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PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Community,

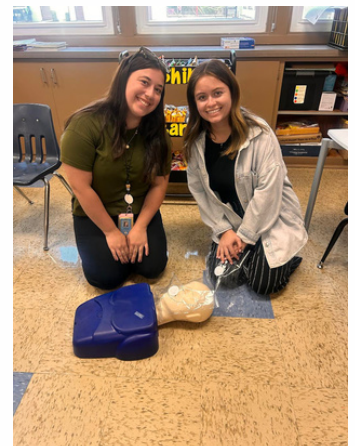
Called to Shine; Ready to Serve

Thank you for your patience and participation in Friday's evacuation drill. Practicing these procedures is an important way for us, as a school, to ensure that all adults feel prepared and confident to prioritize the safety of every student.

As we welcome October this week, we also enter the month of the Holy Rosary. This beautiful devotion offers us a special opportunity to deepen our prayer life at both school and home. Pope Leo XIII recently encouraged families to **pray the Rosary daily** during October—individually, with loved ones, and in our communities—for **peace**. Let us join together this month in asking Mary, our Blessed Mother, to intercede for us and to guide us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Wishing you all a blessed and joyful week ahead.

Peace & Joy,

Jessica Griswold



OCTOBER 1: SCHOOL MAKE-UP PICTURES *PLEASE EMAIL OFFICE TO NOTIFY US IF YOUR STUDENT NEEDS TO RETAKE

OCTOBER 3: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 2:45 PM

OCTOBER 10: MRS. WILKINSON'S BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 15: FIRST RESPONDER MASS & HOSPITALITY

OCTOBER 15-17: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 16 & 17: NOON DISMISSAL

OCTOBER 24: VIKING RUN! NOON DISMISSAL

OCTOBER 30: OCTOBER BIRTHDAY FREE DRESS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JUNIOR HIGH DECATHLON

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS **ACADEMIC JUNIOR HIGH DECATHLON (OR AJHD)** STRIVES TO CULTIVATE ACADEMIC TALENTS, COLLABORATION AND ORGANIZATION, AND CELEBRATE THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF SPIRIT-FILLED COMPETITION.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COACHES FOR GRADES 6&7.
VOLUNTEER HOURS WILL BE COUNTED FOR.
[COACHING INFORMATION HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 15, 2025

FIRST
RESPONDERS
MASS
8:00 AM



HALLOWEEN BASH/CANDY DONATIONS

GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS TABLE SET UP



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Kindergarten Mrs. Marrero

1st Grade Mrs. Wilkinson

2nd Grade Ms. H

3rd Grade Mrs. Bell

4th Grade Mrs. Murphy/Mrs. Griswold

5th Grade Mr. Semenchuk

Junior High





FAITH IN ACTION

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

FAITH @ HOME

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Pick up your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the [proclamation](#) for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (USCCB Daily Mass Readings Podcast; Robert Barron Word on Fire Sermon.)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Gospel Readings for Kids, 14-1:13)

2. PRAY

Gather your family in your prayer space.

Start by reading the First Reading again. It is a prayer of lament/sadness, but it also reminds us that God always brings us comfort and hope.

After the reading, invite each person to share what they are feeling or thinking. Everyone should listen with kindness and respect—no judging, just being present for one another.

After each person has shared, spend a quiet moment together to let God's love and peace fill your hearts.

Finish your prayer time by praying the **Our Father** together.

3. TALK

The apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, increase our faith." Jesus replied that even a tiny amount of true faith can accomplish amazing things. He said that if their faith were as small as a mustard seed, they could tell a mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey.

He went on to explain that, like faithful servants who simply do their duty, we should serve God with humility. We do not serve to earn praise, but to fulfill what God calls us to do.

Invite each person to share following questions:

- What is the unmovable place of my faith that can be moved to a new space?
- What holds me back?
- What can I move with my faith?



St. Catherine of Siena,
Pray for us

- St. Catherine of Siena School Families
- Alumni of St. Catherine of Siena School



Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag

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October Saints @ Home



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (Oct. 1)



- Thérèse ("the Little Flower") loved God through small, hidden acts done with great love.
- Families can practice the little way by noticing small chances to love at home.
- Each family member chooses one simple, quiet kindness to do today without being asked.

Saint Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4)



- Francis gave everything to follow Christ and praised God for all creation.
- Families can thank God for creation and serve someone in need.
- Go on a gratitude walk, name things in nature you're thankful for, then set aside one item for your parish food pantry.

Saint John XXIII (Oct. 11)



- "Good Pope John" opened the Second Vatican Council and was a messenger of peace to the world.
- Families can become peacemakers in words and choices.
- Write a one-sentence "family peace message." Post it and read it together each morning this week.

Saint Teresa of Avila (Oct. 15)



- Teresa reformed the Carmelites and taught deep prayer. She combined joyful friendship with serious love of God.
- Families can make quiet time for God at home.
- Create a simple "prayer corner". Pray one Our Father there together each night.

Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko (Oct. 19)



- Fr. Jerzy defended human dignity and encouraged peaceful courage. He taught that faith stands up for truth with love.
- Families can practice respectful courage.
- Role-play how to speak up kindly when someone is treated unfairly at school or online.

Saint John Paul II (Oct. 22)

REMINDERS



- John Paul II preached Christ's mercy, and the dignity of every person. He inspired young people to be saints now.
- Families can share the Good News beyond home.
- Write a short note or record a quick video prayer for a relative/friend far away; include one way you'll serve someone this week.

SCS Bridges

September 29-October 3, 2025

SLE-Involved Christian
Virtue - Prayerfulness



Important Events

October 1: Picture Makeup Day

October 3: 2:45 PM Blessings of the Animals



Prayer of the Week

Guardian Angel

HELLO !!!

Bridges is looking for people to come in and share all about their career. Please contact Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Shapiro if you are interested.

kimberlymurphy@cndo.org

NEW Theme !!!

THEME OF THE WEEK

Neighborhoods & Occupations

- Careers !!!
- Where do we go to school?
- Where do we live?

HOURS OF OPERATION

Morning Bridges: 7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m. M,T,W,Th,F

Afternoon Bridges: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday – 12:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SCS Bridges (page 2)



September 29-October 3, 2025

Virtue OF THE MONTH

PRAYERFULNESS

What it looks like - praying silently

What it sounds like - I'd like to sit at the prayer table to pray

**PRAY
PRAY
PRAY**



SLE of the Month

Involved Christians

Prayer before meals.



Learning about table settings. Have your child set the table for lunch or dinner. Follow the diagram. Remember to pray, *Grace*

Study & Shine

Need a quiet, supportive homework place? This is the place.

- Times 3:15 - 4:15
- All students must check-in at *Bridges* (inside Hall) before attending

Procedures

When using *Bridges* Extended Care in the morning, parent/legal guardian or authorized adult **MUST** sign child(ren) in each morning at the front office. All children coming directly from school after dismissal will be signed in by a member of the staff inside the Hall. Children attending *Study & Shine* must be signed into *Bridges EC* first & then Mrs. Wilkinson will lead the children over to the 1st grade classroom.



WELCOME TO OUR **STUDY & SHINE**

With Mrs. Wilkinson
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
3:15-4:15 PM

Must check in to DAYCARE

A quiet place to focus, get
help, and finish assignments
before heading home.





FIRST RESPONDERS MASS



OCTOBER 15
8:00 AM

Join the school for
Mass at 8:00 AM,
followed by a Blessing
& Hospitality



Heavenly Father,
We lift up to You our first responders—the police
officers, firefighters, and paramedics—who serve our
communities. Thank You for their dedication, courage,
and commitment to protect and save lives.

Amen



604 Mellus Street Martinez

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Our annual Viking Run is just around the corner! Students are lacing up to run for pledges that directly benefit our school programs. Join us in cheering them on and supporting their efforts.

Sponsor a Student or Teacher by Clicking [HERE](#)



VIKING RUN



Friday, October 24th
Saint Catherine of Siena School Upper Yard

All proceeds benefit the Viking Fund



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Auction Raffle Tickets:

As part of our commitment to maintaining affordable tuition and supporting the cost of essentials for the school year, each family (TK-7TH GRADES) are required to sell five (5) Auction Raffle Books, totaling \$100. This was outlined in our 25-26 Parent Handbook and Tuition Contract. Once you have sold your initial five (5) raffle books, 50% of any additional raffle books sold will be credited towards your fundraising obligation.

Please remember that if the required 5 books are not sold and turned into the office by the deadline of January 15th, your FACTS account will be charged for any remaining/unsold books. Please pick up your Auction Raffle Books in the office by October 10th. If your books are not picked up by 10/10/25 we will assume that you have chosen to have your FACTS account charged the \$100 and it will be due on Dec. 1st.

We appreciate your support in this important fundraising effort. Together, we can make a significant difference for our school community!

Save the Date

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
Join us for a night of romance and fun

**SWEETHEART DANCE
DINNER AND AUCTION**

ENJOY A DELIGHTFUL EVENING OF DINNER, DANCING, AND BIDDING

FEBRUARY 14TH

Saturday evening
5:00pm VIP Entry
5:30 General Admission

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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Lifetouch.

Picture Retake Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de las nuevas tomas fotográficas!

Wednesday, October 01, 2025

St. Catherine of Siena School Retake Day!



How it Works:



Students are photographed on Picture Retake Day. Bring original package if available!



You can still order on mylifetouch.com. Create an account or login with your Picture Day ID:

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Orders will be sent home with your student after Picture Retake Day.

Cómo funciona: Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de las Nuevas Tomas Fotográficas. Trae paquete original ¡si está disponible!
Aún puedes encargar en mylifetouch.com. Crea una cuenta o inicia sesión con tu identificación del Día de la Foto.
Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de las Nuevas Tomas Fotográficas.



ACADEMICS • FAITH • COMMUNITY

St. Catherine of Siena Preschool

TK & PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE FOR NEW FAMILIES

Meet staff
Explore classrooms



OCTOBER 18, 2025

10:00AM-11:00AM

**1125 FERRY ST.
MARTINEZ CA. 94553**

*Enroll
HERE*





Grandparents' Day Commemorative Store –
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honor those who mean so much to our children.
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Join our 1949 Club and become part of a tradition of giving that sustains our school year after year. Your monthly or annual gift strengthens our programs, enhances student experiences, and ensures our Catholic education continues to flourish.

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THE 1949 CLUB



JOIN THE 1949 CLUB!

CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL AND INVEST IN ITS FUTURE BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE 1949 CLUB. YOUR SUPPORT STRENGTHENS OUR CLASSROOMS, PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY—ENSURING EVERY STUDENT THRIVES. ALUMNI, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO HONOR OUR PAST WHILE HELPING US BUILD TOMORROW.

Join Today!



JOIN **US.**

BE PART OF THE **LEGACY.**

BE PART OF THE **1949 CLUB.**



St. Catherine of Siena School
presents

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

To benefit our Fencing Renovation Project

24 NOVEMBER 2025

9:00AM AT RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB

11:00AM SHOTGUN START

Special Pricing!!

Single Player - \$200

Foursome - \$700



Tournament Title Sponsor
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3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Annual Golf Tournament – November 24

Tee up for a great cause at our Annual Golf Tournament at Richmond Country Club. Enjoy a day of golf, fun, and community while helping our school continue its mission. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Register for a Single, a Foursome or Become a Sponsor of the Golf Tournament [HERE](#)



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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA EVENTS 25/26

Events with Multiple Dates

*Community Night Fundraisers at Local
Restaurants - Tentative every month
Schoolwide Masses-Every Wednesday*

July

4th - Fourth of July Parade, Downtown

August

5th - Used Uniform Sale, 10 AM-1 PM
9th - School Work Party
11th - New Family Orientation 5 PM
Ice Cream Social 5:30 PM
13th - Preschool Playdate 8-10 AM
13th - First Day of School 7:50-10:00 AM
Hospitality 8:00-9:00 AM
27th - Picture Day
Back to School Night 6 PM

September

5th - Grand Day (Grandparent's/VIP Day)
TBD - Family Movie Night

October

TBD - Homecoming Parade
1st- Make-up Pictures
3rd - St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the
Animals, 2:30 PM
15-17th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
18th - Preschool Open House
24th - Viking Run
26th - Trunk or Treat, Downtown
31st - Halloween Festival & Parade

November

12th - Preschool Information Night
17th - Faith Night & Open House 6 PM
24th - Golf Tournament

December

5th - Holiday Parade, Downtown
17th - Christmas Concert
19th - Classroom Parties

January

23-Work Party
25th-31st - Catholic Schools Week
25th - Open House after mass
26th-27th Book Fair
28th - Information Night 6PM

February

2nd-13th - Parent Conferences
7th - Preschool Playdate
13th - Valentine's Day/Jump 4 Heart

March

Read-A-Thon

7th-Academic Decathlon
19th - Spring Picture Day
20th - Preschool Dad's Ice Cream

April

2nd- Student Seder Meal
April 3-10 - Easter Vacation
20th - Open House
22nd-Administrative Assistant Day



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA EVENTS 25/26

25th - Preschool Playdate

May

1st - Principal Appreciation Day

4th-8th - Teacher Appreciation Week

8th - Preschool Mother's Tea

18th - Family STEAM Night

22nd - Field Day

June

1st-4th - Class Picnics

5th - Last Day of School

Summer Camp

July

Summer Camp

4th - Fourth of July Parade, Downtown