



May 21, 2026

Dear SCSS Families,

## **A Beautiful Week at SCSS**

### **What a beautiful week we have had at Saint Catherine of Siena School.**

Today, our eighth graders had the special opportunity to attend Mass with Bishop Caggiano alongside eighth grade students from Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport. This beautiful tradition takes place each year and serves as a meaningful opportunity for our graduating students to come together in faith as they prepare for the next chapter of their educational journey. We are so proud of our eighth graders and the young men and women they have become during their time at SCSS.

Our Spring Concert was truly exceptional, and I could not be more proud of our students. Their voices, enthusiasm, confidence, and patriotism filled the room with joy as we celebrated America through music and song. The students looked wonderful, and it was amazing to witness how much they have learned and grown throughout the year in music class.

A very special thank you goes to Dr. Rosemary Boone for her incredible dedication, passion, and hard work this year. The concert was beautifully organized, polished, and uplifting, and it was evident how much time and care went into preparing our students. We are so grateful for the gift of music she brings to our school community.

### **Celebrating Our Eighth Grade Students**

Last week, our eighth grade students also enjoyed a wonderful Graduation Dance celebration. It was truly a special evening for our students as they continue to celebrate these important milestone moments together with their classmates and families.

A very special thank you to Mrs. Rizzitelli for her tremendous time, dedication, and hard work in organizing such a memorable event for our students. We are also grateful to Mrs. Berezhanskyy for the beautiful balloon arch which added so much to the celebration as well the team of volunteers who gave up so much of their time to make this evening so special.

[Access the shared photo album here.](#)

### **Thank You for Your Partnership**

Thank you as well to all of the parents who attended our recent Parent Coffees.

I truly value the opportunity to meet together, answer questions, hear feedback, and continue strengthening the partnership between home and school. Your support, ideas, and collaboration are deeply appreciated.

I would also like to thank our Home School Association for continuing to partner with us as we begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year. We look forward to sharing the school calendar with families shortly. We are excited to welcome Dr Trifiatis to the HSA Board and look forward to working together in support of our students, families, and school community. We are deeply grateful to Ms. Kathy Onofrio for her outstanding service on the HSA board over the past 18 months. Her thoughtful contributions and steady commitment have made a meaningful impact on our school community, and we thank her for her time and dedication.

## **Upcoming Events and Celebrations**

As we continue through this exciting time of year, we are looking forward to many special events and celebrations ahead.

This Friday, our Pre-K through Grade 2 students will enjoy Field Day, which is always a favorite tradition filled with fun, laughter, and school spirit.

We are also excited for our upcoming student showcases:

- Third Grade Wax Museum – Tuesday, May 26
  - Second Grade International Night – Wednesday, May 27
- (All are welcome to attend.)

The greatest joy for me as principal is seeing how much our students have learned academically, socially, and spiritually throughout the school year. Watching their confidence grow and witnessing the incredible young people they are becoming is truly the greatest celebration of all.

## **Memorial Day Weekend**

As we approach Memorial Day Weekend, we pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We are deeply grateful for their courage and service, and we pray for all military families during this special weekend of remembrance.

We wish all of our SCSS families a safe, peaceful, and meaningful holiday weekend.

## **Looking Ahead**

I would also like to share that we will be hosting a comprehensive State of the School presentation in the fall, which will include important updates and reports from our Advisory Board.

In addition, I am excited to share that both the Vestibule Project and the Playground Project remain on schedule to begin this summer. We are grateful for the continued support, enthusiasm, and partnership of our school community as we continue enhancing the safety and experience of our students and families.

## **Updates and reminders from the Nurse**

Catholic schools are bound by the laws of the State of CT.

Please see the updates and reminders from the Nurse section of the website to ensure that your student is in compliance. The Nurse has contacted all families who have not met the requirements for their grade level. Your student will be excluded from school until compliance has been met.

Students entering 7th grade must have the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines in order to meet the requirements. Students will not be allowed to begin 7th grade until the immunization record is on file in the health office.

Current 3rd and 6th grade students who have not submitted an updated physical and immunization record will be excluded from school starting June 2, 2026.

[Immunization Requirements for Enrolled Students in Connecticut Schools](#)

Thank you, as always, for your support, partnership, and commitment to Saint Catherine of Siena School. Looking forward to seeing everyone as we enjoy these final weeks together.

Warm regards,

Michelle Powrie  
Principal



**Office of the School Counselor - Saint Catherine of Siena School**  
190 Shelton Road, Trumbull, Connecticut 06611 203.375.1947 -  
scsscounselor@scsstrumbull.org

Dear St. Catherine of Siena School Families,

During the month of May, students will be studying the virtue of Self-Control. The definition of Self-Control is: "Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires." We are connecting the Virtue of the month to the Beatitude "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God." We keep our hearts clean when we practice Self-Control by directing our attention toward making the right choices, doing good, and serving God and others.

Here are a few practical examples of behaviors you can encourage at home in order to help your children to cultivate the virtue of Self-Control:

- Following directions and rules, even when others are not
- Listening to others without interrupting or becoming distracted
- Keeping hands to self
- Using kind words and resolving problems peacefully, even when upset
- Being quiet and praying reverently in Church

In Christ,  
Ms. Foertsch

## Looking Ahead:



5/22: Field Day - Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

5/25: No School - Memorial Day

5/26: 8th Grade Finals begin

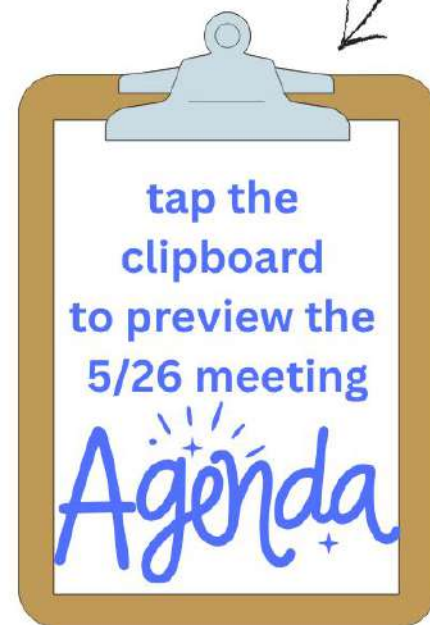
5/26: HSA Meeting\* @ 6:30pm - last one of the year **\*new date** (was 5/19)

[Virtual Meeting - access via Zoom link here](#)

5/26: 3rd Grade Wax Museum **\*new date** (was 5/28)

5/27: International Night, hosted by the Second Grade 5-6:30pm

5/28: Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip



## **June:**

6/1: Field Day Grades 3-8 **\*new date** (was 6/8)

6/1: Grades K - 2 Field Trip

6/3: Pre-K Last Day!

Pre-K 4 Celebration @ 9:00am - Pre-K 3 Celebration @ 10:30am

6/5: 8th Grade Mass @ 9am - Breakfast to follow

6/5: 8th Grade Graduation

6/8: Middle School Finals Begin

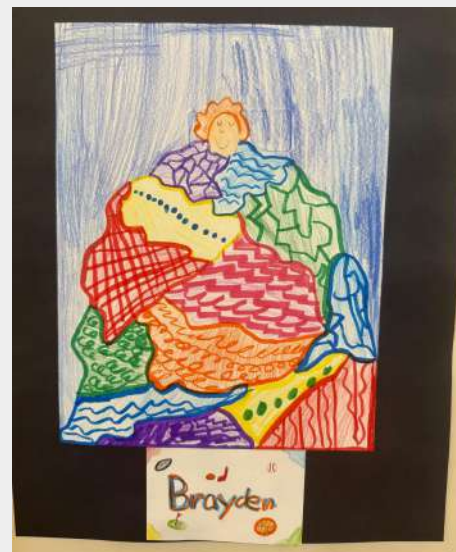
6/10: School Mass

6/11 & 6/12: Early Dismissal

6/12: Last Day of School!









*You're invited to SCS&S  
2<sup>nd</sup> grades first*

# INTERNATIONAL *Night*

*Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30pm  
in the Family Center*

*Come get your passport and collect stamps as you taste  
your way around the world!*





WE ARE BEGINNING TO PLAN FOR THE

**2026-2027**

*school year*

AND ARE LOOKING FOR PARENTS  
INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A



**K-7 ROOM PARENT!**



Room Parents play an important role in supporting teachers, helping coordinate classroom activities, and fostering communication within the school community.



If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the **Google Form** linked **HERE** and indicate the grade level(s) you are interested in supporting.



*Thank you for supporting our school community!*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Early Dismissal
4 <b>Pizza by the Slice</b> Cheese or Pepperoni <b>GF Cheese Pizza</b>	5 <b>Chicken Tenders</b> French Fries Orange Slices	6 <b>Penne Alfredo w/ Chicken</b> Broccoli Whole Grain Roll	7 <b>Meatball Parm Sandwich</b> Macaroni Salad Cinnamon Apples	8 Early Dismissal
11 <b>Pizza by the Slice</b> Cheese or Pepperoni <b>GF Cheese Pizza</b>	12 <b>Popcorn Chicken</b> French Fries Orange Slices	13 <b>Ziti w/ Meatballs</b> Green Beans Whole Grain Roll	14 <b>Chicken Patty on Roll</b> Pretzels Cucumber Slices	15 <b>Mozzarella Sticks w/ marinara</b> Chips Fruit Cup
18 <b>Pizza by the Slice</b> Cheese or Pepperoni <b>GF Cheese Pizza</b>	19 <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> French Fries Orange Slices	20 <b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b> Pulled BBQ Chicken Cornbread	21 <b>Hot Dog</b> Macaroni Salad Chips	22 <b>Pancakes w/ Syrup</b> Sausage Links Fruit Cup
25 <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 <b>Chicken Tenders</b> French Fries Orange Slices	27 <b>Buttered Penne w/ Chicken</b> Broccoli Whole Grain Roll	28 <b>Burger or Cheeseburger</b> Chips Apple Slices	29 <b>Mozzarella Sticks w/ marinara</b> Chips Fruit Cup

Daily Sandwich Options (Served w/ Lays Chips & Fruit Cup): Turkey & Cheese | SunButter & Jelly on Whole Wheat or Gluten Free Bread  
 Daily Bento Box: Turkey & Cheese Roll Ups, Hummus w/ Pita, Cucumber & Carrot Sticks, Fruit Salad  
 Daily Salads: Monday- House Salad w/ Chicken | Tuesday-Chicken Caesar | Weds-Chef Salad | Thurs- House Salad w/ Chicken | Friday- Chicken Caesar  
 Daily Add Ons: Stonyfield Yogurt & Nut Free Granola Parfait | Fresh Fruit Cup | Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies

Our facility is FREE from Peanut | Tree Nut | Sesame  
 We take food allergies seriously, reach out to our team for information! [order.catamount@gmail.com](mailto:order.catamount@gmail.com)  
 Consuming raw or uncooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illnesses.

Click the menu to enlarge & [tap here to log in/order](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <b>Pizza by the Slice</b> Cheese or Pepperoni <b>GF Cheese Pizza</b>	2 <b>Chicken Tenders</b> French Fries Orange Slices	3 <b>Baked Ziti</b> Broccoli Whole Grain Roll	4 <b>Beef Tacos w/ Cheese</b> Spanish Rice Apple Sauce	5 <b>Waffles w/ Syrup</b> Sausage Links Fruit Cup
8 <b>Pizza by the Slice</b> Cheese or Pepperoni <b>GF Cheese Pizza</b>	9 <b>Popcorn Chicken</b> French Fries Orange Slices	10 <b>Buttered Penne w/ Chicken</b> Broccoli Whole Grain Roll	11 Early Dismissal	12 Early Dismissal <b>*Last Day of School*</b>

Daily Sandwich Options (Served w/ Lays Chips & Fruit Cup): Turkey & Cheese | SunButter & Jelly on Whole Wheat or Gluten Free Bread  
 Daily Bento Box: Turkey & Cheese Roll Ups, Hummus w/ Pita, Cucumber & Carrot Sticks, Fruit Salad  
 Daily Salads: Monday- House Salad w/ Chicken | Tuesday-Chicken Caesar | Weds-Chef Salad | Thurs- House Salad w/ Chicken | Friday- Chicken Caesar  
 Daily Add Ons: Stonyfield Yogurt & Nut Free Granola Parfait | Fresh Fruit Cup | Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies

Our facility is FREE from Peanut | Tree Nut | Sesame  
 We take food allergies seriously, reach out to our team for information! [order.catamount@gmail.com](mailto:order.catamount@gmail.com)  
 Consuming raw or uncooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illnesses.

# Coming Soon to St. Catherine's

**The Solemnity of Pentecost**  
Sunday, May 24, 10am-2pm  
Regular Mass Schedule

**Memorial Day Confessions**  
Monday, May 25, 10am-2pm  
Before the cookout begins, come make a good confession this Memorial Day. What a great way to start the summer!

**Farewell Mass & Reception for Fr. Ocran**  
Sunday, May 31, 11am Mass  
Reception to follow.

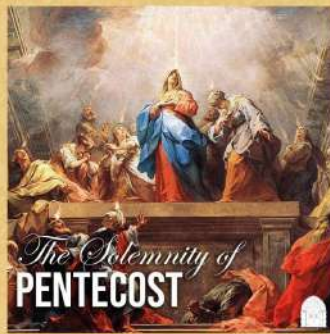
**First Friday Adoration**  
June 5, 11am-3pm

**The Solemnity of Corpus Christi**  
June 7, Eucharistic Procession to follow the 11am Mass

**Deacon Toole's 15th Anniversary of Diaconate Ordination**  
Sunday, June 14, 11am Mass  
Reception to follow.

## ONGOING PARISH EVENTS:

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy of the Word.**  
Resumes in September
- ♦ **Confession & Adoration.** Tue 6-8pm
- ♦ **Scripture Study with Dn Toole.** Wed 6:30pm
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**  
First Fri 10am-3pm
- ♦ **Rosary.** Mon-Thu 8am



"IF YOU WANT TO FIND PEACE WITH GOD AND YOURSELF, START GOING TO CONFESSION FREQUENTLY. IT REALLY WORKS."  
- Patrick Mahony



Mrs. Keeney's  
Cup of Positivi-tea!

WHAT DO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND A SAD CANDY CANE HAVE IN COMMON?

Little sips of joy for your week

If you'd like to connect with a current Scouting and SCSS family, Mr. Trifiatis is happy to answer any questions and share his daughter's positive experience being part of the troop.

You can reach him at [ptrifiatis@gmail.com](mailto:ptrifiatis@gmail.com).

# Scout Troops 88 & 188

invite you to our

# YEAR END PARTY!

**FOOD** | **GAMES** | **SCOUT SKILLS** | **CAMPFIRE**

**MAY 27, 2026 • 7PM**

Come meet our scouts and talk to our parents about our programming and what makes Troop 88 & 188 so great!

**Location: Grace Methodist Church - 1089 Fairfield Woods Road 06825**

Questions? Contact Jennifer Burbank @ [jburbank03@gmail.com](mailto:jburbank03@gmail.com)