



CELTIC NEWS – 8/30/18

IMPORTANT DATES:

8/29 Logic students leave for Outdoor School

8/31 Logic students return from the Outdoor School

9/3 NO SCHOOL
Labor Day

9/5 Opening School Mass

9/7 First House Activity

9/9 Cross Country Meet

9/11 Skating Party

9/17 Library Event
(see related article)

10/12 School Pictures

PLEASE refer to the calendar posted on the home page. This calendar is continually updated.

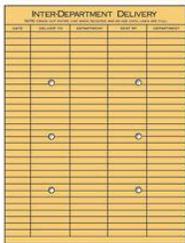
Welcome Back to School!

PAX ET VIRTUS [PEACE AND VIRTUE] This is our school motto which is proudly displayed in our lobby. This Latin phrase identifies two things we wish for our students, peace and a virtuous life. PAX [peace] has many forms. There is the peace of Christ, born from grace and offered at each Mass, internal peace which allows a student to calmly enter into the learning process, and finally there is the peace between us all which forms the positive friendships and relationships necessary to sustain a learning community. The Catholic virtues remain a focus this year with a different virtue to be highlighted each month. This month is “CHARITY”. Check out our wonderful virtues-themed bulletin board outside of the gym room. Many thanks to the Catholic Identity Committee for putting this together.

Cash Tickets

The Cash Ticket is the first of our 3 fundraisers. Most families received their cash tickets at the ice cream social last Thursday. Families who have not yet picked up their cash tickets will receive a pack in today’s brown envelope. Miss Marsh will provide the packets to preschool students at drop-off or dismissal. Ticket stubs and money **MUST** be sold by the ***end of October***. Each family selling twenty tickets (a full pack) will have their names entered to win a \$500 tuition reduction or cash equivalent. The top family selling the most tickets will also receive a \$500 tuition reduction or cash equivalent. Fundraising dollars are not extra, and are needed to support the operating budget and help keep tuition as low as possible for families. Need help selling the tickets? Contact our main office.

In Today's Brown Envelope:



Items in Today's Brown Envelope:

Emergency Card (2 PER STUDENT)

Textbook Loan Form

Memorandum of Understanding

Parent-Student Handbook Sign Off

Free/Reduced Lunch Application (w/ other federal program documentation)

Extracurricular Music Information

Cash Ticket Packet (if not picked-up)

School Directory Permission slip

Dismissal Form

Family Survey



DRIVING/SAFETY REMINDERS

Thank you for following these rules in order to ensure the safety of all staff and students.

- At dismissal, all cars must exit to the right and should NOT travel back up the alley.
- No cars should park in the main lot during the school day.
- Please park in the teacher lot or the upper lot next to Ridge Ave.
- No cars should enter the parking area from Walnut Street, which already posts a DO NOT ENTER sign.
- If cones are up, please do not drive through them and enter the playground area.

Our sincere thanks to all families for their patience this week as the bus routes continue to be tweaked. Bus drivers are very important, as they ensure the safe arrival to and from school daily of all our Mighty Celtics! God Bless Them All!!

Other Important Reminders/Information

- **AUP FORMS:** All parents and students must read and sign the "Acceptable Use Policy" agreement emailed home this week in order to gain access to school computer resources. Click [here](#) to access the form.
- **PICTURE DAY:** Picture Day is October 12th. No picture forms need to be filled out in advance, and parents will have the opportunity to review proofs before making any purchases.
- **DISMISSAL CHANGES:** If you need to make a dismissal change to your student's usual routine, please send a note to the homeroom teacher. A second option is to call our main office. ***Please do not email the teacher this information***, as they may not see your message before the end of the day. Making sure each child arrives home safely is a priority.
- **CLEARANCES:** Reminder: state-wide clearance regulations are in place. You can access these requirements by clicking [here](#). All adults having contact with children are asked to complete these requirements.

SKATING PARTY



CDT's first skating party of the year is Tuesday, September 11th from 6:00 pm. to 8:30 p.m. at Latrobe Skating Center, 2914 Ligonier Street (past the Sheetz). Admission is \$6.00 and includes basic rental of skates. Roller blades are an additional \$2.50. This is a fun opportunity for parents and children to socialize and meet new friends.

Please Consider Joining the Parent-Teacher-Fellowship Board

This organization represents the school community, and meets regularly with the principal. Important matters affecting the school are discussed, and parents have the opportunity to make suggestions and share concerns.

1. *All grades will have one Homeroom Ambassador* on the decision-making board [Prek-7]. Should multiple parents seek the position in one particular grade there will be an election, and parents will vote to decide who will hold the position. If no parent seeks the position, the principal and homeroom teacher will ask a parent to serve.
2. In addition to representing the class at PTF meetings, the job also involves staging classroom parties at Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Traditionally, the Homeroom Ambassadors have each coordinated a basket for auctioning at the school's winter fundraiser, the Cash Bash. Also, the Homeroom Ambassador can serve as a field trip chaperone.
3. The term of office will be for one year, however the representative may seek a second consecutive term. After serving a second term consecutive term, representatives must sit out for one school year before running again.
4. One teacher will serve on the board in addition to the principal.
5. Board meetings will take place in September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May.
6. Homeroom Ambassadors **MUST** have all their clearances up to date.

Any parents wishing to be considered for this new position should email Mr. Frye kfrye@cdtschool.org by September 7th.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

EXTRACURRICULAR MUSIC PROGRAM

Letters/Sign-up forms for the Extracurricular Music program came home in today's Brown envelope. Please note that students in Grades 3-7 may participate in this program. Forms are due back by Thursday, September 6th.



CDT ATHLETIC INFORMATION

CDT athletics have expanded over the last few years. Students can participate in Girls and Boys Basketball, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Soccer, and Girls Volleyball. Currently, athletics are organized by a group of dedicated volunteers. We are always eager for help, so if you would like to join and strengthen our athletics program, please let the office know.

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance."



2 Timothy 4:7-8



What “House Activity”?

You might notice the school calendars (both hard copy and online) have ‘House Activities’ listed for various Fridays. We are trying something new this year! This summer, a group of teachers learned about unique ways for children from different grades to interact. This will happen through our creation of Houses.

The House System is a way of dividing the school into groups. Each grade level will be divided into four different Houses. Therefore, each House will have students from Pre-K through 7th grade within them. Teachers are also divided into the Houses and are a part of each intermingled group of students. The 7th grade students will take a leadership role as Prefects (from the Latin word meaning to “put in front” or in charge).

The names of the houses are Orion, Pegasus, Cassiopeia, and Andromeda. They were chosen as there is both a historical mythology, as well as a nature studies connection with the constellations.

Each month the houses will meet to do an activity together. There will be both fun and learning elements involved, as well as a great opportunity to build new friendships. Our main goal is to help students, across the grades, to form bonds and friendships. We look forward to updating you with all of the fun activities that we will do together!



You mean there is something to do in addition to Skating Parties?

Skating parties have been a CDT tradition for, perhaps, as long as the school has been called CDT. The 2nd Tuesday of the month is when CDT students can go to the Latrobe Skating Center and have a fun night out together.

We thought that it would be nice to create a similar, but different opportunity on a monthly basis. Adams Memorial Library is working with our school to create special events for just OUR students! They are going to be on Mondays (usually the 3rd Monday, with a few exceptions), from 6:00-7:30pm. They will alternate between evenings geared to grades Pre-K to 3 and evenings geared to grades 4-7. You will need to register kids in advance, to help the library prepare. They will read stories, do activities, and watch movies. We hope this will be a great new addition and pray that many of our families will take advantage of the opportunity. It should be great fun! Watch for information on how to register in next week's newsletter.

The first Library Event is on the calendar for Monday, September 17th from 6:00-7:30 pm for Pre-K through grade 3 students!



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Each week we pray for our school community. If you have a special intention you would like listed, please contact Mr. Frye at kfrye@cdtschool.org

**The family of Bernadette Flowers
David Pohland**

