

Cougar Tracks

2011-2012 School Year

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LETTER FROM DR. WILLIAM CARRIERE, Exec. Director of Western Catholic Education Assoc.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012... Each New Year many people make resolutions. Many of these resolutions are chosen as a means to a new beginning or a chance for a healthy "refreshing" of one's life. For example, some go on diets, some promise to exercise more and some promise to quit bad habits. Probably in most cases this exercise is undertaken to remind ourselves that we have to keep "refreshing" our lives and to hope that we will do better.

Catholic Schools Week is also a time to refresh ourselves as Catholic school communities and to give ourselves hope. First of all, we need to take the time to congratulate who we are and where we are at this moment in our history as Catholic schools. "We've come a long way," as the expression goes in our two-hundred-plus-year history. We've experienced many models of Catholic school education in all of that time. We are still here! And, we intend to stay!

I think that the second phase of our celebration must include thanking the many thousands of dedicated people who have worked tirelessly to keep our Catholic schools alive—our parents, and from that very important pre-school teacher to our top-level administrators. I believe that what has kept the mission alive is Jesus reminding us to "suffer the little children to come to me." He would remind us that our students are the only reason for our necessary existence.

Thirdly, I believe that one of the most important agenda items for all those engaged in Catholic schools is to be planning the future of the schools. We must have hope that the schools will continue far into the future because of good planning and foresight. We must have people of vision who can assist all of us in creating the reality of that vision into the future.

There is much to celebrate during this Catholic Schools Week 2012. Know that all of us at WCEA congratulate you and thank you for your shared gifts on behalf of our Catholic schools. May God shower you with many blessings, not only during this week, but also throughout this school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Carriere, FSC, Ph.D.
Executive Director, WCEA



CONFIRMATION

As this is a special occasion in the lives of our candidates and community, our dress should show respect. On the evening of Confirmation, you will be asked to go home and change if your dress is not in line with the following guidelines. If you are unsure, please contact Lisa at 795-1633 ext. 107.

- Young men Dress pants (no shorts or cargo)
- Collared, button down shirt, tucked in
- Tie (if possible)
- Appropriate footwear for a dressed-up occasion (e.g. no sandals)
- Young women: Knee length dress or skirt (no cocktail type dress)
- Shoulders are to be covered (no strapless, spaghetti straps or halter)
- Dress pants (no form-fitting pants)
- Shoes, if heels, are NO higher than 3 inches

Confirmation Rehearsal: **Thursday, February 9th at 6 p.m.** in Nicholson Hall (candidate and sponsor).

Confirmation: Friday, February 10th line-up in Nicholson Hall at 6:30 p.m.—liturgy begins at 7 p.m. in the church. Refreshments and pictures: after the liturgy in Nicholson Hall

Important Dates

- Feb. 2 Open House
- Feb. 5 Scout Sunday
- Feb. 9 Confirmation Practice (6 p.m.)
- Feb. 10 Confirmation (7 p.m.)
- Feb. 13 Hearts, Rhythm and Rhyme Play (Primary)
- Feb. 13-16 Science Fair
- Feb. 14 Adv Inter Renaissance Fair
- Feb. 15 Science Night (6:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 16 Lunch Order Due
- Feb. 17 JH Valentine's Dance (7 p.m.); End of Term 2
- Feb. 21 PALS Mtg. (3:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 22 Half Day (12:15 p.m.) - **no After School**; Ash Wednesday

Monthly Fruit of the Spirit:

February: Love

Word of the Week

deserted

Next Sunday's Good News is... Rising very early before dawn, [Jesus] left and went off to a **deserted** place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35

Prayer of the Week

Dear God, I have been given so many wonderful gifts. Please help me to share these gifts with the world and be thankful for the life I have. Let me recognize when someone does something kind for me and remind me to thank them so that they may know I am grateful. Let me not feel entitled to these gifts but forever appreciative. *Amen*

***A letter from Dr. Zeches is included in the School Express.**

LET'S TEACH RESPONSIBILITY

Following the dress code is an act of responsibility and maturity. It is important that all of us are accountable for following the rules outlined in the handbook that everyone of us agreed to follow at the beginning of the year. This being said, let's make sure the students are in dress code...for the **COMPLETE DRESS CODE**, visit the school website.

SHIRTS:

All St. Cyril shirts must be tucked in

Only green or white shirts may be worn on Mass days and field trips

*Undershirts: If undershirts are worn, they must be solid white; long sleeved white shirts may be worn under short sleeved St. Cyril collared shirts.

PANTS/SHORTS:

Solid color tan, brown, blue or black in twill, denim or corduroy

Capri length pants allowed

No skinny pants or stretch denim

Pants must fit at waist

Inseam measure of shorts must be 5" or more

Shorts no longer than bottom of knee cap

Elastic waist is permissible for students in grades K –2.

No logos are permitted except on belt band or pocket; no larger than 1 ½ in.

*Note: Only tan, brown, blue or black pants of twill or corduroy are permitted on Mass days and field trips

OUTERWEAR:

Only St. Cyril or solid colored sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and fleece vests with no design/logo larger than 1 ½" X 1 ½" are permitted. These may be pullover, zippered or hooded. St. Cyril shirts must be worn underneath with collar visible when appropriate.

COUGAR SPORTS

The JV tournament was this past weekend; St Cyril had an outstanding weekend! Our 7th grade boys volleyball swept all four matches winning all 8 games with a great team effort. Our 5th grade boys did almost equally well winning 7 games and losing only one in their four matches. Our 6th graders finished the regular season undefeated! In the tourney they lost a hard fought battle vs. our own 7th grade boys! Our 7th grade girls basketball tied for the best record in the tournament and finished the tourney by beating previously unbeaten St. John 12-1 in a great team defensive effort. Our 5/6 combo team finished on a high note winning 3 of their last four regular season games!

This coming weekend is our varsity tournament at Salpointe. Our 8th grade boys finished undefeated and will go into the tournament as the #1 seed!! Our 8th grade girls go in to the tourney as the #2 seed and hope to bring home a championship also! GOOD LUCK COUGARS!

CTSO

It's not too late to get a tax credit for 2011. You can still donate to CTSO....help support the school; help yourself with a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Sounds like a win-win and it really is! Go to www.stcyril.com/CTSO.html.

TECHNOLOGY SURVEYS

Did you know that St. Cyril has a technology plan? We do and it's time again for us to look ahead and we are looking for your input. Please take a moment and fill out the short surveys; you can link to them from the school homepage under *Quick Links*. Surveys are anonymous and will be available until Friday, February 3rd.

Parent: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PN7X9XJ>

Student: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PN5WGYT>

Staff: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PF5PH6S>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR LUAU

We hope that you're planning to visit "Family Night" tonight at the Book Fair Luau! The entire family is invited to browse and shop from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. There will be crafts for kids and tropical refreshments for all! The Book Fair will continue through February 3rd. For anyone who can't attend our in-school Fair, you can visit the Book Fair ONLINE from February 3-23. Browse an expanded book selection for all ages, preschool through adult. All orders ship to school with no shipping fee and all purchases benefit St. Cyril of Alexandria School. Go online to the school homepage & under *Quick Links*, click *Book Fair*.

Countdown to Arizona's Centennial

February 14

13 days

REGISTRATION

Registration fees have been applied to family accounts; please remember these fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE** and per student. If you are a PayEasy family, your funds will automatically be transferred on the 5th or 15th. All other families can pay online or with a check. Registration fees must be paid no later than Registration Day, March 1st. Registration packets will be in your School Express on February 15th if your account is up-to-date. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Unger at debbieu@stcyril.com.

LET'S DEMONSTRATE RESPONSIBILITY

There are a few drivers that are still entering the parking lot by the church and dropping off their student by the front door. This causes congestion. If you are unsure where to enter/exit when picking up and dropping off, please refer to the map included in this week's Express. We thank you for keeping everyone's child safe by following the flow of traffic.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon on Saturday, February 4, 2012. *Taste of China Festival* from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Admission: \$1.00 (Kids 12 & Under Free) at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center (1288 W. River Rd. | Tucson, AZ 85704). Chinese Arts and Crafts, Performances and Food For Sale. To learn more about the Tucson Chinese Culture Center visit:

<http://tucsonchinese.org/>. Questions? Call the Voyles Family at 603-8784. Happy Year of the Dragon!

Registration is now open for the 2012 Dennis Bene Football LFB Camp at Salpointe. For camp information or to register online please visit www.LFBCamps.com or call 520-247-0953.

Line in the Sand—with actors from Most Holy Trinity on Sunday, February 12th at St. Augustine HS, sponsored by East Pima Vicariate. Go to <http://www.stcyril.com/CommunityEvents.html> for more information.



FOLLOW THE BLOG

Keep up to date with reminders, enjoy pictures from the day's activities and so much more on the school blog. Don't want to have one more website to remember? You can have the posts on the blog come straight to your email—visit the blog at <http://stcyrilcougars.blogspot.com/> and enter your email address and every time an entry is posted, it will be sent to your inbox. You can also link to the blog from the [school homepage](#).