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THE CARDINAL BLAST

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School News

Hello Cardinals!

WE MADE IT TO FALL BREAK!! We hope you enjoy your days off. We will see you Tuesday!

Our students will be participating in our first Hispanic Heritage Festival on Thursday October 12. Though this event is only for the students and not open to the public we are looking for EIM volunteers to help us throughout the morning activities. Please reach out to your room parent for more information. We are excited to give our students the opportunity to have an exciting morning learning about the different Central and South American countries. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Alvarado for leading this exciting event.

SCCS is starting a Rosary Campaign where our Blessed Mother will travel from home to home. Can you and your family sign up to pray the Rosary daily as a family? Please click on the Signup Genius link below to sign up.

"If families give Our Lady fifteen minutes a day by reciting the Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God's grace, peaceful places.

-Father Patrick Peyton

"God created the family, and there is power in praying together as a family," Father Matthew

[Sign up here!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

If you have signed up for a Virtus certification and would like to volunteer for lunch duty, please sign up at the following links. [October Lunch](#) and [November Lunch](#).

Treat Tuesday Committee is in need of volunteers to help at the treat table. Volunteers will organize the treat table, collect money from those students who didn't prepay, and hand out treats to students. [Sign up here.](#)

Due to the incredible response to the Teacher Appreciation sponsorship, we are excited to announce that we have expanded the opportunities to express our gratitude to our teachers. We've introduced Dessert and Drink Sponsorships to the list of options. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks once more to all our generous families for their continued support. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Sign up for [Teacher appreciation sponsorship/volunteer.](#)

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Director of Development Corner

-Mrs. Brenda Hull

I am excited to share the Impact Report for the 2022-2023 school year. I am very proud of all the hard work we did as a school and for the future of Santa Cruz. [Here is the digital version on the 2022-2023 Impact Report.](#)

We have launched our Cardinal Appeal. We are already at \$2,504.00. Each child has been given the goal to raise \$250 to help us reach our goal of \$50,000!

Your children have been diligently crafting their miracle stories, and we can't wait to share them with your friends and family members. To help us in this endeavor, please take a moment to fill out the [friends and family form](#), so we can send these heartfelt letters to your loved ones.

We want to express our gratitude for your trust in allowing your children to be with us every day. We look forward to witnessing the journey of all our miracles at Santa Cruz and celebrating the profound impact our school has on their lives.

Watch our video here: <https://youtu.be/UMgQY2PaxVg>

Ways to give:

Give online at: <https://give.hellofund.com/CardinalAppeal2023>

Check or cash to Santa Cruz Catholic School Memo: Cardinal Appeal.

The first class to reach 100% participation will celebrate with an ice cream party!

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

-Mrs. Maribel Robles

I am pleased to inform you that the Beginning of the Year NWEA testing has been completed successfully. Your child's teacher will be reviewing the NWEA scores with you during the Parent-Teacher Conference. Over the next few weeks, our teachers and administration will be diligently reviewing the data to help guide our strategies and ensure your child's success.

I wanted to remind you that Parent Teacher Conferences are approaching quickly and are scheduled for October 27th. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you soon to provide you with available sign-up times. We highly encourage you to attend this conference as it will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and areas where they may need additional support.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to working together to help your child achieve their full potential.



I will give
thanks to you,
Lord, with all
my heart; I will
tell of all your
wonderful
deeds.

[PSALM 9:1](#)

service . compassion . courage . spirit

Religious Coordinator

-Mrs. Rita Wolfenstein

The Mission of Santa Cruz Catholic School is to educate students to be lifelong learners and the next generation of Catholic leaders, following Christ's message of Service, Compassion, Courage, and Spirit. In our commitment to raise lifelong leaders following Christ's message of service and compassion all our classes will have a special day of service helping out in and around our community. Our upcoming 2023 service projects are as follows:

Kinder: Catholic Charities Diaper Drive
8th: Memorial bench cleaning Wildflower Center
7th: Central Texas Food Bank
2nd/Kinder: Buda Oaks Assisted Living Center
2024 Service Projects
PK3/4: Campus Clean up
1st: SCCC Garden Ministry
3rd/4th: Catholic Charities Hygiene drive
5th: First Responder Breakfast
6th: Marbridge



Diaper & Baby Hygiene Drive – Santa Cruz Catholic School

In honor of Respect Life Month, Santa Cruz Catholic School and Catholic Charities of Central Texas are partnering to collect diapers and baby hygiene items that will benefit families served through the St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program.

Catholic Charities is currently in need of the following items: diapers (sizes 1-6), pullups (sizes 2T-5T), baby wipes, baby wash, baby shampoo/conditioner, and baby lotion.

The drive will begin on October 16th and end on October 27th. Donations can be dropped off at Santa Cruz Catholic School. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Do not
withhold good
from those to
whom it is due
when it is in
your power to
act.

PROVERBS 3:27

The Counselor's Corner

High School Tour - Our 8th graders will be traveling to San Juan Diego Catholic High School next week on October 11th from 10am-1:00pm . Students are required to wear their SCCS uniforms on this field trip (no jeans or other clothes please). Also, please ask your child to sign the two permission slips that were sent home with them (one for SJDCHS and one for SCCS). Thank you!

PSIA - We have had a great response from families about this year's PSIA competition. Just a refiner, all parents must have attended one of our PSIA meetings or have met with Mrs. Murray to talk about PSIA rules this year. For those who have already done this, please don't forget to turn in your PSIA Information Sheet AND the \$15 fee that we ask for supporting our program and for our official team shirt. As October 4th is our internal deadline to sign up, we will be closing some topics that are already at full capacity. You may contact Mrs. Murray after this deadline individually to ask what contests are still available. Weekly coaching will begin soon!

Athletic Director's Corner

-Coach David Hanson

Volleyball: All four of our volleyball teams will be playing their first home games of the season at the CTX Fieldhouse on Thursday, October 5th, against Headwaters School. The first set of games will commence at 4:30 PM, followed by matches at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM, respectively. Moving on to the following week, on Tuesday, October 10th, our D1 Green and D1 Gold teams will face off against St. Ignatius at San Juan Diego HS. The first match will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by another at 6:30 PM. Additionally, all four teams will once again be in action at the CTX Fieldhouse on Thursday, October 12th.

Flag Football: On Saturday, our D2 Gold team will strive to secure their second consecutive win as they compete against St. Theresa's Red team. Our D1 team will embark on a trip to Valor Kyle on Thursday, October 12th, to engage in their non-conference game against the King Fishers, while our D2 Green team will enjoy a bye week.



Surely you
need guidance
to wage war,
and victory is
won through
many
advisers.

PROVERBS 24:6

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Cardinal Family & School Alliance (CFSA)

Did you know that the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary? Join our Spirituality Committee in praying the Rosary behind the Chapel every Wednesday at 7:30 am. Please join us even if you aren't familiar with praying the rosary. We have pamphlets to help walk you through it. Also, SCCS has started a Rosary Campaign where our Blessed Mother will travel from home to home. Can you and your family sign up to pray the Rosary daily as a family? Please click on the SignupGenius link below to sign up.

October 20th will be our Booster Committee's Halloween Family Dance. Check out our flyer for more information! You may purchase your tickets and preorder pizza here: <https://give.hellofund.com/BoosterDance23>



If you are ELM certified, please consider signing up for Lunch Duty. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAEAD22A7FEC43-october>

The next Treat Tuesday will be October 24. Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094DA4AA22A6F94-treat#/>

SAVE THE DATE We will be having a Boots & Bling Parent Social at St. Joseph's Chapel on November 4. We will be sharing the link to purchase tickets next week!

Join our CFSA Facebook Group

Click here to join

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4236799023077514/?ref=share&mibextid=S66gvF>

We are now on Instagram. @CardinalFSA

Contact us any time! CardinalFSA@sccstx.org

Cardinal Community Night

TODAY!!!

Chuck E. Cheese in South Austin!

Chuck E. Cheese will be making an appearance during dismissal and we will be giving out special discounts for our families. You must give them the physical flyer when checking in. (We will hand them out during dismissal) Teachers also get a free meal! Be sure to check our your child's sticker to get 10 FREE POINTS!



Shout Outs

How to Join the Celebration: Purchasing a Shout Out is as easy as a few clicks. Select the package you want for your child, send the picture to bhull@sccstx.org for our social media and newsletters, and watch the magic unfold as we spread the good news.

[Purchase your Shout Out package here!](#)

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

[ACTS 20:35](#)

Upcoming Events

- October 11 : San Juan Diego Visit
- October 12: Hispanic Heritage Festival
- October 13: All School Adoration 2:00pm 6-8 confessions
- October 18: All School Mass Feast of St. Luke
- October 20: Booster Halloween Dance
- October 24: Treat Tuesday
- November 7: CFSA Meeting 6:00pm
- November 9: SCCS Pop-Up Market
- November 28: St. Michaels Catholic Academy School Visit

*More information coming soon

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Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Villanueva

Pk 3 Teacher



El Paso is my home. I go often to visit my family and enjoy the best Mexican food! I love to cook and bake! I've always felt protected and have faithfully prayed to St. Michael the Archangel.

WISH LIST

Teacher Spotlight

Ms. Ada

Music Teacher



I love to paint my nails, play with my kitties, and collect squishmallows!

Wish List

Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Hutsler

2nd Grade Teacher



I completed my undergraduate and graduate degree at Texas State University. Eat 'em up, Cats! I've traveled to 13 countries and countless states and I've been on a hot air balloon ride (tether-free)!

Wish List

Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Van Uum

4th/5th Math and Science Teacher



I have been married to my best friend Bryan since July 1995. We have 2 wonderful children Shelby 25 and Corey 22. We have lived in Buda since 2014. We have been members of Santa Cruz since 2008. So blessed to be part of Santa Cruz Catholic school. GO Cardinals!

Wish List



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