



The Latest Word

St. Perpetua School - Weekly Newsletter

February 7, 2024

Weekly Update from Mrs. Gotchet



Today, we had a visiting priest, Fr. Ken, at our All-School Mass. He spoke about the “menu of our heart.” The “menu of our heart” is what makes us who we are. What virtues or vices are we going to choose from our menu each day? Are we going to wake up choosing to be jealous? Or are we going to wake up choosing to be empathetic? How are we going to end our day - with gratitude or greed? God has equipped us with all that we need to make the right choices every day, it is our duty to listen to him and follow his example to live our life rooted in our faith. Also, Fr. Ken taught us all the “WOW” clap today! Please ask your child to give you a “WOW” clap - it’ll be sure to bring a smile to your face!

Tomorrow, Thursday, February 8th is our State of the School address. Please join us in the Community Center at 6pm. We will talk all things St. Perpetua. We will look at the progress and successes of the current school year as well as looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year (first day of school, tuition, etc.). Please join us after the presentation for refreshments and appetizers and to mingle with other school families, staff, and school board members. This is a parent-only event.

In the spirit of the Super Bowl, students are invited to wear Niners, Chiefs, red, white, or gold attire ONLY. If students do not wish to participate, they must wear their full uniform. I pray you all have a safe, fun Super Bowl weekend! Go Niners!

The Sweetheart Dance is this Friday! I know how special this event is for our girls and their fathers. If the girls are getting their nails done for the big night, girls in TK-7 may come to school Friday 2/9 with them done and they may keep the polish on for the following week. All nail polish must be removed by the time the girls come to school on Tuesday, February 20th.

School Schedule and Calendar

Normal Bell Schedule

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:00 - 3:05pm
- Wednesdays: 9:00 - 3:05pm - Late start and mass uniforms
- Fridays: Cafe Perpetua 7:20 - 9:30am ~ unless stated as a 'No Cafe' day ~ (cash or check only). Students may wear St. Perpetua spirit-wear tops and uniform bottoms.
- [Lunch Schedule](#)

Next 10 Days

- Thursday, 2/8 - State of the School Presentation in the Community Center: 6:00 - 8:00
- Friday, 2/9 - [Fat Tuesday Cookie Order Forms](#) due by 8am
- Friday, 2/9 - **Cafe Perpetua Open** 7:20 - 9:30 am
- Friday, 2/9 - [Sweetheart Dance](#) in the Community Center: 6:45pm - 10:00 pm
- Tuesday, 2/23 - Fat Tuesday Cookies at recess (**Pre-Orders Only!**)
- Wednesday, 2/14 - Ash Wednesday ~ School Mass, students wear mass uniform
- Thursday, 2/15 - students have red, white, & pink 'valentine free dress'
- Friday, 2/16 - **NO SCHOOL** ~ enjoy a 4-day holiday!
- Monday, 2/19 - **NO SCHOOL** Holiday

Other Important Dates

- Friday, 2/23 - **NOON Dismissal (NO Panther House care)**
- Friday, 2/23 - **Cafe Perpetua Open** 7:20 - 9:30 am
- Friday, 2/23 - [Taste of St. Perpetua](#) in the Community Center: 6:30pm - 9:30 pm
- Thursday, 2/29 - Last day of the current Scrip profit tracking period (3/1/23 - 2/29/24)
- Friday, 3/1 - Deadline to submit bookmark entry for Lafayette Library contest
- Friday, 3/1 - **Cafe Perpetua Open** 7:20 - 9:30 am

- Tuesday, 3/5 - Trimester 2 ends
- Tuesday, 3/5 ~ Wednesday, 3/6 - Book Faire in the school library

Monthly School Calendar

Late Pick-Ups and End-Of-Day Dismissal Updates ~ Please Note This Important Information

- **Our dismissal & pick-up window is 3:05 - 3:20pm**
- All students/family groups/carpools need to be picked up from the outside door youngest child's classroom
- Students will no longer be allowed to leave the dismissal classroom during the dismissal window to change into after-school clothes, find their parents elsewhere on campus, or any other reason ~ **this is a new safety protocol**
- Students who have permission to walk off campus will be sent down to the front office by their homeroom teacher at 3:20, where they will be allowed to walk off campus once office staff has confirmed that permission is on file
- At 3:20, homeroom teachers will send all remaining students down to the front office, where they will be sent over to Panther House with notification from office staff to Panther House ~ **this is a new policy**
- Front office staff will notify parents by email or text that their child(ren)/carpool members can be picked up at Panther House
- Unscheduled drop-ins will have a \$25 fee (per family/carpool pick-up parent) for each unscheduled event (with a cap of \$150, the normal registration fee for Panther House) and will be billed @ \$12 per student, billed in hourly increments

St. Perpetua Auction - Saturday, April 13th

Become a sponsor for this year's event!

Can your business or family help to underwrite our event? We have levels that begin at \$500 up to \$5,000 and include different levels of marketing. [Learn more here](#) or contact [Mandy Fisher](#) for more information.



Become a Sponsor!

Auction Website

Student Leadership is having a 'Fat Tuesday' Cookie Sale!

Leadership will be selling pink frosted cookies on Tuesday, 2/13

- \$2 for two cookies, packaged with a Hershey's kiss
- Pre-orders only
- **Deadline to turn in form is Friday, 2/9 at 8:00 am**
- [Cookie Order Form](#)



Congratulations to all our spelling bee finalists and our champion, Matthew Billante!

1st - Drew Freda, Arianna Adler



2nd - Charlie Bolger, Thomas Voelker
3rd - Hope Lazzareschi, Chase Rothenberg
4th - Grier Smigelski, John Michael Thomma
5th - Matthew Billante, Gus Toben
6th - Quinn Blanz, Alyssa Gonili
7th - Mason Ross, Brendan Whelan
8th - Storm Chipman, Nicholas Davitiani

Matthew Billante and our runner-up, Quinn Blanz, will go on to compete in the first stage of the regional spelling bee next week. Good luck!



Taste of St. Perpetua is coming on Feb. 23rd!

Taste of St Perpetua is an annual community event which entails volunteers of our community making their specialty recipes from appetizers to desserts. It will be held on Friday, **February 23rd at 6:30 in the Community Hall.**

Buy your tickets **HERE!**

Like to cook? Have a family recipe you want to showcase? **We are in need of chefs to make this event a success.** If you love to cook (and you do NOT need to be a professional or have any prior food experience), please consider participating! Have a favorite go-to appetizer or family favorite recipe for a dessert, please make it! Feel free to partner up with a friend, if you'd like.

Deadline to sign up to be a chef is Wednesday, February 14th.

Email Heidi Kuss at heidiaakuss@gmail.com to sign up and answer any questions you may have.

Financial Assistance for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

Families can apply for need-based financial support through FACE and The BASIC Fund. All financial aid awards are evaluated by FACTS, a third-party facilitator, and are based solely upon a family's demonstrated need. Families may be awarded either a FACE or BASIC award but not both. In addition, St. Perpetua School also offers school-funded tuition assistance through our Tuition Assistance Fund. This assistance is awarded after the FACE and BASIC awards have been determined. St. Perpetua Assistance is also evaluated using the FACTS analysis, so all interested families must submit an application through FACTS in order to request this financial assistance.

FACE (Family-Aid Catholic Education) Tuition Application is now available. FACTS is the third-party vendor used to process and analyze all FACE applications. If you do not already have an account, you will need to create one. Please choose your school; you will also see "FACE" as "Other organizations." Checking the box ensures FACE will see your application. The application's due date is March 31, 2024. If all required documents have not been submitted prior to March 31, your application will not be eligible for review and possible assistance.

The BASIC Fund also offers financial assistance. The **Basic Fund Application** is online and **open to families with at least one child attending private school for the first time**. The earlier you apply, the better your chances are of receiving a scholarship. Families applying for new siblings for the first time must apply **by March 29, 2024**. Renewal applications will open later in March. **BASIC Flyer**

Please contact Kim Fogarty at 925-430-6732 with any questions about the financial aid process.

Have you met your Scrip profit obligation??

All families have a Scrip profit obligation, per the Family Agreement you signed as part of the admission process for this 2023-2024 school year.

- The current tracking period is 3/1/23 - 2/29/24, so you still have time to earn your Scrip profit!

- New families starting the 2023-2024 school year have a \$125 **profit** obligation
- All other families have a \$250 **profit** obligation
- Families will be billed on April 1st for any profit shortfall
- New families this year earn tuition credit for earned profits above \$275
- All other families earn tuition credit for earned profits above \$400
- Tuition credits will be issued on April 1st

CYO Track & Field Registration ~ now Open!

CYO Track & Field is a rec program for runners of all levels in grades 2-8.

- The St Perpetua, St Monica and Santa Maria teams train together at practices.
- Registration is now open and athletes from all three parishes can register using the ["Register Now" link](#).
- The registration cost for the 2024 season is \$135 per athlete.

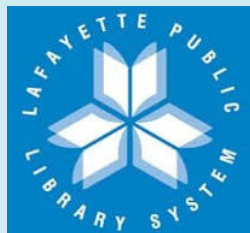


Panther House After-School Care

Panther House after school care is available. Please take time to review the [program details](#). If you are interest in enrolling your child(ren), please fill out the [enrollment form](#) (required for all students).

Submit forms via email to pantherhouse@stperpetuaschool.org.

[February Calendar](#)



Lafayette Library ~ Bookmark Contest

All Lafayette K-8 students are invited to submit original artwork for the bookmark contest! Entry forms will be available from Mr. Foti starting February 9th. Submissions are due to Mr. Foti by March 1st.

See [flyer](#) for details.



Application for 2024-2025 School Year

[Application Link](#) for **NEW STUDENTS** interested in the upcoming school year

Contact Gretchen Trapp, our Admissions Director, gtrapp@csdo.org for more information on class availability or to set up a tour.



Volunteer Opportunities and Links

We need your help at St. Perpetua. Please review the [volunteer participation agreement](#) and sign up now to complete your hours and get to know our wonderful St. Perpetua school community.

Sign Up Now to Volunteer

- [Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed](#)
- [Yard Duty Volunteer](#) - 2 required for each family
- [Crosswalk Volunteer](#) - 1 required for each family
- [Become an 'All Clear' volunteer](#)

[Log Volunteer Hours](#)

[Important Links](#)

- [Choice Lunch Service](#)
 - [PowerSchool Login](#)
 - [Family Directory](#)
 - [Scrip Obligation & ordering information](#)
 - [2023-2024 Parent & Student Handbook](#)
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