



## SAINT CATHERINE CENTER FOR *Special Needs*

### *A Heartfelt Goodbye*

After years of dedicated service, Saint Catherine Academy bid farewell to two educators, Sr. Cheryl Driscoll, RSM, and Sr. Maureen Ulatowski, SSNS, who retired this June. Together, they have nurtured the spirits and minds of countless students over the years.

Sr. Cheryl, who has been with the Academy since its founding 25 years ago, has been a cornerstone of the school community. Known for her guidance and deep faith, she helped students reach their greatest potential. Joining the Academy just a few years later, Sr. Maureen assisted Sr. Cheryl in furthering the mission of Saint Catherine Academy. Together in the classroom, they supported students with compassion and joy.

Both Sisters played a vital role in preparing and leading the school's faith formation and spiritual activities. Sr. Cheryl wrote and directed the beloved annual Christmas pageant, where students reenact the Nativity story. They were also instrumental in organizing Holy Week observances and leading weekly prayer services. Through these activities and many others, Sr. Cheryl and Sr. Maureen brought the Gospel to life in a meaningful and accessible way for students.

Though they are stepping away from full-time teaching, Sr. Cheryl and Sr. Maureen will both stay connected with the Academy community. They will be involved by volunteering in the classroom and supporting special events.

To celebrate their contributions, the Academy community gathered for a special retirement luncheon in their honor. Students, staff, friends, and family came together to recognize the impact Sr. Cheryl and Sr. Maureen had on our school. Their presence will be missed, but their legacy will continue.



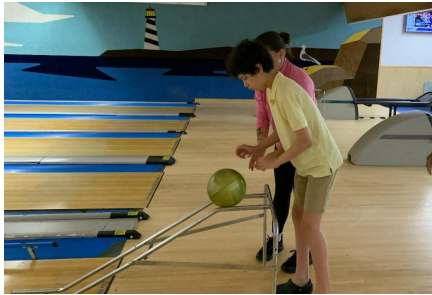
## *Summer at Saint Catherine Center*

### *Sunshine, Smiles, and Fun!*



Summer is in full swing at Saint Catherine Center, and both the Academy and Adult Programs are embracing the season with energy and enthusiasm!

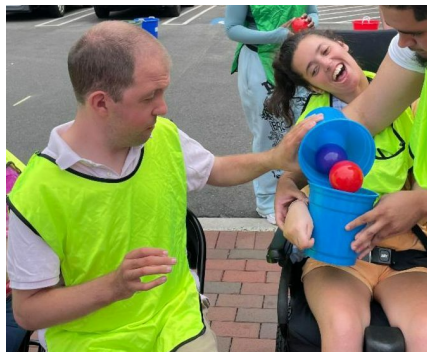
For students in the Academy, our Extended School Year (ESY) program offers learning in a relaxed atmosphere. Each day brings new opportunities to be outdoors, whether it's a walk to the nearby lake, playing on the playground, or participating in hands-on activities that spark creativity.



This summer has also brought more chances to explore beyond the classroom with field trips and community outings. A visit to the Beardsley Zoo gave students the opportunity to explore animal habitats and learn about wildlife. The bowling outing was a hit, offering students a fun way to stay physically active while practicing teamwork and social skills.



Meanwhile, in the Adult Program, participants are also taking advantage of the summer. Morning walks, quiet reading in the courtyard, and outdoor games have made each day bright. A recent highlight was our annual Field Day, where participants showed off their skills and teamwork in friendly games such as relay races, bean bag toss, and more. Cheers and laughter filled the air as everyone gave their best effort and encouraged their teammates.



Our playground continues to be a favorite gathering spot both for students and adult participants. Whether it's swinging, sliding, or simply enjoying each other's company, the playground has become a place to gather.

At Saint Catherine Center, summer is more than a season. It's a time to grow, explore, and celebrate the gifts of community and friendship.

## *Welcoming New Faces to the Adult Program*

This month, we are excited to welcome three new participants, Nyah, Bradley, and Katie, into the Adult Program.

For Nyah and Bradley, the transition marks a continuation of their journey with us. Both



individuals graduated from Saint Catherine Academy in June and are already familiar faces within our community. In preparation for this next step, they began acclimating to the Adult Program at the end of the school year by participating in shared activities such as lunchtime and art classes with their future teams. These small but intentional moments helped create a smooth and supportive transition.

Katie joins us as a brand-new participant, and we are delighted to welcome her to the Center. Over the past several weeks, she came in for site visits, allowing her to meet and interact with her new team. These visits help ease the transition to our program and gave her the chance to begin forming connections and becoming comfortable in the new environment. With her bright smile and enthusiasm, she is already making connections with peers and staff.

At Saint Catherine Center, transitions are thoughtfully guided with care, collaboration, and a focus on each individual's strengths and goals. Whether familiar or new to the Center, each participant is welcomed with open arms.

We are thrilled to have Nyah, Bradley, and Katie with us and look forward to supporting them as they grow in confidence, independence, and community.



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