

Cougar Tracks

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

EDITION 23—MARCH 1, 2017

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY!!!!

Online registration is open, March 1-9! The fee for registration during this time is \$250. The registration portal will remain open until March 16th; however, there will be a late fee of \$50 added to the registration fee after the 9th. We currently have a waitlist for most of our classrooms for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have not registered by March 16th, we will have to assume that you are not returning and subsequently forfeit your spot; students from the waitlist will be offered admission based on your student's withdrawal. If you have any registration questions, please email Mrs. Soehl at loris@stcyril.com.

8TH GRADE CLASS PHOTO

Eighth grade portraits are next Wednesday! Students must come to school in their regular Mass attire. Students will change into their picture attire prior to the photo, but then may remain in them the rest of the day. Boys must wear a collared shirt. Girls can wear a collared shirt or dressy blouse. No tank tops or t-shirts. Make-up, pants, shoes and all other accessories must follow regular dress code. Shirts do not need to be tucked in for the picture.



KUDOS

All participating students of the Optimist essay contest should be congratulated on the excellent effort as writers and stepping up to participate. The topic was "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges." The first place winner was Lisa Painter, second place essay belongs to Keala Goodell and third place to Savannah Duclo. Lisa's essay will go on to compete against other essay winners in Arizona for the \$2500.00 scholarship.

JR. HIGH SHOW VIDEO



Included in this week's School Express is a video order form. Remember, there is no personal filming of the show. The video for purchase will include a combination of both shows. Please see the form for more information.

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



Calendar Reminders:

Thursday, Mar. 2	Jr. High Show (6:30 p.m.)
Saturday, Mar. 4	Track Meet (Salpointe Relays)
Wednesday, Mar. 8	8th Grade Individual Portraits
Thursday, Mar. 9	Registration Closes; Lunch Order Opens
Friday, Mar. 10	No School: Diocesan In-Service
Mon.-Fri., Mar. 13-17	No School: Spring Break
Saturday, Mar. 18	Track Meet (High/Low)

Fruit of the Month:
(Fruit of the Spirit)
March: Faithfulness



Word of the Week

tempted

This week's Good News... Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be **tempted** by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. *Matthew 4:1-2*

Prayer of the Week

Dear God, thank you for the opportunity to learn a new side of myself that I didn't even know existed.

When I am confronted with an unfamiliar activity, I may begin hesitant and even downright oppositional, but help me allow myself the discomfort of working outside my comfort zone for this is the place where amazing things happen.

With each new experience is an open door...I just have to have the courage to walk through it. I get out what I put in. Amen



Please Pray For

Dominic C.'s uncle, Richard E. Flores, who passed away last Friday

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

NAU is sponsoring reading skill programs this summer (4 year olds to 11th grade): phonics, fluency, comprehension & so much more. Call 1-800-570-8936 for more info.

COUGAR ATHLETICS

Sportsmanship is contagious. Let's have an epidemic!



Are you able to help??? We need a parent volunteer(s) to run the long jump pit at the Salpointe track meets. No prior experience or knowledge needed—you will be fully trained to be awesome. All we need is a willing heart!

Track Meets: March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1-2, April 8. See the sports calendar on the school website for more information.

FROM THE PALS

Quick update of PALS Board activities and upcoming events: thank you to all the parents and grandparents who were on campus during Catholic Schools Week. The PALS Board helped fund the breakfasts, and we had record attendance.

Please remember PALS Board meetings are open to the school community. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in Dougherty Hall. Our next meeting is March 21st, and all are welcome to attend.

Lastly, don't forget on March 25th we set sail on Cougar Court for this year's cruise themed auction. Thank you to those of you who have already purchased tickets or made donations. Our next turn in day is Wednesday, March 8th. If you are able to help in any way, please contact our cruise director, Susan Aguirre at susana-guirre@mac.com. This promises to be one of our best events!

Don't forget to register online for the 2017-2018 school year. Do it today!



WEWORKS LESSON 7: GOODNESS & CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

As we wrap up the month of February, our students will be learning about the fruit of Goodness and the social issue of Children's Rights through the Wee Walk in Someone Else's Shoes curriculum. Our teachers will be reading and discussing scripture from Thessalonians 1:11 and Ephesians 5:9 focusing on the idea that most of us have goodness in us, but God is asking that we take our inner Goodness and put it into action. For example, if going to school and learning in a safe environment is a children's right, then stopping bullying is an action of goodness, not a passive observation. Guiding our students with discussion of Thessalonians and Ephesians, teachers will ask the question of how can we take our goodness and put it into action to protect their rights and those of their peers.

Students will draw an outline of a full-size child and will list in the head area the rights of a child, next in the heart/torso area, students will write the various people who show Goodness by protecting Children's Rights, such as parents, an older sibling, policemen, clergy, teachers, etc. Finally, in the arms and legs area, students will write down actions that he/she can take to demonstrate goodness to protect another person's rights, such as stopping bullying, helping a person with disabilities or helping a schoolmate with a broken arm carry their backpack. Please stop by and see the wonderful crafts that our students have made as they progress through each lesson of Wee Walk in Someone Else's Shoes.

The program integrates social issues matched to the Nine Fruits of the Spirit through a collaborative thematic approach utilizing sensory-rich, hands-on activities, and religious-based meaningful content. The St. Cyril goal is to help our students become more compassionate and aware of the needs that exist in the world, and to make a positive impact in other people's lives. All students (370), grades K - 8th are participating in the 10-month program August 2016 - May 2017. The program will be implemented one day a month during the Religion class period. Be sure to ask your child about Goodness and Children's Rights and what he/she learned.