

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF
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9/30/2016

Dear Parents,

I have prepared a description of the events you can expect your Middle School student(s) to experience this year as part of our House System. While this letter does cover a large majority of the events, it does not detail every element of the House. Our first House sheet will be due on Monday and our October point sheet will go home the same day. If you have any questions, please ask the Middle School teachers or myself.

House Feast Days

House captains will read a short biography of their Saint at morning assembly and the House will wear their shirts regardless of the day of week. Students should coordinate making this a celebration for all Middle School students. The celebration would be held at lunch with baked goods or some sort of celebratory item to be given to all Houses. House Captains will help coordinate this activity.

House Feast Day Celebration Dates

Kateri House: October 21 (Celebration on her Canonization Date, July 14 is the Actual Feast Day)

Francis House: October 4

Drexel House: March 3

Aquinas House January 30 (January 28 Actual Feast Day)

Patrick House March 10 (March 17 Actual Feast Day)

House Elves

Following Thanksgiving Break, each House will begin to leave small gifts, cards or do fun things for the entire class they were assigned. Think of this as a type of Advent Angel. Each House was randomly assigned one of the Early Childhood Classes:

Patrick House: Part Time Pre-Kindergarten 3 & 4

Aquinas House: Pre-Kindergarten 3 Full Time

Francis House: Pre-Kindergarten 4 Full Time

Kateri House: Kindergarten-Emerson

Drexel House: Kindergarten-Tener

A House Mass will be held on May 18 and will award the following...

The Mass is a standard Thursday Mass where we recognize the following after Communion.

House Cup: Most Points for an entire House

Service Cup: Most Service Hours for an entire House
Academic Cup: Highest GPA of all Houses combined
Punctuality Award: Awarded to the House with the fewest tardies and absences.
We will also recognize outgoing Captains

House Social Dates

A focus for this school year will be giving more opportunities for all of our middle school students to socialize with one another. The Middle School Team is instituting a quarterly House Social. These socials are intended to give students a chance to relax and build relationships with one another. The intention is not to have competitions for House points. The first Social is quickly approaching and will be hosted by the Middle School Deans and Mr. Luetkemeyer immediately following afternoon dismissal.

October 6: First Quarter House Social- Ice Cream Social
December 8: Second Quarter House Social : Inflatables
March 23: Third Quarter House Social : Pizza Party
May 17: Fourth Quarter House Social : To Be Announced

Parent Help!

The best way to keep the House System fun and entertaining is to have new events and activities. The House System is not a budgeted item and we still need funds to purchase Giant Jenga sets as well as prizes and incentives for monthly and yearly awards for Houses. If you would like to donate old ties for the Principal Challenge in October, please send one to Mr. Luetkemeyer.

The House System is an incredibly positive experience and we are always hoping to improve on a fun, team building atmosphere in our middle school. The last two pages are printouts that can be placed on the refrigerator for kids and parents to know of the events coming up for our students.

Middle School Dates

October 3: House Point Sheets Due/New Point Sheets Passed Out
October 4: Francis House Feast Day Celebration
October 6: First Quarter House Social: Ice Cream Social
October 21: Kateri House Feast Day Celebration/House Lunch (Deans & Houses eat as a group)
October 24-28: Principal Challenge-Tie a Tie
October 27: Captain Lunch with Mr. Muchmore
October 31: House Point Sheets Due/New Point Sheets Passed Out
November 11: House Lunch (Deans and Houses eat as a group)
November 17: Captain Lunch with Ms. Petromilli
November 18: Principal Challenge and House Challenge at 8:15
November 28: Start of House Elves
November 30: House Point Sheets Due/New Point Sheets Passed Out
December 2: House Lunch (Deans and Houses eat as a group)
December 8: Second Quarter House Social: Inflatables
December 15: Captain Lunch with Mr. Ashworth
December 16: Principal Challenge due to Mr. Luetkemeyer
December 21: House Challenge/House Point Sheets Due/New Point Sheets Passed Out
January 6: House Lunch (Deans and Houses eat as a group)
January 19: Captain Lunch with Mrs. Holland
January 26: House Challenge: Door Decorating Contest
January 27: Principal Challenge Due
January 30: Aquinas House Feast Day Celebration
January 31: House Point Sheets Due/New Point Sheets Passed Out
February 2: Trivia Bowl @1:30
February 3: Dodgeball Tournament @1:30
February 15: Captain Lunch with Mrs. Shannon
February 24: House Lunch (Deans and Houses eat as a group)
February 28: House Point Sheets Due/New Point Sheets Passed Out
March 3: Drexel House Feast Day Celebration
March 10: Patrick House Feast Day Celebration
March 23: House Challenge/Captain Lunch with Mr. Luetkemeyer/**Third Quarter House Social**
March 24: House Lunch (Deans and Houses eat as a group)
March 31: House Point Sheets Due/New Point Sheets Passed Out (April and May is on one Point Sheet)
April 7: House Lunch (Deans/Houses eat as a group)/House Challenge @ 8:15 Capture the Flag
April 18: Lenten Challenge DUE
April 30: Memorial Marathon Participation DUE
April 27: Captain Lunch with Mr. Luetkemeyer
May 4: Captain Lunch with Mr. Luetkemeyer
May 17: Fourth Quarter House Social

May 18: House Mass

May 18: House Lunch

May 26 Field Day Challenge (Points go towards 2017-2018 points)

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2016-2017 House Challenges and Principal Challenges

Month	House Challenge	Principal Challenge
August	August 26 @8:30 House Bowling	
September	September 30 @8:15 Human Battleship	September 22: Name all of your House mates (Dean's Choice on time)
October	October 28 @8:15 Hungry, Hungry Houses	Tie a Tie: Week of October 24-28
November	November 18 @8:15 House Jenga	November 18: Name the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy: Afternoon House Time
December	December 21 @1:45 To Be Announced	Create a CSSE Commercial using digital cameras to film and edit a commercial for an aspect of the school. Topics must be approved by Mr. Luetkemeyer. Due by December 16th.
January	CSW Door Decoration Contest to be completed by January 26th. The project can begin in late December.	Artistic Representation of your House Saint due to Mr. Luetkemeyer January 27.
February	February 2: Trivia Bowl @1:30 February 3: Dodgeball Tournament @1:30	No Principal Challenge due to the many events of Catholic Schools Week
March	March 23: Duct Tape Challenge @8:15	Lenten Challenge (See details below)
April	April 7: Capture the House Flag	Lenten Challenge DUE April 18 Memorial Marathon Participation DUE April 30, 2017

May	May 26 Field Day Challenge (Points go towards 2017-2018 points)	No Principal Challenge
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Lenten Principal Challenge

I hope you have been enjoying our monthly Principal Challenge for our Middle School House system. Typically, we have one challenge per month. As we prepare for Lent, however, we will be having a Lenten Principal Challenge over the course of two months. The purpose of our Lenten Challenge is to invite students to take advantage of opportunities to grow in their faith. Students will receive double the points of a typical Principal Challenge in March for successfully completing the following.

- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once. (Non-Catholics are encouraged to attend a Penance Rite or take time to pray during a time that a Priest is hearing confessions.)
- Attend one weekday morning or evening Mass other than School Mass.
- Pray the Rosary (As a group, individually, or as a family).
- Attend Adoration and/or Stations of the Cross at least once over the course of the Lenten Season. Stations of the Cross during the school day does not count.

Parents and families are encouraged to take part in these activities. Students are asked to have their parents sign off on their engagement of all four activities.

DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, April 18!

Activity	Date	Parent Signature
Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Attend weekday morning or evening Mass of than a school Mass.	(Please include time)	
Pray the Rosary		
Attend adoration and/or Stations of the Cross		

(Stations at school does not count)	(Please include time)	
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