



SAINT CATHERINE ACADEMY

Where learning and caring lead to personal best

News of the Month

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Saint Catherine Academy is again working with Notre Dame High School to offer an After School Program. Our objective has been to provide our students at Saint Catherine Academy with appropriate peer role models. The Notre Dame students will act as neuro-typically developing peers to help students with special needs grow in areas of communication and social

skills while engaged in planned activities. This type of program also provides an opportunity for growth in areas of leadership, acceptance and empathy and self-confidence for the students acting as peers.

The primary goal is for the students of Saint Catherine Academy to have age appropriate peers with whom to interact in a positive, supported environment. This will be measured by the frequency of appropriate interactions initiated by the SCA students. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of students from NDHS supporting our program. Our students have a great time with them, and look forward to their arrival every day!!



Students in Service to Others

Our students participate in many volunteer service projects every year. Our students have a deep sense of community, and see that part of our community spirit goes beyond our school. They look forward to helping others whenever they can. Some ideas include get well cards and letters for a fellow or former student; or preparing mailings for service organizations. Our students look forward to any activity that helps others.

Last month's newsletter had a story about PB&J- our monthly project making sandwiches for the Merton Center Shelter. The picture

below shows our students making Valentine cards for service members overseas. Our students also prepare mailings for The Mother House of The School Sisters of Notre Dame, and the Order of Malta in Connecticut. Two years ago our students were honored to prepare mailings for Fairfield's 375 anniversary. If you have an idea for a project, let us know.



Reminder

Attendance at school is very important, and essential to our students' learning. Every day your child is absent from school is a day that learning does not happen for him/her. We take our responsibility to educate your child very seriously. Regular attendance is the first way to help your child learn. Please encourage your child to attend every day that they are able.

When your child is sick and not able to attend, we understand and hope that your child recovers quickly. We also expect that you call us and let us know that they will be absent from school, and the reason why.

Please call by 8:00 am when your child will be absent. The office number is 203-540-5381.

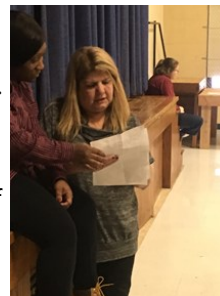
STAFF NEWS

Carmen Vargas returns to us with over 20 years of service to the Diocese of Bridgeport! She has served as secretary to the special education office, secretary to the Cathedral parish office, and as a teaching assistant at Saint Catherine Academy for more than ten years!!

She has expressed joy at having had the opportunity to watch so many students develop into fine young students who have gone on to

become successful young adults. She has always admired the dedication of the teachers and assistants at Saint Catherine Academy. She is very grateful that she was able to return as part of this staff to continue her work helping our students succeed.

Welcome back Ms. Carmen!!



Upcoming Dates

February

Tuesday February 14th
St. Valentine's Day



Fri.-Tue February - 21-17
Winter Recess
No School

March

Friday, March 10th
Early Dismissal –
Professional Development
Friday, March 17th
St. Patrick's Day Parade



WEATHER ALERT

When we have inclement weather and need to delay 2 hours, we will post our status on **weather.com**, **WFSB Ch. 3** and **WTNH Ch. 8** by 5:45am. Early closings: 12:00 noon will be posted by 10:30am.