



COS CHRONICLE

June 1, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, June 2 *10:30am –Prayer Service and Awards- all are welcome
*Last Day of School! Early Dismissal 11:30am

The school office will be open from June 5- June 30
9:30am- 1pm Monday-Friday

REQUIRED SUMMER WORK for STUDENTS ENTERING GR. 1-8

In an effort to lessen the “summer slide”, the teachers will be posting work for students to complete and return on August 22, the first day of school. Information about the required summer work is listed on the Communion of Saints School Website-

www.communionofsaintsschool.org

Those students entering 4-8 grade can purchase a Summer Solutions workbook from the school office. The office will be open Mon-Fri. from 9:30am-1pm until June 30. Books are \$12. Students entering K-3 are not required to do the Summer Solutions workbook. You do have the option of ordering workbooks directly from Summer Solutions. Go to www.SummerSolutions.net

Enter your school code: **H44118COS**

- Free shipping to your house.
- Available for students Pre-K through Grade 8.
 - Start summer off on the right foot!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES
2017-2018**

The school supply list for the 2017-2018 academic year was sent home. School Tool box is our school supply provider. Easy, convenient ordering is available at schooltoolbox.com. See the attached flyer. The supply list is posted on the school website and will remain up for the duration of the summer. www.communionofsaintsschool.org

COS-PTO SABRE RUN

You do not want to miss the Sabre Run: Race for the Bell tower. **Register now for the 5k/1 Fun Run on June 24, 2017.** Register a team and have the most racers on the team and win a Bell Tower Tour. This Race is a great opportunity to spend a lovely Saturday morning with your COS community, engage with your children in a fun and healthy activity, and support the PTO by raising funds for all the programming it provides for our school. If you've done it before, you know how much fun it is! If you haven't, don't miss this year to start! Nothing like seeing the kids' proud faces when they complete the 1 mile and watch their parents cross the 5k finish line! It really is something spectacular!

Looking forward to seeing you all race through our beautiful COS neighborhood!

REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED TO THE CHRONICLE and sent home in today's Thursday folders.

**SUMMER
TUTORING**

Our COS Aftercare Director, Kim Joyce, has 25+ years of teaching and tutoring experience. If you are interested in her help over the summer, please email her at : k.jo1017@yahoo.com

**SEE MORE INFORMATION
BELOW >>>>**

Dear Parents,

In this last issue of the Chronicle, I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your support, patience, and trust this year. There have been a few changes in what you are used to, and I have tried to keep you informed in as timely a manner as possible. Your flexibility in this transition year has been invaluable.

There will be a number of changes next year. First, as I am sure you are all aware, Mrs. Sedney will be retiring to be able to spend more time with her family. We will miss her warmth, compassion, and excellent teaching skills very much!

Two classes have been split, third and seventh, and teachers have been reassigned. The new lineup is as follows:

- K – Mrs. Mullally
- 1 – Mr. Ringer
- 2 – Ms. LoBuglio
- 3A – Ms. Creamer
- 3B – Miss Hannan
- 4 – in progress; when a candidate has been finalized you will be informed, this is not something that can be rushed
- 5 – Miss Nicolletti
- 6 – Ms. Cipolletti
- 7A – Miss Moran
- 7B – Mrs. Wiggins
- 8 – Mrs. Tooker

Excellent teaching skills transfer to any grade level. Change is healthy and rejuvenating. I am excited to have this fantastic group of teachers and as we continue to shift focus to a problem based learning culture, you will understand that the skills Miss Nic and Miss Hannan bring to the classroom easily translate to the higher grades.

The next concern will be how the students will be placed in the divided classes. Students will not be assigned alphabetically or numerically but rather by thoughtful consideration of the teachers. The teachers know better than anyone, the classroom dynamics and will be assigning classrooms based on groups of students who will bring out the best in each other. I ask that you trust we have your child's best interest in mind and that you not make requests for specific teachers. If we make one exception, then we must grant all requests and chaos will result!

Many students are still enrolling which may require us to shift room assignments to maintain balance. Room assignments will be posted at Open House, August 21, when I can be

sure that assignments are permanent. If I publish too early and have to change things, that will cause confusion. Again, please trust us to determine a good placement.

In past Chronicles we have announced the closing of the company that offered Ascend. We are switching to a new service called RenWeb which has many of the same capabilities. We will be making the transition over the summer. In August, you will receive login information and a complete description of the capabilities.

Another change in the works is that Facebook pages will be coming to an end. (If you have any questions about whether your group's page must be shut down, please contact Father McNulty.) The Diocese has mandated that there can be no 'pages' that appear to represent the school. Miss LoBuglio and Ms. Creamer will continue sponsoring a Facebook page. In addition, you will have access to information from the Chronicle, RenWeb, Thursday folders, and direct teacher communications. I know when my children were school-aged, we parents supported each other through a phone chain. It builds community!

We are changing vendors for the Spanish program next year. The current plan is for students in grades six through eight to have class twice a week. The lower grades will continue having Spanish once a week. The junior high program will be online and will utilize our new chrome books. Changing vendors is the result of a philosophical shift toward preparing students for high school Spanish and away from mere exposure to the language. Please encourage your child to treat this subject as they would religion, math, science, etc..

Next year we will begin the process of Accreditation. This is a valuable time to reflect on where Communion of Saints has been and where it is going. We will be developing educational and religious goals that will sustain us for five years. With that in mind, as I alluded to earlier in this letter, there will be some shifts in the educational paradigm to keep pace with 21st Century skills requirements. Please stay tuned next year as these subtle changes begin to take place!

You have already witnessed some changes, the uniform policy and summer work for example, which taken in isolation seem trivial. However, these changes are part of the larger goal to build community and improve the educational opportunities for your children. All changes are made with careful consideration and are designed to move us forward in the overall goal mentioned above.

Parents, next year we need you more than ever. Please consider becoming VIRTUS trained so that chaperoning field trips or helping in the school from time to time will be possible. Please get involved in PTO activities. Your involvement sends the message to your child that school is important. Communion of Saints is a warm and welcoming community and it is important to continue to build fellowship.

I will close this very lengthy letter with a final 'thank-you' to Mrs. Borally who has been the friendly face greeting all who enter our building. Her good cheer is surpassed only by her organizational skills! I would also like to thank the faculty and support staff for their flexibility, support and good humor this past year. We are all very excited for the future of Communion of Saints School.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Whiteley

COMMUNION OF SAINTS SCHOOL | TENTATIVE 2017-2018 CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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- 14-18 Faculty Meetings
- 21 Open House 8:30-11:00am
- 21 **Mandatory All School Mass 6:30pm**
- 22 First day of School K-8-7:50am
- 28 Hot Lunch Service Begins
- 29 Curriculum Night K-8 -6:30pm

FEBRUARY 2018

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- 9 Midquarter Progress Reports
- 14 Early Dismissal 1:30pm
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 15 No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 16 No School
- 19 President's Day- No School

SEPTEMBER 2017

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- 4 Labor Day-No School
- 11-22 MAP Standardize Testing
- 17 Catechetical Sunday
- 22 Progress Reports
- 29 No School- Teacher In-Service

MARCH 2018

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- 12-14 Kindergarten Screening
- 16 End of Quarter 3
- 22 Report Cards sent home
- 29 Easter Break 3/29-4/8

OCTOBER 2017

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- 4 Early Dismissal -1:30pm
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 5 No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 6 No School
- 16-20 MAP Standardize Testing
- 25 Quarter 1 ends

APRIL 2018

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- 1 Easter Sunday
- 9 Classes resumes
- 20 Midquarter Progress Reports
- 23- May 4 MAP Standardize Testing

NOVEMBER 2017

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- 2 Report Cards sent home
- 6-10 CogAT Testing Gr. 1
- 8 Picture Makeup Day
- 21 Progress Reports
- 22-26 Thanksgiving Break

MAY 2018

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- 9 Spring Band Concert
- 23 End of Quarter 4
- 22 8th Grade Graduation
- 25 Last Day of School 11:30 dismissal

DECEMBER 2017

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- 3 First Sunday of Advent
- 10 Second Sunday of Advent
- 13 Christmas Band/Music Concert
- 17 Third Sunday of Advent
- 21 Mary Had Baby Program 1:30pm
- 21 Last Day of School
- Christmas Break (12/22-1/4)

HAPPY SUMMER!



Calendar is subject to changes and additions.

Updates will be noted on school Google calendar.

All School Masses will be held once a week.
Day of the week TBD.

JANUARY 2018

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- 3 Teacher In Service Day
- 4 Classes resume for students
- 9 End of the 2nd Quarter
- 15 M.L.King Jr. Day- No School
- 16-29 MAP Standardize Testing
- 18 Report Cards sent home
- 28 Catholic Schools week begins
- 28 Catholic Schools Week
- Open House/ Art Display



COMMUNION of SAINTS SCHOOL

FOSTERING FAITH, SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIP

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Communion of Saints Uniform Policy

Revised for the 2017-2018 school year

School uniforms are required at COS and appropriateness in appearance and dress will be expected of our students at all times. This policy will be enforced by the faculty and staff and the administration will make final decisions and reserves the right to amend the policy as necessary. Please continually check your student's uniform and talk to them about upholding the policy. All uniform items are available at LandsEnd.com.

The updates made to this policy for the 2017-2018 school year have been put into place to reduce uniform costs and will be phased in. Please continue to wear the current year's uniform, school and PE, as long as the uniforms are in good condition and your child has not out grown them.

Boys

Grades K-5: Khaki dress slacks with a belt (elastic waist is acceptable for student in K-3)
Green polo (long sleeve or short sleeve)- 1 polo must have the parish crest
Dark green V-Neck sweater with parish crest-optional
Dark green Half-zip fleece-with parish crest-Lands End only-optional
Socks- solid white, black, brown or tan-**no logos or printed patterns**
Dress shoes- loafer type with laces, buckles or Velcro closure-no shoes above the ankle.
No rubber sole "tennis shoe" type shoes allowed.

Grades 6-8: Khaki dress slacks with a belt
Qtr. 1 and Qtr. 4: Green polo -long sleeve or short sleeve-1 polo must have the parish crest
Qtr. 2 and Qtr. 3: White long sleeve button down Oxford Shirt
Uniform Tie – choice of 2 from Lands End only
Dark green V-Neck sweater with parish crest-optional
Dark green Half-zip fleece-with parish crest-Lands End only-optional
Socks- solid white, black, brown or tan-**no logos or printed patterns**
Dress shoes- loafer type with laces, buckles or Velcro closure- no shoes above the ankle
No rubber sole "tennis shoe" type shoes allowed.

Summer Option: April 1 – September 30

Grades K-8 Khaki Walking Shorts from Lands End or similar to the ones shown.



Girls

Grades K-3: Navy/green polyester plaid jumper-from Lands End only
Skirt/jumper length should be no more than 2 inches above the knee.
Green or White polo shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve)- no crest needed.
Dark green fine gauge cardigan -with parish crest from Lands End only-optional
Dark green Half-zip fleece-with parish crest-Lands End only-optional
Khaki slacks (elastic waist is acceptable) **No "skinny" or "jogging" style pants are to be worn.**
Socks or Tights- white, dark green or navy blue- no logos or printed patterns
Dress shoes -loafer type with laces, buckles or Velcro closure-no shoes above the ankle
No rubber sole "tennis shoe" type shoes allowed

Grades 4-8: Navy/green polyester plaid A-line skirt- from Lands End only
Skirt/jumper length should be no more than 2 inches above the knee.
Green polo shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve)- 1 polo must have the parish crest
Dark green fine gauge cardigan -with parish crest from Lands End only-optional
Dark green Half-zip fleece-with parish crest-Lands End only-optional
Khaki slacks-optional **No "skinny" or "jogging" style pants are to be worn.**
Socks or Tights- white, dark green or navy blue- no logos or printed patterns
School shoe -loafer type with laces, buckles or Velcro closure- no shoes above the ankle
No rubber sole "tennis shoe" type shoes allowed

Summer Option: April 1 – September 30 Grades K-8 Khaki Walking Shorts from Lands End or similar to the ones shown.



Grades K-8 PE Uniform

- Green gym shorts-Lands End only- no logo needed
- Gray T-shirt—long or short sleeve-**logo needed**- Lands End only
- Green or Heather Gray Sweatpants from Lands End or similar to the ones shown- no logo needed
- Gray Embroidered Sweatshirt- logo-Lands End only -optional



Grooming and Accessories

As the purpose for wearing a uniform is to allow the students to focus on their academic and spiritual growth, there are additional Dress Code practices that must be observed.

1. Students will be well groomed at all times. This includes fundamental hygiene, as well as uniforms being clean and in good repair. This further includes that shirts be tucked in at all times and that where belt loops are present, a belt is worn and shoelaces tied. The exception is students in grades K-3 are not required to wear belts as elastic waist pants are highly recommended.
2. Hair length for boys should be above the collar in the back, above the ears, and bangs shall not be lower than the top of the eyebrows. No facial hair is permitted, including moustaches, goatees, or sideburns that extend below the middle ear. Hairstyles shall be conservative. Hair decorations for girls shall be limited to one or two barrettes, clips, etc. and shall not distract from the overall conservative look of the Communion of Saints School uniform. No student, male or female, shall be permitted to alter the color of his/her hair in any way.
3. Jewelry is limited to one ring, one bracelet OR watch, and one religious or plain necklace for girls. One small pair of stud earrings is permissible, but no hoops or trendy earrings are allowed. No other piercing or decorations are permitted.
4. Boys may wear a watch, one religiously oriented bracelet, and a religious necklace. Boys may not wear earrings. No chains, hemp braids, gel bracelets, tattooing, etc. are permitted for either boys or girls.
5. **Apple watches and any smart watches that have the ability to text, email etc. are not permitted.**
6. Make-up (including tinted lip-gloss) is not permitted. If nail polish is worn, it must be a natural or light color. Artificial nails are not allowed.
7. Shoes shall be of the loafer type, with laces, buckles, or Velcro closures. Slip-on loafers are permitted. No boots, boot-type, mules, or sandals are allowed. **No tennis shoes or tennis shoe style of any kind are to be worn for the regular school day.** Heels shall be less than 1" with no platforms styles permitted.
8. Only plain white undershirts are to be worn under the uniform tops.

This policy will be included in the Parent/Student Handbook and will be available online July 1st.

SUPPLY LIST 2017-2018

KINDERGARTEN

1 Book Bag
2 box of Crayons 24ct.
1 glue (large bottle)
4 glue sticks
1 sets of index cards (3x5 ruled)
4 laddie pencils with erasers
1 box 8 count markers
1 pencil case (soft shell, NO boxes)
1 pink eraser
1 pair scissors (blunt)
4 dry erase markers-fine tip
1 spiral notebook (1 subject any color)
1 two pocket folder – RED
2 ream (500 sheets) Copy Paper
3 boxes baby wipes (unscented)
2 rolls paper towels
2 packages Napkins
2 large tissue boxes
1 Art shirt
1 change of clothes including socks/underwear

GRADE ONE

1 box #2 pencils- 12 count
3 boxes 24 count crayons
1 set addition flash cards
1 set subtraction flash cards
1 bottle glue (large)
6 glue sticks
1 set index cards 3x5, ruled
12 Laddie pencils with erasers
1 pencil case (soft shell, NO boxes)
1 pink pencil eraser
1 pair scissors (blunt)
1 spiral notebooks (1 subject; any color)
2 two pocket folders- any color
2 Ream (500 sheets) Copy Paper
1 8oz bottle of hand sanitizer-(not soap)
4 resealable baby wipes
1 book bag
1 package zip-lock bags- quart size (last name A-M)
1 package zip-lock bags- gallon size(last name N-Z)
1 rolls paper towels
2 large tissue boxes
1 Art shirt

GRADE TWO

1 Book bag
2 boxes #2 pencils (12 count)
4 box crayons- 24 count
1 box thick markers (8-12 count)
1 box fine tip markers (8-12 count)
4 glue sticks
1 package quart size zip-lock bags- BOYS only
1 package gallon size zip-lock bags- GIRLS only
1 pencil case (soft shell-NO boxes)
4 pink pencil eraser
1 pair scissors (blunt)
2 one subject spiral notebooks- wide ruled
1 marble composition notebook
1 two pocket folder – RED
2 Ream (500 sheets) Copy Paper
1 8oz. bottle hand sanitizer (not soap)
1 resealable baby wipes (unscented)
2 containers non bleach disinfectant wipes
1 roll paper towels
2 large tissue boxes
1 Art shirt

GRADE THREE

2 box #2 pencils- 12 count
1 box colored pencils-12 count
1 box crayons- 24 count
1 set multiplication flash cards
1 set division flash cards
1 8 pocket folder spiral Esselte
2 glue stick
3 Mead Composition Book (wide rule) black marble
1 highlighter-yellow
1 red pen
1 pencil case (soft shell-NO boxes)
1 pink pencil eraser
2 dry erase markers-chisel tip
1 ruler (U.S. & metric)
1 pair scissors- sharp
3 spiral 1 subject notebooks- blue, yellow, green
1 two pocket folder- any color (Spanish)
1 set earbuds
1 jump drive
3 jumbo stretchable book covers (11 x 8 1/2)
1 roll clear contact paper- to cover workbooks
2 Ream (500 sheets) Copy Paper
1 book bag
2 resealable baby wipes (unscented)
1 container non bleach disinfectant wipes
2 rolls paper towels
3 large tissue boxes
1 Art shirt

SUPPLY LIST 2017-2018

GRADES 4, 5

2 boxes #2 pencils-12 count ea.
1 box colored pencils-12 count
1 composition book
1 box crayons-24 count
2 package filler paper-wide ruled
1 7 pocket flexible folder (accordion type)
2 glue sticks
1 highlighter-yellow
3 set index cards, 3x5, ruled
1 box markers-8 count
1 package black pens- 12 count
4 red pens
2 dry erase markers – 4th GRADE
3 dry erase markers- 5th GRADE
1 pencil case (soft shell-NO boxes)
2 pink pencil erasers
1 protractor
1 ruler (U.S. & metric)
1 pair scissors (sharp)
2 spiral notebooks-3 subject-1 yellow, 1 black
3 spiral notebooks-1 subject-1 green, 1blue, 1 red
2 Ream (500 sheets) Copy Paper
8G USB flash drive
Headphones -midsize
1 book bag
1 resealable baby wipes (unscented)
1 container non bleach disinfectant wipes
1 package zip-lock bags – sandwich size
1 package zip-lock bags- gallon size
1 roll paper towels
2 large boxes tissues
1 Art shirt

GRADE 6

2 boxes #2 pencils-12 count ea.
1 box colored pencils-12 count
1 composition book black marble
1 box crayons-24 count
2 package filler paper-wide ruled
2 glue sticks
1 highlighter-yellow
4 set index cards, 3x5, ruled
1 box markers-8 count
1 package black pens- 12 count
4 red pens
1 pencil case (soft shell-NO boxes)
2 pink pencil erasers
1 protractor
1 ruler (U.S. & metric)
1 pair scissors
3 1 ½ inch 3 ring binders

GRADES 6 (CONTINUED)

2 1 inch 3 ring binder
3 hole punch – to fit in binders
2 Ream (500 sheets) Copy Paper
8G USB flash drive
1 set earbuds
1 book bag
1 resealable baby wipes (unscented)
1 container non bleach disinfectant wipes
1 roll paper towels
2 large boxes tissues
1 Art shirt

GRADES 7 & 8

3 boxes #2 pencils- 12 count ea.
1 box colored pencils -12 count
3 composition books
10 packages filler paper-wide ruled
2 glue stick
5 highlighters-assorted colors
3 packages index cards, 3x5, ruled
1 box markers- 8 count
Black or blue pens- 24
Red pens-12
1 pencil case (soft shell, NO boxes)
1 pink pencil eraser
24 Eraser caps for pencils
1 pair scissors (sharp)
1 small pencil sharpener that catches shavings
4- 1 ½ inch three ring binders
20 binder dividers- no pockets
2 Ream (500 sheets) Copy Paper
1 package graph paper
1 8oz bottle hand sanitizer
1 box baby wipes (unscented)
1 Book bag
1 non bleach disinfectant wipes
1 roll paper towels
2 large tissue boxes
1 Art shirt

ORDER TODAY!

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