking donations for our first ever Fun Run. Many of you expressed an interest in doing something different than the annual Fall Fund Raiser and we listened. This event will get our students much more involved, and we have faith that it will be a terrific fund raiser as well. In addition to helping your student(s) with their donations, there are other ways you can be involved (please see the orange flyer that was recently sent home), including by showing up on February 1st to cheer the students on during the actual run.

We also have a really fun Spring Event that is just around the corner. By the luck of the Irish it is going to be on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th), and this year's auction committee has been working hard to make this a fun event that all families can participate in. We would love to fill Cougar Court, so please keep that date open to attend. More information will follow, but a few details we can tell you now - in order to increase attendance, there will be an early bird ticket price that starts at \$25. For this event, each family will be asked to donate an item of \$50 or more, so start thinking of local business connections you may have that are willing to donate an item. We also need two more PALS positions filled, one each for the Primary and Advanced Intermediate Departments to help with the classroom baskets and classroom art projects. Please email PALS@stcyril.com if you still need a PALing position or you would just like to volunteer. Finally, we will have our second movie night on February 16th. Our Christmas movie night had a packed house and we look forward to seeing everyone again. Stay tuned for specific movie details.

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

Calendar Reminders:

Sun., Jan 28	CSW -Parish Appreciation Day
Mon., Jan 29 - Fri., Feb 2	Book Fair Week
Thurs., Feb 1	Apex Fun Run! Be there! Sports Photos after School
Mon., Feb 5	CSW -Student's Day
Tues., Feb 6	CSW -Grandparent's Day
Wed., Feb 7	CSW -Parent's Day
Tues., Feb 13	8th Grade Individual Photos

Fruit of the Month:

(Fruit of the Spirit) January: Kindness

Thank you for the Tasty Treats! Budaya-Kennedy Family Bobbitt Family

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Please fill out the pink form so we can thank you

Visconti Family

Word of the Week: astonished

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath (Jesus) entered the synagogue and taught. The people were **astonished** at his teaching for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

Prayer of the Week

Prayer for Christlikeness

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go; Flood my soul with your spirit and life; Penetrate and possess my whole being so completely

That all my life may be only a radiance of yours;

Shine through me and be so in me That everyone with whom I come into contact

May feel your presence within me. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus.

Amen.

John Henry Cardinal Newman

Prayer found at: https://www.loyolapress.com/ our-catholic-faith/prayer/traditional-catholicprayers/prayers-for-special-intentions/prayerfor-christlikeness-cardinal-newman

SPORTS UPDATES

Stay warm and stay active, Cougars! As sports marches on, sports pictures will be Feb 1st. Picture packets will go home Jan 29. All students will participate in the team picture in full uniform (Black shorts, white socks, green jersey). We want to remember everyone from the team, even if you're not purchasing pictures this season!

Varsity Volleyball has a rescheduled game this Thursday, Jan 25 @ St. John's- 4 PM.

Track season is almost here! 4-8th grades are eligible to sign up. Five meets are held on weekends during March and April. If you are interested in being trained as a track starter, please let Coach Schwab know. You will be trained and work side by side with someone who has been a track starter for high schools. Remember that after school sports are a privilege, and students must maintain a 2.0 GPA, and not failing any classes. We are studentathletes, and the student comes first!

Sportsmanship is contagious, lets have an epidemic!



CTSO FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION NOW OPEN

If you are looking for financial aid for the 2018-2019 school year, please complete a FAIR Application at www.fairapp.com. The school code is 800 and the school password is ctso800. Please do not hesitate to contact Lori Soehl at loris@stcyril.com should you have any questions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus** is now enrolling boys age 6-12. The Chorus has recently expanded and in addition to its central location is offering choirs in Vail, Sahuarita, and Oro Valley. Choristers have the opportunity to develop character, leadership, and core values through the study of vocal music and through local and world-wide performance and travel opportunities. Call <u>520-296-6277</u> or visit <u>boyschorus.org</u> for more information on our after school programs, upcoming open houses, and our summer camp opportunities.

Alive in Christ—Day of Renewal for Men and Women

Saturday—January 27, 2018

St. Pius X Catholic Church—8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Inspiring Talks—Praise & Worship—Mass—Prayer & A Fresh Touch of the Holy Spirit \$20

Register at www.vineofgrace.org or 520-742-6687

What: **2nd Annual Endowment Dinner Concert.** An entertaining evening enjoying our Catholic school students, celebrating family, and raising money for the Diocese of Tucson Schools Endowment Fund.

When: Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Time: 5:30 PM Reception and Silent Auction, followed by Dinner and Concert at 6:30 PM

Location: St. Augustine Catholic High School 8800 E. 22nd Street ~ Tucson, AZ 85710

Tickets: Buy your dinner tickets online https://www.cathfnd.org/schools. Questions: Call Chris Mayer at (520) 419-4785

Thank you for strengthening the endowment, as you enjoy a delicious dinner, dessert, beverages, and wine at this gala event.

Special note for Catholic school parents and grandparents: You may purchase raffle tickets to win next year's tuition at a Diocese of Tucson Catholic school! If you cannot attend the dinner, pick up your raffle tickets at your school or online at https://www.cathfnd.org/schools.

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award will be presented at this year's dinner honoring Sister Charlotte Anne Swift, O.P. and Salpointe Catholic High School.

THE FUN RUN IS COMING ON FEBRUARY 1ST!

The PALS organization is looking for volunteers to help at the school Fun Run on Thursday, Feb 1st. You are able to sign up for both time slots if you wish, but you cannot sign-up for both tracks during the same time period. Please contact Chris Baker if you would like to help at this fun event!

SAVE THE DATE:

14 March 5:30-8:00 PM

Science Fair Night

Just a couple of the presenters at this event include: Truly Nolen and the Brain Bus!

