

October 6, 2025

St. Cecilia School

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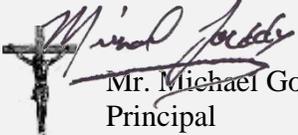
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you to all families who helped to make our Tristate Honor Flight a success. We will be sponsoring three veterans (\$750 each - flight tickets, charter buses, meals) to visit our nation's capital to visit memorials and monuments, many of which are in their honor. The second part of our appreciation for those who have served our country in the armed services will come in the form of a written Thank You from students to the entirety of veterans who will be on the October 28th flight to Washington DC. Additionally, a small group of upper grade students may be participating in welcoming the Honor Flight veterans home at CVG Airport the evening of the 28th.

Although hard to believe, we are more than half way through Trimester I. As we approach conferences and our fall break, take note of important information within this newsletter.


Mr. Michael Goedde
Principal



NWEA MAP Letters

Parents are reminded to return a signed acknowledgement that they have reviewed the fall MAP score in a personalized letter that was sent home to parents last week. This may be a discussion point for teachers and you at our upcoming conferences. If you have yet to send a returned acknowledgement, please do so this week.

Option C - Student Progress

Parents of students in grades 4-8 especially are reminded that they can and should regularly check the academic progress of your child in all subject areas. Consistently checking Option C will show your child that you value his or her education and that you are checking their progress. Frequent Option C checks may also generate questions that you can direct to teachers well in advance of the end of a trimester.

Upcoming Events

Thursday October 9

School Mass – 9AM in church

Friday, October 10

Midterm for Trimester 1

Weds & Thurs, Oct. 15 & 16

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

October 17 through 21

NO SCHOOL – Fall Break

November 26

All Saints Parade – 10AM Mass at St. Cecilia Church

Tues & Wed, Oct 28 & 29

State ELA Test for Grade 3

Friday, October 31

Trunk or Treat & Halloween Parties

Friday, November 7

End of Trimester 1

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran's Day
Picture Re-Take Day

Friday, November 21

All School Rosary – 2:25PM in church

Conferences

Wed & Thurs, Oct 15 & 16

sign ups coming soon

Fall Break

Friday Oct 17-Tues Oct 21

More News

Dyslexia Screenings

Dyslexia screenings for all K-3 students will be ongoing Monday-Wednesday of this week. Special Thanks to Springer School and their team for screening our students. Parents should expect a follow-up letter that will be sent home before and or shared at conferences for screened students.

Conferences - Request forms

Conference request forms were sent home on Monday. Please return these by Friday. Every effort will be made to accommodate the preferred date and time period selected. Keep in mind that Wednesday evening will be in-person conferences and Thursday conferences will be via telephone.

Service Hours Opportunities

All families are required to secure 20 volunteer hours in the school year, assisting in ensuring that school events are run well and needed parent participation is secured. Over the summer, many families volunteered to make our parish festival successful, and any family that sold at minimum one full box of chocolate, secured three hours towards their family total of 20. The following upcoming opportunities will also secure service hours:

- Trunk or Treat (a letter outlining this Halloween event is forthcoming - 7 hours)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences Meal Preparation (a Sign-up Genius link will be shared with parents on tomorrow through One Call - 2-4 hours)

MAP Letters

Next week, parents will be receiving a letter which explains how your child performed on the recent fall MAP test. This test will next be administered in January and then a final test will be given in May. If you have questions regarding your child's scores or how the tests work, this could be a good topic of discussion at conferences. In many cases, teachers may highlight scores in the context of your child's in class performance.



Basketball Registrations

Teams are being registered with the GCCYS for fall and winter basketball seasons. Please complete the Registration paperwork ([or fill in online form](#)) and turn into the office ASAP with payment if your child is planning on participating

Chocolate Sale Incentives

Thank you again for participation in this year's chocolate sale. Parents of students receiving specific incentives for the sale were informed last week, and will be reminded again of this Friday's rewards.



Character Awards

Our September Character Awards were held after Mass on Thursday, September 25th. Our virtue was Open-Mindedness and our Saint that students studied in depth throughout the month was St. Luke. Congratulations to Adriana S (PK), Francesca H (K), Amari P (1), Myyon B (2), Henry L (3), Lily K (4), Richard K (5), Makayla H (6), Anthony P (7) and Brynn M (8)

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

An important hard copy notification was sent home yesterday to all parents. This was shared via email and WhatsApp as well. Please be vigilant regarding this and all illnesses.



Temporary Library Closure Notice

The Oakley library branch is currently closed for renovation. It is expected that the renovation will last until mid-December. Families should make alternate after school arrangements.

Trunk or Treat Reminders

The end of October will be here before you know it, so the time to sign up for Trunk or Treat and for each family to start bringing in candy for the day is NOW. Note the assigned candy for your child's grade, and if you are interested in volunteering to deck out your car for this special day, sign-up using Sign-up Genius (see flier) or by calling the school office.

All Saints Day Parade

This year, The Feast of All Saints falls on Saturday, November 1st. St. Cecilia Parish invites students in grades PK-4 to dress as their favorite saint and participate in the annual Parade of Saints for the 10 am Mass on Sunday, October 26th. At our 9 am All School Thursday Mass on Thursday, October 30th, students are invited to participate in the school annual Parade of Saints. Religion teachers will be sending home additional information as we approach this celebration. It will be a fitting emphasis on the Saints a day before we make the effort to dress in costume for Halloween.

Waybridge Counseling Services

We are pleased to announce that for the 2025-2026 academic school year, St. Cecilia will be partnering with Waybridge Counseling Services to provide on-site mental health services. Waybridge has been offering school-based counseling services for over 20 years and brings a wealth of experience working with children, adolescents, and families in educational settings. Any parent who believes his or her child could use an extra layer of support working through personal challenges, social dynamics, academic stress, or simply a supportive space to talk, should reach out to me, and we will connect you with Waybridge through a simple referral process. We look forward to a wonderful school year, and we are happy to be offering this meaningful support to our school children and their families.



The Annual All Saints Parade

There will be a *PARADE OF SAINTS* on **Sunday, October 26**, at The Oratory 9:30 am, St. Cecilia 10 am and St. Mary 10:30 am Masses. Children can dress up as their favorite saints and be part of the procession. Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass in the vestibule if you would like to take part.



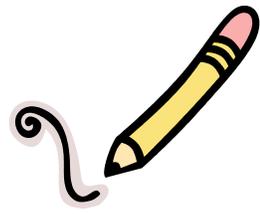
Soccer and Volleyball Seasons

Our volleyball and soccer seasons are approaching the ends of their seasons. Good luck to our girls' teams as they approach volleyball tournament play this weekend and our soccer teams as they complete the regular season with games scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.



In the Classroom

What's coming in the next weeks...



Preschool

- **Religion** – Students are beginning a God Made the Bible unit. Students will learn about the Bible and hear preschool friendly stories. Students will learn about the rosary.
- **Language Arts** – Students will learn about the letters “Ff” and “Ii” and their sounds. Students will continue to learn and practice rhyming words.
- **Math** – Students will count objects to 5 in a variety of formations and match to a numeral.
- **Science and Social Studies** will be integrated through our language arts program, CKLA, throughout the year. Students are learning about clothing: types of clothing and purposes of clothing, how to care for clothing, and where it comes from. Students will begin to learn about the seasonal changes that come with fall and participate in hands-on activities related to fall.
- **Art** – Students are learning about secondary colors
- **Music** – *Not Submitted*
- **Gym** – Students will play a Four Corners game running to different colors set out in corners of the gym.

Kindergarten

- **Religion** – Students are learning about the Holy Trinity and how Jesus is the Son of God. They are also learning about St. Paul and his conversion. They continue to learn about Mary and the Rosary.
- **Language Arts** – Students will begin learning letter sounds and their corresponding spellings. They will focus on the following letter sounds: m, a, t, d, o, c, g, and i.
- **Math** – Students will decompose numbers less than or equal to 10 into pairs in more than one way. Students will refer to this as “making number pairs”.
- **Science & Social Studies** will be integrated through our language arts program, CKLA, throughout the year. Students will learn about the five senses and the body parts associated with each. They will learn how our senses keep us safe. They will also learn about the challenges and experiences of people who are deaf and blind.
- **Art** – Students are learning about Oil resist.
- **Music** - *Not Submitted*
- **Gym** – Students will begin a frisbee unit.

Grade 1

- **Religion** – Students are learning about the Holy Trinity and the Attributes of God. They continue to learn about Mary and the Rosary.
- **Language Arts** - Students will begin reading words with the long vowel double ‘e’ spelling pattern. They will continue orally blending and segmenting single syllable words, reading and spelling words with short vowels and digraphs, and reviewing tricky words. Students are reading stories from “Snap Shots” and will focus on print concepts and answering literal, inferential, and evaluative comprehension questions.
- **Knowledge** - Students will wrap up their unit on the human body. Students will begin studying fairytales and folktales by reading three stories of different variations from other countries and discussing their similarities and differences.
- **Writing** - Students will finish working on their body systems booklet in Knowledge.
- **Math** – Students will name, sort, and make patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.
- **Science & Social Studies** will be integrated through our language arts program, CKLA, throughout the year. Students will wrap up their unit on the human body.
- **Art** – Students are learning about Pirates and working on a sea project.

- **Music** - Not Submitted
- **Gym** – Students will continue their frisbee unit.

Grade 2

- **Religion** – Students are learning the two greatest commandments and how to love God and our neighbor. They are also learning about the Holy Trinity. They continue to learn about Mary and the Rosary.
- **Knowledge** - Students are continuing to learn about Ancient Asian Civilization and the characteristics that make up a civilization.
- **Skills** – Students are reading and spelling suffix -ed, and reviewing suffix -ing, silent letters and the doubling rule. Students are also working on fluency and comprehension strategies through stories in the reader, *The Cat Bandit*.
- **Writing** - Students are editing their personal narrative, unscrambling sentences, and will learn to write an informational paragraph about the contribution of paper in ancient China.
- **Math** - Students are finishing Chapter 2 addition with and without regrouping, and will take an assessment. Students will then practice subtraction with and without regrouping in Chapter 3.
- **Science & Social Studies** will be integrated through our language arts program, CKLA, throughout the year. Students are learning about Ancient Asian Civilizations, specifically the city of Mohenjo-daro and how the Indus and Ganges rivers contributed to early civilization.
- **Art** – Students are working on their fall pumpkin projects.
- **Music** – Not Submitted
- **Gym & Health** - Students will continue their frisbee unit.

Grade 3

- **Religion** - Students are learning about Christ the King and how God is both the Creator and Ruler of the universe
- **CKLA** – Students are writing an opinion paragraph and finishing the *Wind in the Willows*.
- **Writing** - Students are continuing to work on their personal narrative.
- **Math** – Students just began a unit on subtracting two and three digit numbers.
- **Science & Social Studies** will be integrated through our language arts program, CKLA, throughout the year.
- **Art** – Students are working on their Pirate project.
- **Music** – Not Submitted
- **Gym & Health** – Students will begin their volleyball unit and continue positive communication.

Grade 4

- **Religion** – Students are learning about emotions and how they affect our consciences.
- **Language Arts** – Students are completing their personal narratives.
- **Math** – Students will continue a unit on multiplication and division.
- **Science** – Students are about to finish their energy units, wrapping up with collisions and the transfer of energy
- **Social Studies** – Students will complete their world mountain range unit by presenting different habitats
- **Art** – Students just finished their project and are beginning their fall project.
- **Music** - Not Submitted
- **Gym & Health** – Students will be reflecting on their fitness goals and setting new fitness goals for the coming weeks. Students will also be participating in physical fitness stations in gym class.

Grade 5

- **Religion** – Students will learn about God’s Covenants made throughout the Bible.
- **Language Arts** – Students have started their Poetry unit! Students will read and write a variety of poems and learn various figurative language techniques.
- **Math** (Smith) – *Not Submitted*
- **Math** (Lewis) – Students are completing a unit on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.
- **Science** – *Not Submitted*
- **Social Studies** – Students will be starting our new unit “The Age of Exploration,” we will be doing a map activity on Tuesday as well.
- **Art** – Students are working on their summer portrait.
- **Music** - *Not Submitted*
- **Gym & Health** – *Not Submitted*

Grade 6

- **Religion** – Students will learn about both their consciences and the different methods to understand Scripture.
- **Language Arts** – Students are reading *Boy*, by Roald Dahl. They are also studying different kinds of nouns and their various uses.
- **Math** – Students will continue to build their fluency with adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing multi-digit decimals. Students will solve grade-level word problems involving operations on decimals.
- **Science** – *Not Submitted*
- **Social Studies** – Students are still learning about Ancient Greece this week and will debate their chosen topics as well as and prepare for the test they will take on Thursday.
- **Art** – Students are working on their paper cats and dogs.
- **Music** – *Not Submitted*
- **Gym & Health** – Students will be running the mile, and will read articles on the importance of sleep.

Grade 7

- **Religion** – Students will study the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit along with the life of our Saint of the Month, St. John Paul II.
- **Language Arts** – Students will begin a grammar unit on verbs, take a Vocabulary Workshop Units 1-3 Review Unit, and read *Strange Case of Jekyll and Hyde*.
- **Math** – Students will continue their unit on simplifying, expanding, and factoring algebraic expressions. Students will write algebraic expressions to represent real-world problems.
- **Science** – Students will finish a unit on Weather and Climate.
- **Social Studies** – Students are learning about the original 13 Colonies.
- **Art** – Students are finishing with their paper collage and starting a fall project.
- **Music** - *Not Submitted*
- **Gym & Health** – Students will be learning how to play ultimate Frisbee and begin training for the mile run.

Grade 8

- **Religion** – Students will be learning about the early church and about our Saint of the Month, St. John Paul II.
- **English** – Students will work with complements of predicates and write an essay.
- **Reading** – Students will work with characterization and character analysis and write an essay.
- **Math (May)** – Students will learn how to write very large numbers and very small, small numbers in scientific notation. Students will solve problems that involve adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing numbers in scientific notation.
- **Math (Poux)** – Students will continue working with linear functions.
- **Science** – Students will begin a unit on geologic time.
- **Social Studies** – Students will complete Unit 9 and work on a Post-Civil War Westward Expansion project.
- **Art** – Students are starting their fall project.
- **Music** - *Not Submitted*
- **Gym & Health** – Students will fast walk/run the mile and set a personal physical movement goal aligned with Ohio's Team Tressell Fitness Challenge.

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BASKETBALL REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Boys' and Girls' Registration for fall and winter basketball for grades 3-8 is open and ends on Monday, September 22. The registration fee is \$100 per student, or \$175 for the entire family. Practices will begin in October for the girls and in November for the boys. An early registration will enable us to roster teams, secure coaches, and create a gym practice schedule. Please complete and return this form no later than September 22 to the school office. **If interested in coaching, please contact Mr. Goedde at mgoedde@stceciacincinnati.org**

Checks can be made out to St. Cecilia School, credit card or cash payments can be made in the school office

Player 1

Child Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade level _____

Address _____

Parent/guardian phone #s _____ Email _____

Any known medical conditions that we should be aware of? Check and list if applicable.

_____ No _____ Yes Conditions: _____

Parent Name (print) _____ Parent Signature _____

Player 2

Child Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade level _____

Address _____

Parent/guardian phone #s _____ Email _____

Any known medical conditions that we should be aware of? Check and list if applicable.

_____ No _____ Yes Conditions: _____

Parent Name (print) _____ Parent Signature _____

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PARENT/STUDENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES

Dear St. Cecilia Families,

October 6, 2025

We have reached the midway point of the first trimester and are in the process of scheduling parent-teacher-student conferences. **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 15th and Thursday, October 16th from 3:30PM – 7:30PM each day.** Planning conferences at this time will allow you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with his/her teachers as well as set goals for the remainder of Trimester I. **Conferences on Wednesday night will be in-person or by phone whereas all of Thursday's conferences will be by phone.**

Many conferences have already been held; an additional conference will not be scheduled for these parents.

Please complete the form below and return it to school no later than **Thursday, October 9th**. Notification of conference times will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, October 14th.

Remember, there is no school on Friday, October 17th, Monday, October 20th and Tuesday, October 21st.

Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Goedde
Principal

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PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please complete this form by indicating your scheduling preference. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference; however, due to the number of requests this will not be possible in all instances.

Date and time slot most preferred: (Please note 1st and 2nd preference for times)

Wednesday, October 15

_____ 3:30 - 5:00

_____ 5:00 - 6:30

_____ 6:30 - 7:30

Thursday, October 16

_____ 3:30 - 5:00

_____ 5:00 - 6:30

_____ 6:30 - 7:30

Check which type of conference you would prefer (Wed. only): In-Person Phone Conference
All conferences on Thursday will be via phone.

Parent's Name

Child's Name

Daytime Phone Number _____

Email _____

Trunk or Treat Halloween Treat List

Lista de Golosinas para el Trunk or Treat de Halloween

In order to help offset the cost, we will be asking families in each grade to donate a specific food or candy item.
Para ayudar al costo, estaremos preguntando a las familias en cada grado que donen una golosina o caramelo.

Tuesday, October 28 is the last day to drop off items in the school office

El día martes, 28 de octubre es el último día para dejar las golosinas o dulces en la escuela

<p><u>Pre-Kindergarten</u> Pre- Kinder</p> <p>KitKat</p> <p>Snack Size Tamaño Snack</p> 	<p><u>Kindergarten</u> Kinder</p> <p>Oreo Cookies</p> <p>Individually Wrapped Empaquetadas Individualmente</p> 
<p><u>First Grade</u> Primer Grado</p> <p>Starburst</p> <p>Fun Size Tamaño Fun</p> 	<p><u>Second Grade</u> Segundo Grado</p> <p>Reese's</p> <p>Snack Bars Barras snack</p> 
<p><u>Third Grade</u> Tercer Grado</p> <p>Original Cheddar Goldfish Crackers</p> <p>Individually bagged Empaquetadas individualmente</p> 	<p><u>Fourth Grade</u> Cuarto Grado</p> <p>Hershey's Milk Chocolate</p> <p>Snack Size Tamaño Snack</p> 
<p><u>Fifth Grade</u> Quinto Grado</p> <p>Skittles</p> <p>Fun Size Tamaño Fun</p> 	<p><u>Sixth Grade</u> Sexto Grado</p> <p>Snickers</p> <p>Fun Size Tamaño Fun</p> 
<p><u>Seventh Grade</u> Septimo grado</p> <p>Twix</p> <p>Fun Size Tamaño Fun</p> 	<p><u>Eighth Grade</u> Octavo grado</p> <p>M&M's</p> <p>Fun Size Tamaño Fun</p> 

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Explore McNicholas High School this fall and learn more about how you can Find Your Brilliance as a Rocket! View our [Admissions Calendar](#), list of events, and steps to apply. Browse our [Digital Brochure](#) for an overview of our academic, athletic and extracurricular offerings.

To register for a shadow day or admission event click on any of the links below:

- **SHADOW DAYS** – Explore McNicholas High School’s campus, meet our faculty and students, and experience our signature, close-knit community firsthand
- **APPLY** – Applications for admissions, scholarships, SAIL Program, and financial aid are open from September 1 through November 17.
- **HSPT REGISTRATION** – Now through November 19. The test is on November 22. Register for the HSPT or Prep Course today.
- **INFORMATION NIGHTS** – October 1 and 14. Hear from our administration, faculty, and students and learn more about the McNicholas high school experience. SAIL Program information night is October 14 prior to the general session.
- **OPEN HOUSE** – October 26 (1-4 pm) and October 27 (5-7 pm). Meet our faculty, staff, students, and coaches while touring our campus.
- **MORNING AT McNICHOLAS** – October 30 and November 14. Join us at 8am for coffee with our administration while learning more about McNicholas through a brief info session followed by questions and answers.

Register for all events: www.mcnhs.org/visit . We can’t wait to meet you!

Questions? admissions@mcnhs.org or 513-231-3500 x5809



* Parents interested in a [Shadow Day](#) for their 8th grader should call 513-861-0600 or email an [admissions team member](#) to register.

* Our [Open House](#) will be Thursday, November 6 from 5:00-8:00 pm.

* We will provide walk-in application help in English and Spanish at Shadow Day pick-up and on Thursday, December 4 between 3:00-6:00 pm.

* Our Priority Application Deadline is Friday, December 5. Application materials for the Class of 2030 can be found on our website or parents can request a paper application:

<https://www.depaulcristorey.org/admissions/how-to-apply/required-for-ms>

OPEN HOUSE CALENDAR

MAKE SURE TO CHECK TO SEE IF YOU NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

- LaSalle Information Night 6:30-7:30PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

- LaSalle Information Night 6:30-7:30PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

- Archbishop McNicholas 1-4pm
- Mercy McAuley - 1-3:30PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

- Archbishop McNicholas - 5-7PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

- Ursuline Academy - TBA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

- Archbishop Moeller - TBA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

- DePaul Cristo Rey - 5-8PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

- St. Xavier - 12:30-5:30PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

- Summit Country Day - 6:30-9:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, LINKS TO EACH SCHOOL’S ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER “OPTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL”



DePaul
CRISTO REY
HIGH SCHOOL

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission:

- 14 years old and eligible to work in the United States by September 8, 2026.
- Financially eligible as determined by the completed DPCR Financial Aid Form and the family's 2024 or most recent completed tax return.

Please complete the application form and submit it with the following documents to:

DePaul Cristo Rey
3440 Central Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45225

- Student Meeting with Admissions Representative (Shadow Day, Tour, Zoom)
- Final 6th Grade Report Card
- Final 7th Grade Report Card
- 8th Grade Report Card to Date (first quarter grades required)
- Standardized Test Scores from last three years
- Recommendation Forms from 8th grade Math and Language Arts Teachers (one each)
- Personal Reflection
- Copy of Parent's 2024 or Most Recent Completed Tax Return
- A Completed DPCR Financial Aid Form
- High School Placement Test Results

DePaul Cristo Rey serves students who desire a college preparatory, Catholic education but could not otherwise afford one. Students earn their way to success by working at one of our Corporate Work Study Partners and every family receives financial assistance. All families are required to complete DPCR's Financial Aid Form and submit their 2024 or most recent completed tax return.

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Want to join the Bruin family? Come See Us!

Shadow Days for 8th graders

7:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

- September 16, 18, 23, or 25
- October 1, 7, 22, 24, or 31
- November 11 or 18
- December 4

Pre-registration is required.

Open House for All Families

Thursday, Nov 6
5 - 8 p.m.

HSPT Test Date

Saturday, Nov 22, 8:30 a.m.
Pre-registration is required.

Walk-in Application Help

- At Shadow Day pick-up
- Thursday, Dec 4,
3-6 p.m.



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GRADE SCHOOL BAND AND COLOR GUARD NIGHT

In the Pit

Join the **Elder High School Marching Band**
for an exciting night of football and music!!

OCT 10
ELDER HS



*"Be part of the
music! Be part
of the spirit!"*

Register by October 3
at elderhs.org/band



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Shadow Days

Schedule a shadow day today!



2025-2026 Dates

September 12, 19, 26

October 1, 3, 8, 10, 24

November 5, 25

December 5

January 9

Find information at elderhs.org/shadow



ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

STEPS TO BECOME A ROCKET

1 SHADOW / VISIT

Spend the day with us this fall as a shadow and experience high school firsthand. Attend a fall event to learn more: Shadow Day, Open House, Information Sessions, Sports Nights, and more!

MCNHS.ORG/VISIT

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2 APPLY

Apply to McNicholas (and our SAIL Program) by November 17, 2025. Create an account to access the application and parent portal admissions checklist.

MCNHS.ORG/APPLY

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3 SUBMIT RECORDS

Catholic grade school students will be given a records release form by their school. Students attending a non-Archdiocesan school will need to submit a records release form to their current school.

MCNHS.ORG/APPLY

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4 TAKE THE HSPT

The High School Placement Test is required for all 8th grade applicants. Test date is November 22. Students may take the test at any Catholic high school and indicate 3 schools to send your scores.

MCNHS.ORG/HSPT

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5 SCHOLARSHIPS/AID

Scholarship and financial aid applications are open from Sept. 1 through Nov. 17, 2025. You must apply to McNicholas first to access these applications on your parent portal.

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6 BECOME A ROCKET!

Admission decisions and HSPT scores will be emailed on January 16, 2026. Enroll at McNicholas by January 30 to join our Class of 2030!



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ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

VISIT AND LEARN MORE

CALENDAR

SHADOWS



- 1 HSPT Registration Opens
- 8 Future Rocket Friday - 6:30pm



- 1 Applications Open
- Admission/Scholarship/SAIL/Fin. Aid
- 8 Shadow Days Begin
- 12 Future Rocket Sports Night Football - 7:00pm
- 18 Future Rocket Sports Night Girls Varsity Volleyball - 6:30pm

- Monday, Sept. 8
- Thursday, Sept. 11
- Monday, Sept. 15
- Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Thursday, Sept. 19
- Monday, Sept. 22
- Wednesday, Sept. 24
- Thursday, Sept. 25
- Tuesday, Sept. 30



- 1 Information Night - 6:30pm
- 14 Information Night - 6:30pm
- SAIL Information Night - 5:30pm
- 26 Open House: 1 - 4pm
- 27 Open House: 5 - 7pm
- 30 Parent Info Session - 8:00am

- Friday, Oct. 3
- Monday, Oct. 6
- Friday, Oct. 10
- Monday, Oct. 13
- Monday, Oct. 20
- Tuesday, Oct. 21
- Thursday, Oct. 25
- Monday, Oct. 30
- Friday, Oct. 31



- 7 HSPT Accommodations Due
- 14 Parent Info Session - 8:00am
- 17 Class of 2030 Admission, SAIL, Scholarship, & Financial Aid Applications Due
- 22 High School Placement Test

- Tuesday, Nov. 4
- Wednesday, Nov. 5
- Monday, Nov. 10
- Thursday, Nov. 13
- Wednesday, Nov. 19
- Thursday, Nov. 20



DEC

- Tuesday, Dec. 2



- 12 Information Night - 6:30pm
- 17 Acceptance Decisions/HSPT Scores Emailed
- 30 Class of 2030 Enrollment Deadline
- Class of 2030 Celebration!

- By Appointment

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