

Cougar Tracks

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

EDITION 7—SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

Dear Parents,

Today you will be receiving your child's first trimester progress report. This is a small snapshot of how they are progressing in their studies. If you find your child is doing well, praise them and have them keep up the great work. For those who might have been having a difficult time, please have your child (if they are older) touch base with the teacher themselves or for younger children, please feel free to email the teacher with your concerns.

There is much research about ways parents can help their child succeed in school. Some areas are, but are not limited to: getting enough sleep each evening, eating a GOOD breakfast, allowing your child to create their own entertainment instead of over programming them or relying on social media avenues, allowing them to do their homework and correct it at school, being on time, and working in partnership with the teachers to build a bridge between home and school. Thank you for working in partnership to help your student find success.

One of St. Cyril's go to words is "GRIT." It is our hope for your children to build grit (perseverance, dedication, courage and positive mindset) as they go through their studies. Yes, sometimes things are more difficult than other times. The school wants your child to feel comfortable to try, and know if it is not perfect, they are in a safe environment to try again and find success. According to Angela Duckworth, a University of Pennsylvania psychologist, a person's "grit" can be a better indicator of future earning and happiness than either IQ or talent. Included in this week's Express is a wonderful article on "grit," and how you can foster it at home.

As the weather cools down in the mornings and warms up in the afternoon, we are starting to get a collection of sweatshirts and sweaters to go along with the plethora of lunch boxes and water bottles. Have you checked out the rack on the Ramada with the lost and found on it? If not, please do so, as whatever remains on October 6, 2017, we will remove and take to the orphanage.

Our new kindergarten play area is slowly moving along. While it has been an inconvenience to some classrooms, I know the end result will be awesome. Thank you to the Parent and Alumni Foundation and the PALS board for financing more than half of the \$82,000 project. If anyone would like to make a donation to the remaining balance, we would gladly accept it. We look forward to its completion the first part of October.

The excitement is mounting for our new St. Cyril Block Party. I am so grateful to the committee for working hard to bring this event alive. Each week you will see information coming out about events. Mark your calendars for October 20 and 21st. You don't want to miss the Battle of the Bands or Haunted House! If you have questions, please contact Michelle Torok for further information.

As we head into the Fall season, I thank you for all you do for St. Cyril School. I am blessed to work you, your students and our faculty/staff.

Go Cougars! - Dr. Zeches

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



Calendar Reminders:

Wed and Thurs , Sept. 27 & 28	Health Days
Wed, Sept 27	Progress Reports Interfaith Prayer Gathering 7pm
Wed, Oct 4	Vision Screening
Thurs & Fri, Oct. 12 & 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mon, Oct 16	No School

Fruit of the Month:

(Fruit of the Spirit)
September: Gentleness

Word of the Week:

righteousness
[Jesus said to the chief priests and elders]: "When John [the Baptist] came to you in the way of **righteousness**, you did not...change your minds and believe him."
Matthew 21:32

Thank you for the Tasty Treats!



Lopez Adkins Family
Mireles Family
Dabdoub Jimenez Family



Please fill out the pink form so we can thank you

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The Lion's Club will be at St. Cyril next Wednesday, October 4th at 8:00am to conduct a free vision screening for all of our students. Please make sure that your student has their glasses with them.

All students MUST be wearing their glasses for the screening.

Does anyone have access to a gently used wheelchair to donate for the Health Office? Ours has finally "bit the dust".



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Monday:

JV 5/6 Grade Volleyball vs CRUZ (Home)

Tuesday:

JV 6/7 Grade Volleyball vs SSPP (Home)

JV 5/6 Grade Basketball vs SSPP (Away)

Wednesday:

Varsity Volleyball vs CRUZ (Away)

5/6 Grade Basketball vs OMOS (*Home) *LOCATION CHANGE*

Thursday:

5/6 Grade Volleyball vs AMB (Away)

Saturday:

Varsity Basketball vs SEAS (11:00)

Sportsmanship is contagious, let's have an epidemic!

FALL BLOCK PARTY COMING SOON!

We are very excited about this event, please join us!

Mark your calendars—Battle of the Bands on October 20th

*Talent Show on October 21st * There is still room for more acts! Sign up now!*

Looking forward to seeing you there!

PALS CORNER

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended and/or helped with the Ice Cream Social. It was a great success!

A friendly reminder to Classroom PALS. Please check with the teacher before leaving. Classroom PALing commitments aren't set up for a specific number of hours but rather based on teacher need. If you need to leave before the end of the standard 3 1/2 hour time, please also check with the teacher. Thank you!

The School needs to fill an important PAL positions as quickly as possible. We are in need of a Junior High PALS Coordinator. This position helps with important events, including helping to plan the School's Halloween activities which is right around the corner. If you are interested, please contact Teresa Koder at gallot1228@aol.com. Again, thank you!

Prayer of the Week

Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

- Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

AFTER SCHOOL ENTRANCE

The two double doors in Weitzel are the entrance to after school after 5:00. Fridays all pick ups must go through Weitzel Hall double doors.



CLASSBUNDL.COM

The office is looking for feedback about the classbundl.com service that was offered this year. If you used the service, can you come in and talk to or email Martha (marthac@stcyril.com) and give your opinion of the product, ease of use, etc? We are looking into the future of this program.



Interfaith Prayer Gathering

Sept. 27, 7:00 PM at

St. Cyril Church.



Share the Journey
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