



St. Catherine of Siena School

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Dear Kindergarten Parents:

Hi! My name is Cyndi Stebbins and I will have the pleasure of teaching your child this year and look forward to meeting all of you. Being a teacher has been a dream of mine since I was a young child and I've been fortunate to teach most of my adult life. It is my belief that a child's success is based on a cooperative parent/teacher relationship. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

While I'm not teaching, I love spending time with my family; my husband Brennan, my 9 year old daughter Cambree, my 22 month old son Conor and our Basset Hound, Hank. I also love baking, running and spending time outdoors. It's been a terrific summer and I am looking forward to a fabulous fall.

Kindergarten is a year of growing socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. Your involvement, interest, enthusiasm and support will help to make this a wonderful year for your child. I will be asking for volunteers to work in the classroom at Back to School Night. The more volunteers I have, the more challenging and engaging activities we can do more often. I welcome parents to help in the classroom and appreciate the time you give to our class.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time with any questions or concerns. Communication will be key for us to stay connected about what's happening in the classroom as well as your child and their needs.

I look forward to this school year and can't wait to meet you and your families.

Sincerely,
Cyndi Stebbins

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KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

(Please do not label supplies with your child's name)

- 24 sharpened #2 yellow pencils
- 1 pack sharpened colored pencils
- 3 boxes of Crayola 24 ct. crayons
- 3 boxes of Crayola thick markers
- 3 boxes of Crayola thin markers
- 2 pairs of safety scissors (Fiskars or similar quality)
- 2 watercolor sets
- 2 yellow pocket folders
- 2 red pocket folders
- 10 glue sticks
- 3 rolls of masking tape
- 1 pack of thick Expo dry erase markers
- 1 pack of thin Expo dry erase markers
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 3 packs of baby wipes (no bleach)
- 1 Beach towel for quiet time (labeled with their name)

Supplies may need to be replenished throughout the year.

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Dear First Grade Parents,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to first grade. It is my goal to provide a loving atmosphere where your child will feel safe, and learning will be fun and exciting. I look forward to working with you to support and enrich your child's academic and personal growth.

First grade is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning. This is a year of important transitions, as well as one in which acquisition of new skills is accelerated. During first grade, your child will learn how to read independently, write stories, add, subtract, and so much more.

In my classroom, I will promote an atmosphere of safety, trust, and respect. I value cooperation and collaboration. I believe great things can happen when we work together. I feel that it is important to keep the lines of communication open and encourage you to share any information that might help me better understand your child during this year. I have high expectations for the upcoming year. I will be challenging the children to do their best, complete their work, and have respect for myself and for others.

I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am Jannette Wilkinson, and I have been a part of the St. Catherine School community for many years. I began working here in 2001 as an instructional assistant, working in several classrooms. I attended St. Catherine's as a child, from 1st-8th grade. Needless to say, I am very familiar with the school and families. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2007, and completed the Multiple Subject Credential Program at Chapman University in 2008. I have taught fourth and fifth grades and this will be my fourth year of teaching first grade. I never thought I would enjoy a year of teaching as much as I have first grade...I learned as much from them as I hope they did from me.

Attached please find a list of the supplies your child will need to have on the first day of school. I am looking forward to a great year with our class and I know we will have a wonderful time!

Sincerely,

Jannette Wilkinson

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FIRST GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

(Please clearly mark all supplies with your child's name, Supplies may need to be replenished throughout the year.)

- 1 plastic pencil box
- 24 sharpened #2 yellow pencils
- 1 pack sharpened colored pencils
- 3 boxes of Crayola 24 ct. crayons
- 3 boxes of Crayola thick markers
- 3 boxes of Crayola thin markers
- 2 pairs of safety scissors (Fiskars or similar quality)
- 2 watercolor sets
- 3 yellow pocket folders
- 3 red pocket folders
- 10 glue sticks
- 1 roll of masking tape
- 1 1" ring binder
- 1 pack of thick Expo dry erase markers
- 1 pack of thin Expo dry erase markers
- 1 pack of 9" x 12" white construction paper (can be found at Michael's or Lakeshore Supply)
- 1 pack of 9" x 12" black construction paper
- 1 pack of 9" x 12" multi-colored construction paper
- 1 roll of paper towels, 1 box of Kleenex, 3 packs of baby wipes (no bleach)

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Dear Second Grade Parents,

I am very excited about the upcoming school year, and I hope you are too! Many great second grade adventures await you this upcoming year. New and fun concepts will be learned from Math and Science, Writing, Reading, and Social Studies, to P.E, Art and Literature. All this, and many of you will also be preparing to make your First Holy Communion. This will be a year of shared learning.

I hope this will be a special year for you. Please talk to me when you have something to share, when you don't understand, or when you are upset. I will try to listen carefully. Will you be a good listener too?

I look forward to seeing you on the first day of school. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Kristi Hoefler

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SECOND GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- * 5 **Five Star solid color pocket** folders (No plastic folders no pictures)
- 3 (pack of 4) expo dry erase pens - fine point
- whiteboard eraser
- 1 box of #2 pencils made in USA (**Dixon or Ticonderoga**)
- * 5 red ball-point pens
- * 4 pink erasers
- * 1 **Mead** composition book (**wide rule**)
- * 1 spiral notebook (**wide rule**)
- * 3 big glue sticks
- * 1 box of 24 ct. **Crayola** crayons
- * 1 box 8-10 ct. **Crayola** thin tip markers
- * 1 box **Crayola** fat tip markers
- * 1 pair scissors
- * 2 Kleenex boxes
- * 2 individual gallon size zip lock bags
- * 1 ream copy paper
- * 1 package **4x6** index cards
- If your last name begins with A-L, please buy**
- * 1 container Clorox disinfecting wipes
- If your last name begins with M-Z, please buy**
- * 1 container baby wipes

***Please be sure that you purchase the **exact items** referenced in the above list as **some of the supplies will become the community property of the class**. Please do **not** buy items that your child will be personally attached to.

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Dear Third Grade Parents,

Welcome to Third Grade! This is going to be an exciting year for your students. I'm looking forward to getting to know each one of them.

I am so pleased to be your child's third grade teacher. This is my third year at St. Catherine of Siena School. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology/Child Development from University of Texas, Dallas and my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from John F. Kennedy University. I am currently in the process of taking additional classes to "clear" my credential.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child in reaching his or her full potential this year. We will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the days ahead. Grade three students will achieve much this year in terms of academics, greater self-confidence, and improving social skills.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is dkcorsetti@csdo.org. The class website is updated regularly with current curriculum and homework assignments as well as other important information.

Participation in your child's third grade year is always welcome. Whether it is reading a story to the class, driving or chaperoning on field trips, attending class parties, or sharing a special talent or skill you have, we love parent participation.

Over the summer months, I encourage you to have your child continue to read, write and practice math skills. The purpose of this request is to they won't be too rusty when school begins in August.

On the back of this letter, you will find the supply list for the upcoming school year. Please have the supplies ready for the first day of school.

Again, I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Blessings,

Mrs. Diana Corsetti

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THIRD GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2 boxes of good quality #2 pencils made in the USA (**Dixon Ticonderoga** Wood-Cased 2HB Pencils, **General Pencils** or **Write Dudes** USA Gold Premium Cedar No. 2 Pre-Sharpended Pencils)

1 pencil sharpener

3 Pentel Hi-polymer block erasers

3 purple OR red correcting pens or fine tipped markers

Crayola markers

Colored pencils

1 package of wide ruled binder paper

1 composition notebook

4 Pocket folders

scissors

ruler with centimeters and inches

3 glue sticks

1 pencil box or pouch

2 reams of printer paper

2 rolls of paper towels

2 boxes of tissues

2 moist towelettes or baby wipes

2 Clorox disinfectant wipes

2 Black Sharpies

4 Expo markers

1 bottle of hand sanitizer

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Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

My name is Mrs. Green and I will be the new fourth grade teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. I have been teaching for over 35 years. I've taught pre-school through middle school students in public, private, Catholic, and home school settings. I've also taught science at the elementary level. I worked at Lindsay Wildlife Experience for 5 years, where I taught classes, led tours, and was a camp counselor, as well.

I'm the fourth generation of my family to be born and raised in the bay area. I was graduated from Piedmont High School and U.C. Berkeley. I have a son, daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, and "grand dogs". I enjoy traveling, cooking, crafts, gardening, and spending time with my family.

I was a member of the Bay Area Science Project. I've attended classes through Lawrence Hall, GEMS programs, AIMS, Project Wet, Project Wild, Nasa/Ames Research Center, and Anne Diskin, to name a few. I enjoy doing hands-on, project based learning activities. I believe you understand and remember more if you actually DO the project rather than just read the chapter and memorize the facts for a test. I also like reading children's literature, and doing arts and crafts projects.

Fourth grade is a great year to learn about California history. We will learn about the railroads, gold rush, the missions and much more. This ties in nicely with rock studies, maps, earthquakes, etc. Of course cooking is a wonderful way to make meaningful connections as well.

I'm looking forward to a very exciting school year.

I can't wait to meet you all!

Peace,

Mrs. Linda Green

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FOURTH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

12 #2 pencils (no extra decorations or “fancy pencils”, as they do not work in the pencil sharpener)
1 pencil sharpener
Crayons-16/24 count
Crayola markers-classic colors
Highlighters-1 yellow, 1 blue, 1 pink
6 Large pink erasers
Colored pencils-12 count
3 Glue sticks
1 Pack wide ruled binder paper
Kleenex-2 boxes
1 Roll of paper towels
Cleaning wipes- 1 container
1 Ream printer paper
Scissors
Ruler with centimeters and inches
Wide ruled spiral notebooks- 1 red, 1 blue, 1 green
2 Composition books (9 ¾ in x 7 ½ in)
3 Plastic folders with pockets
1 Pencil pouch that will fit in the desk
Chapter book for silent reading-student choice/Books should be 100 pages or more. These books may be used for book reports.

Please label student’s name on personal items.

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Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

Welcome to Fifth Grade! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

This is my first year at St. Catherine's of Sienna. I have previously taught in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology for the University of California, Merced. I received both my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and Masters in Educational Technology from California State University, East Bay. I am currently taking extra classes to "clear" my credential.

Curriculum areas we will focus on this year include US History, Fractions, Volume, the Elements that make up Matter, and the Carbon Cycle.

We are going to read wonderful stories and novels and learn to become great writers.

Students are asked to bring the supplies on the supply list to school the first week.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to visit our classroom, schedule a conference, or volunteer to help out, please contact me.

Once again, welcome to fifth grade. Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Ms. Caroline Kna

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FIFTH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2 boxes of good quality #2 Pre-Sharpended Pencils

Pencil sharpener (hand held with a top to collect shavings)

Large pink eraser- pack of 3

Colored pencils- pack of 12

Crayons - pack of 16-24

Crayola markers - Classic Colors pack of 8

1.5 inch binder - color of choice

Wide ruled composition notebook– black

Wide Ruled Spiral notebook

Wide ruled binder paper - 1 pack

1 ream of printer paper

Pencil pouch or box

Ruler - metric/standard

Glue Sticks- 6

Kleenex- 1 box

Pack of blue or black pens

Purple pens- 3

Chapter book - student choice

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Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Welcome to Junior High! I am very excited for the opportunity to get to know you all better, and I am looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

English language arts centers on effective communication skills, and the Common Core State Standards focus on several key areas of communication: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Some goals based on our priority standards are:

- Learn to use evidence to draw conclusions and make predictions
- Learn to evaluate the quality of an argument to assess whether or not it uses sound reasoning
- Learn to write arguments to support claims using valid reasoning and relevant evidence
- By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently
- Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions
- Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking
- Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression

There are many more standards we will be covering. For a complete list of Common Core State Standards you can find them at <http://www.corestandards.org/>.

Please note that the school's grading policy for Junior High is 90% summative assessments (assessing what was learned through tests, quizzes, and projects) and 10% formative assessments (checking in on progress towards mastering the standards). Students are expected to be responsible for their work, including monitoring due dates. To help assist this, I will be checking off planners for homework and project assignments during homeroom for the first trimester.

The transition to junior high can be stressful, so last year's sixth grade wrote your students a survival guide to help them prepare. We will read it together on our first day of class. There will also be some fun welcome activities to look forward to.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me at cpratt@csdo.org. I will do my best to respond to your emails within 48 hours.

Sincerely, Cassie Wick

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Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

It's my pleasure to teach Religion and Social Studies in the junior high this 2017-2018 academic year. Additionally, I will be your homeroom teacher, overseeing Faith Families and the Student Leadership Team, and accompanying you on your trip to Caritas.

As your teacher, I will challenge you to become better readers and to think critically. We will approach various materials by means of asking essential questions, engaging in dialogue, and supporting our thinking by citing evidence from the texts. You will be challenged and maybe even find yourself out of your comfort zone, but you will grow in confidence and skill in your ability to read, write, and converse in mature and meaningful ways.

As upper classmen, you have the responsibility to be role models to the younger students of St. Catherine's. You will lead and you will serve your school. You have received an excellent foundation and now is your time to share your gifts and talents.

We have much to do and plan this year and I look forward to seeing you grow and mature into young adults. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you in August!

Best regards,

Mrs. Porter

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Dear Eighth Grade Parents,

Welcome to the final year of Junior High- Eighth Grade! This year is the last and final step of your child's education at St. Catherine's. This year comes exciting privileges, responsibilities, and leadership opportunities. I am very blessed that I will be having this class again as homeroom. As your Math and Science teacher, I will push you to think outside the box, get messy, and have fun :)

This year, we will highlight many interesting areas of science such as Matter & Energy, Chemical Interactions, and Motion & Forces. Through classroom activities, science labs, and numerous hands-on projects, we will be examining the chemical world around us.

The Common Core Math Curriculum will challenge students to go beyond basic skills and apply these skills to higher order problem solving activities. In 8th grade we will cover:

- Rational Number
- Graphs and Functions
- Exponents and Roots
- Ratios, Proportions, and Similarity
- Geometric Relationships
- Measurement and Geometry
- Multi-Step Equations
- Graphing Lines
- Data, Prediction and Linear Functions

Students will be expected to persevere with math problems, be able to explain their mathematical reasoning verbally and in writing, hold a mathematical argument, apply math to the world around them, and model mathematics in a variety of ways.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and I am looking forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs Anderson (a.k.a. Ms Schilling)

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JUNIOR HIGH CLASS SUPPLY LIST

<p>1 large accordion folder <u>OR</u> 1 large three ring binder</p> <p>1 one inch three ring binder</p> <p>200 college ruled lined white paper</p> <p>1 package of graph paper</p> <p>24 black or blue pen (non-retractable)</p> <p>2 red pens</p> <p>24 pencils</p> <p>2 highlighters</p> <p>2 rolls of paper towels</p> <p>2 boxes of tissues</p> <p>1 container of disinfectant wipes</p> <p>1 basic pack of colored pencils (8 or 12 pack)</p> <p>1 basic 8 pack of markers</p> <p>1 small pair of scissors</p> <p>1 black Sharpie (thick)</p> <p>1 black Sharpie (thin)</p> <p>1 pack glue stick</p>	<p>1 pencil pouch</p> <p>2 college ruled spiral <u>1 subject</u> notebooks (no multiple subject notebooks) with front pocket (Five Star or Staples brand is fine)</p> <p>4 college ruled (plain: black green red blue) composition notebooks</p> <p>1TI-30 calculator</p> <p>1 package of Post-it Page Markers</p> <p>1 package of white computer paper</p> <p>1 package of construction paper</p> <p>1 set of black chisel tip expo markers</p> <p>1 assignment planner</p>
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