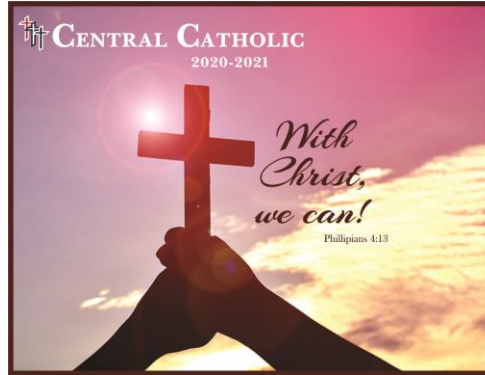


CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TO: Parents/Guardians
FROM: Amanda Talbot, Principal
DATE: July 2020
SUBJECT: 2020-2021 School Year

WITH CHRIST, WE CAN!

Our goals include discovering God's gifts of:

- *Love and Community* through the support and care that comes as we partner responsibilities with PARENTS and community members.
- *Faith* within our STUDENTS as we teach the love of God our Father, Jesus our model, and the Holy Spirit our guide.
- *Academic excellence* through the expertise of a high-quality FACULTY AND STAFF.

FACULTY SETS 2020-21 GOALS BASED ON EVALUATION OF 2019-20:

The faculty cited these as some areas to work toward:

- Teach and live (practice) the school's mission daily
- Continue to focus on the writing process, reading and handwriting curriculum
- Focus on critical thinking in the area of math, reading, and science
- Implement effective teaching strategies and workstations in the classroom to increase academic excellence of students
- Integrate technology across the curriculum to motivate and engage students in the mastery of concepts/skills
- Implement Google Classroom
- Promote school-wide expectations and rules

- Communicate daily with each student
- Encourage and/or challenge parents to use the Parent Plus Portals daily for assignments as well as classroom and school-wide information and communication

BENCHMARK TESTING

We will administer benchmark/diagnostic assessments to students during the first weeks of school. These assessments will be used to plan instruction and prepare students for grade level content.

SUMMER REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS

The school facilities have been cleaned and disinfected. Please volunteer for our beautification projects.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Safe Environment certification renewal began two summers ago. Many of you have renewed your certification. Remember, in order to participate in any on or off campus school-related activity (*volunteering in classrooms, substituting, chaperoning field trips, etc.*), the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and Central Catholic Elementary School require parents/volunteers to complete Safe Environment Training. Please follow the attached guidelines for renewal or initial training. Please contact Stephanie Stanley with any questions, 384-1933, or at sstanley@htdiocese.org.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Please check to make sure immunization records are complete.

STUDENTS CANNOT BEGIN SCHOOL UNLESS IMMUNIZATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

(Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st graders may be due for updates.)

A current copy of immunizations must be on file in the school office.

PARENTS OF ALL NEW STUDENTS, (never before enrolled at CCES), are required to have birth certificate, baptismal certificate, social security card, and immunization records on file in the school office. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE A CHILD BEGINS SCHOOL.

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Thank you for your continued use of our online system and website. At this time, we will continue to use www.holycrosselementary.org.

- 1) The handbook of policies will be on-line by July 27. Please read carefully. Regulations require that all parents sign a “sign off” form stating you have read the handbook. This “sign-off” form is included on-line and is to be signed and returned during the first full week of school.
- 2) Student supply list. Students are expected to have supplies on the first day of school.
- 3) Annual Fund Information
- 4) PTO Information- Parent Teacher Organization of Central Catholic Elementary

VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Pre-K4 through GRADE 5-

Virtually meet the faculty and staff and learn about your child’s classroom before the 1st day of school! Virtual Back to School Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m.** Teachers will give parents an overview of the curriculum, schedules, activities, and expectations. Time for questions will be provided. More information will be provided as we get closer to August 4. Parents, you may begin to bring your child’s school supplies to school August 3. We will have tables/carts at the front gate for supply drop-offs. Please label with your child’s name and grade.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL-GRADES 1-5

Grades 1-5 will follow this schedule:

First day- Friday, August 14- a full day, **from 7:45 a.m.- 2:45 p.m.**

PRE-K3 AND PRE-K4 AND KINDERGARTEN SMALL GROUP ORIENTATION

PRE-K AND PRE-K4

- A. Beginning Friday, August 14 and continuing through August 17, students will come to school in small groups from 7:45 a.m. until 11:30. A schedule will be sent to each family. If the date is not possible for you, call the office at 384-1933.
- B. Regular Pre-K classes will begin Tuesday, August 18.
Hours are as follows:
Pre-School- 7:45 am - 2:45 pm with extended aftercare available until 5:30 pm.
There is also an optional 12:00 noon dismissal.

KINDERGARTEN

- C. Beginning Friday, August 14 and continuing through August 17, students will come to school in small groups from 7:45 a.m. until 12:00 noon. A schedule will be sent to each family. If the date is not possible for you, call the office at 384-1933.
- D. Regular Kindergarten classes will begin Tuesday, August 18.
Hours are as follows:
Kindergarten- 7:45 am - 2:45 pm with extended aftercare available until 5:30 pm.

BUS RIDERS- GRADES PRE-K4-5TH

For our younger students...to aid us in our bus dismissal during the first weeks of school, **please pin the name of your child's bus driver, and any details you find necessary, to your child's jumper or shirt.** Information on buses can be obtained from the St. Mary Parish School Board Office. (337)-836-9661.

LUNCH MONEY

The current fee is as follows: ***Pre-K3 – grade 5, \$3.00 per day payable by the week or month,*** in cash or check **in a marked envelope on the first day of the week.** The marked envelope should include student's name, assigned #, grade, teacher, dates for which payment is being made, and amount of money in the envelope. (Consult handbook for more information). Checks are to be made payable to Central Catholic Cafeteria. **Lunch fees may also be paid via on-line payments.** Students will eat in the cafeteria beginning Friday, August 14. Please send the fee for that week or month on that day.

On July 30-31 , the cafeteria manager will be available from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to collect breakfast/lunch payments.

NOTE:

- * Breakfast is also served from 7:15 a.m. until 7:40 a.m. The cost is \$2.00 per day.
- * Students can purchase bottled water for an additional charge.
- * 1st- 5th grade students may purchase bottled water and/or juice for an additional charge
- * 3rd – 5th grade students may also purchase chips for an additional charge.
- * 1st & 2nd graders will be allowed to purchase chips on Spirit/Birthday days.
- * If you do not want your child to purchase additional items, please send a note to the cafeteria manager.

CAFETERIA INFO

School Lunches are provided through Archdiocesan School Food and Nutrition Services. The purpose of this program is to provide children with a well-balanced meal. *If your child has a diagnosed medical condition/allergies and wishes to participate in school lunch, please have your child's doctor **complete the School Meal Modification Form and fax directly from the Doctor's office to Archdiocesan School Food and Nutrition.*** (form may be obtained from the cafeteria-- 384-1487 or on our website- holycrosselementary.org)

SCHOOL MASSES

School masses will begin at 8:00 a.m. Classes will participate in mass either in Church or classrooms. Our first school mass will be on Wednesday, August 19, 8:00 a.m. We ask the Lord's blessings on our new school year!

CALENDAR ATTACHED

Note the August calendar.

WISH LIST

After school begins, Central Catholic Elementary will distribute a Wish List from teachers and staff to the school community. The Wish List will contain a list of items teachers and staff members feel would benefit the children as well as the instructional and spiritual environment at Central Catholic Elementary. More information will be provided.

REMINDER: We collect Community Coffee UPCs and General Mills Box Tops for Education. We redeem them for cash. Please tell your relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES:

Teacher Orientation Days.....August 3-5, 2020
School Opens.....August 14, 2020
School Closes.....May 27, 2021

Holidays

Labor Day.....September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving.....November 23-November 27, 2020
Christmas.....December 21, 2020
Parent-Teacher Conference Day..... January 4,2021

Classes resume at regular time.....January 5, 2021

Martin Luther King/Famous Leaders' Day..January 18, 2021
Mardi Gras..... February 15 - 19, 2021
Easter/Spring Break.....Apr. 2-9, 2021
Teacher In-ServiceMay 26, 2021

***** Please note that the first day of school has changed to Friday, August 14th.
Oct 9, Oct 12, & Jan 19 will now be instructional days for students.***

CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Beginning school year, 2020-21, the Holy Cross uniforms may no longer be worn.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC SPIRIT SHIRTS

Spirit shirts will continue to be purchased through the school office. You may begin ordering these shirts. To be included in the initial order, please have your order form and payment returned to the school office by August 6, 2020.

Holy Cross Spirit shirts may no longer be worn for Spirit/Birthday Days.

CLOSING PRAYER

O Christ, our Teacher,

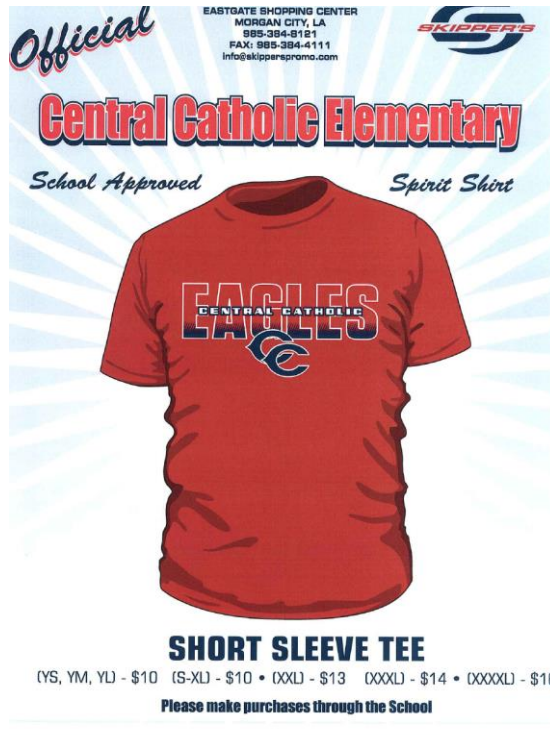
You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where

The message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed,
Christian community is experienced,
Service to our brothers and sisters is modeled,
And worship of You is cultivated.

Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Please call with any questions or concerns. (384-1933)



CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

(May be worn on Birthday Days & Spirit Days)

\$10.00 each – Youth size

\$10.00 each- Adult size

_____ youth "XS"
 _____ youth "S" 6-8
 _____ youth "M" 10-12
 _____ youth "L" 14-16

_____ adult "S"
 _____ adult "M"
 _____ adult "L"
 _____ adult "XL"

Adult "XXL"-\$13.00 _____

Adult "XXXL"-\$14.00 _____

Adult "XXXL"- \$16.00 _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Child's name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

