

Principal's Newsletter

TAKING FLIGHT 2019 Fall Semester Highlights

January 18, 2020

Greetings from Mrs. Goldsworthy!

Happy New Year! I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and are ringing in the New Year hopeful and full of joy! Our Fall 2019 has been exciting and productive. I'd like to share some moments with you along with moments to look forward to in 2020!



Faculty retreat at the Myriad Gardens in August. Team and culture building to kick off the 2019-20 school year - Faith Forward!



Back to School Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019



SALT Kick Off Mass, Sept. 26, 2019



3rd-5th Christmas Program



8th Grade Turkey Bingo



Caroling at Brookdale



Middle School House Challenges



Atrium (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)



Zero Waste Lunch



Food Drive



STEM hands-on learning time



Eagle Run & Carnival



Trunk or Treat/Monster Mash Bash

Catholic Schools Week-at-a-Glance:

Catholic Schools Week is January 26th - February 1st. Here's a quick list of some of the events we will have that week. More details for each event and daily themes will follow via ClassTag and Eagle Express.

- **CSW Kick Off: Parents Night Out** - January 25th following 5pm Mass - Ross Hall
- **Open House for Prospective Families** - January 26th 2pm-5pm
- **Alumni Reception** - January 26th following 5pm Mass. [Link to FB event](#)
- **School Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** - Jan. 27th - beginning with Morning Assembly
- Celebrating Catholic Education: Archdiocese Breakfast Downtown
<https://archokc.org/breakfast?bblinkid=198278916&bbemailid=18757969&bbejrid=1335845325>
- **Eagle Expo: Student Showcase of Learning** (for current families) January 28th 5pm-7pm
PTO Family Pizza Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm

Open House for Prospective Families

Do you know a family looking for the perfect school family? Our new families say they learned about CSSE from you! As current school families, you are our greatest asset when it comes to recruitment. You know about the wonderful teachers, education and spiritual nourishment we provide. Share what you know about our community of service, family events, the variety of clubs, affordable athletics and so much more! We will be creating materials for you to share with others in person and via social media in the upcoming months. Don't forget, we also have referral incentives available for your family with the successful enrollment of a new referral student! *Details to come.*

Eagle Expo: January 28th

Our annual Eagle Expo is coming up, January 28th from 5pm - 7pm with pizza dinner offered from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The expo is a way for our classes to showcase student learning; highlighting projects, SALT reflections, and growth through the year! Each class has a scavenger hunt to guide you through the school! Fun for the whole family!

Eagles are Servant Leaders:

At CSSE, growing in our Catholic Faith is growing as servants! Teaching our children to love others and to give of our time, talent, and treasures is God's mission work through us. Check out just a few of this semester's highlights:

3rd Grade Toy Drive: Donated 400 toys for Christmas to Christmas Connection!

4th Grade Food Drive: Donated just under 4,000lbs of food to St. Vincent de Paul, the Mobile Meals Ministry at St. Eugene Church, and the Bethel Food Pantry!

Youth Group Carnival with Center of Family Love: Helped run the Fall Carnival bringing joy to residents.

Middle School Adult Coat Drive: Collected 8 trash bags full of winter coats for the homeless!

1st, 2nd & 5th Grade Caroling: Brought joy to our neighbors at Brookdale and St. Ann nursing homes for the holidays.

Supervision of your child on school grounds and at school events:

As a school family, it is very easy to feel "at home" among one another at events such as sports practices/games, club meetings, faith communities, etc. Only children who are to attend that event should be with that event. Siblings or friends should not be expected to be supervised by the coach or leader of that event - only the students they are responsible for at the time.

Also, the school grounds are not be used without permission and scheduling. The school library, gym, etc should not be free to roam after school hours.

These policies are for you and your child's protection. We want every person to be safe and properly supervised.

Accreditation Update:

In December, the Council of Commissioners met with the accreditation team to review the team's visit to our school in October. We received our letter last week awarding St. Eugene FULL accreditation! We commend our school community for unwavering support and our staff for upholding our mission and values!

Arrival & Dismissal:

Safety is our number one priority. Our biggest partnership in safety at arrival and dismissal is with parents. Adhering to the guidelines ensures safety for all. Below are some reminders:

Arrival:

BEFORE CARE: Beginning at 7:00am

- Students MUST be walked in and signed in.
- Parents must park along the row closest to the school building west of the main doors. Do not use the staff parking or visitor parking. This is to keep you and your child on the sidewalk and not crossing a parking lot.

Entrance off Hefner: 7:40am -8:00am PK/K

- For PK and Kindergarten students and those with siblings of such students.
- Must be walked in by an adult.
- Avoid driving into or away from the front drive so that families may cross with less traffic.

Back Entrance: 7:40am - 8:00am 1st-8th

- Please do not form the line until 7:40am so that teachers may get to parking spots
- Make sure your students are ready to exit the car to keep the flow of traffic moving. Breakfast should be finished before exiting the car.
- Do NOT call your student back to the car - safety first.
- If you need to walk your child in, park on the row closest to the school building south of the main school doors.

Dismissal:

3:05 - PK and Kinder

- Please hold your child's hand while crossing back to your car.

3:15 - 1st - 8th

- Two lanes begin at the "slow" sign that aligns with the playground gate.
- Do not cut in line. I get many messages and calls to inform me of those breaking the rules. Carpool only enters through the west gate to enter the line.
- Do not hold up the line - even to park in the shade. Keeping the cars spaced evenly helps.
- Please display your orange sign; we can print new ones if needed.
- Please do not disrupt the carline by parking and walking across the line. If you need to get into the school, you may do so before 3:15 or after the line ends. It is for your safety that we do not allow crossing during the car line loading.

Uniform Attention:

We are noticing a greater number of students dressing out of uniform code this year. We have started our infraction process. In the lower grades, parents will be contacted once and then students will bring home an infraction form. In the upper grades (4th and up) students will receive a private verbal reminder, then infractions will be sent home. If patterns of infractions occur, students will be sent home. 2nd Semester, our policy will be greatly enforced.

It is important that all families comply with our uniform policy. Here are a few reminders:

- The skort option, may only be purchased at FlynnO'Hara. (Last year's Lands End skort will be acceptable through this school year).
- The fleece may now be purchased only from FlynnO'Hara beginning in January. Existing Lands End fleece logo jacket is still acceptable for use.
- Please remember that hair accessories for girls must fall in the color range of our uniforms and secured appropriately. Thematic (cat ears/unicorns) hair accessories are not allowed.
- Undergarments are to be skin colored and not show through shirts.
- Footwear- boots are not allowed. Light up shoes are not allowed. Please see our guidelines.
- Outerwear is for outdoors. If your child is cold in class, only approved cardigans and zip-ups are allowed.
- Please label all clothing to help with uniform return.
- Please see [guidelines](#) for assistance.

Order online anytime at flynnohara.com/school/ok004

2020-2021 Calendar Sneak Peak!

The Archdiocese Catholic Schools Office has officially sent the 20-21 calendar dates. Our first day of school will be August 12th. The full list of calendar dates will be shared in the following weeks.

One change that CSSE will make next school year is our selected day for early release. St. Eugene was the first school to implement the early release model last school year. This year, more schools have implemented an early release day. With many of the Archdiocese-wide school meetings being scheduled for Tuesdays, all schools are encouraged to avoid Tuesdays and Fridays.

Beginning in the 20-21 school year, our early release day will move to Wednesdays. School will still dismiss at 2pm.

Fundraising Efforts:

Continental Resources & Catholic Foundation STEM Grants

We received the Continental Resources Funding Our Future STEM Grant. We also received the Catholic Foundation STEM Grant. Both of these grants will help support our STEM initiative PK-8th by supplying our STEM Lab with materials such as Spheros, Ozobots, Lego Education, and more! Also with these grants we will get mobile carts that will offer opportunities for teachers to bring the carts into the regular classroom for STEM anytime! We are looking forward to getting the materials in and in use this winter!

Gala

Our annual Gala is the biggest fundraiser for the school for the year! In years past, the Gala has raised money for technology upgrades, classroom improvements, and so much more. By volunteering and attending the gala, you get the chance to support your children, their teachers and join in fellowship with other parents and St. Eugene parishioners. If you haven't attended a Gala, this is your year to be a part of the action on April 25th! This year we are proud to be honoring Judi Wilkinson! Visit the [gala site](#) for the whole scoop!

Capital Campaign

One Church Growing Together

Last spring, St. Eugene kicked off our Capital Campaign, One Church Growing Together. We give thanks to many generous individuals and families who prayed, opened their hearts and made a sacrifice so that our school and church can grow to better accommodate our vibrant faith and school community. Out of the \$9 million goal, more than \$5 million has been pledged by a small percentage of our church and school community. In order for our campaign to be a success and come to fruition, we need everyone to participate in some way. Each gift, no matter the amount, gets us a little closer to updated facilities, more space for classes and meeting rooms, safety enhancements, and so much more. Information on how to give and details for the campaign are available online at

www.steugenes.org/capital-campaign

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