

Cathedral-Carmel School
“FAQ” SHEET for New Parents

UNIFORM QUESTIONS

Bloomers - Do the younger girls wear bloomers under their skirts?

Yes, bloomers can be purchased in the Spirit Stop. The Spirit Stop is a Parent Booster Association sponsored shop that is open every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00. It is located right next to the front office. Wearing gym shorts under the skirt is another option.

White Tennis Shoes - Where do I get white shoes?

White athletic shoes can be found at most places that sell athletic shoes, including Academy, Target and Payless. The shoe must be a solid white tennis shoe or solid dark brown leather shoe. Velcro shoes are allowed. Young boys primarily wear white tennis shoes.

Jackets - Which type of jackets are allowed? Can they be monogrammed?

Only dark brown hooded or non-hooded jackets or windbreakers are allowed. Sweaters must be solid brown or solid white. Brown fleece pull-overs are available in the Spirit Stop, as are sweatshirts for school days and Spirit Days. Jackets should not be monogrammed.

Spirit Days - What is appropriate dress for Spirit Days?

School sponsored spirit t-shirts, club t-shirts or CCS athletic team t-shirts may be worn with jeans or school uniform shorts, pants, or skirts. Uniform school shoes or CCS crocs can be worn on Spirit Days. Spirit shirts are available in the Spirit Stop. Spirit Days will be on Tuesdays. Watch the school calendar to see which Tuesdays will be designated as Spirit Days.

Uniforms - How many uniforms should I get?

Everyone purchases a different number, but perhaps a good rule of thumb is two bottoms and three shirts as a minimum. The Swap Shop is open on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:30-9:00. Here you can find various gently used uniform items at deep discounted prices. The Swap Shop is on the 2nd floor of the building that is directly behind the Administrative building.

Belts - What kind of belts do the younger boys wear?

Keep in mind that in Pre-K and Kindergarten, boys will go to the bathroom by themselves. You may want to consider a magnetic belt which is available at A+ Uniforms (behind Peking Gardens restaurant).

P.E. Uniforms - When do students dress out for P.E.?

Students in 5th-8th grades dress out. Uniforms can be purchased at Bell's Sporting Goods.

Mass Attire - What is Mass attire?

Mass attire means long brown pants for boys and skirts for girls. Mass Day is on Thursday mornings at 8:15. Try to make an effort to join your child at Mass.

Booksacks - Where can I get clear book sacks for Pre-K, and can I have them monogrammed?

Target, Academy and Wal-Mart have the clear book sacks. They can be monogrammed. The book sack can be any color as long as it is clear. Note that clear book sacks **are required for Pre-K only**; book sacks for grades K-8 can be any color and do not have to be clear. They may be monogrammed at any store that does monogramming.

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Adult Bathrooms - Which bathrooms can a parent use when on campus?

Parents/Visitors may use any adult bathroom on campus. There is an adult bathroom right behind the Sprit Stop. Before you enter the hall to go to the front office, you will see a set of stairs going up to the 2nd-4th grade classrooms; there is a set of about 3-4 stairs to your left. Go up these stairs and go through the door on the left. You will see the bathroom. There is also an adult bathroom at the top of the stairs of the 2nd-4th grade building. This is located at the top of the stairs that overlook the playground. In the middle school building, there are two adult bathrooms located on the first floor all the way to the right if you are facing the front of the building. They are near the cafeteria side of the hallway.

Pre-K Building- Where is the Pre-K Building?

The Pre-k building is located directly behind the cafeteria. It runs along Versailles Street and is in the rear of the campus buildings. It has its own play area and a reflection garden.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Building- Where are these classrooms located?

This building is located in the rear of the campus buildings and backs up to the field.

2nd – 4th grade Classrooms - Where is the 2nd through 4th grades building?

These classes are located on the second floor of the building that houses the library. This building is located near the entrance gate. The Business Office, where you can drop off payments for tuition, cafeteria, etc., is also located in this building.

5th-8th Grade Building- Where are the 5th through 8th grade classrooms located?

These classrooms are in the building in the center of campus and faces St. John Street. This building is located directly behind the flagpoles. 5th & 6th grades are on the second floor and 7th & 8th are on the first floor.

Auditorium -Where is the auditorium?

The auditorium is located all the way to the right on the second floor of the middle school building.

Gym- Where is the Gym?

The gym is on the corner of Versailles and St. John Streets.

Cafeteria- Where is the Cafeteria?

The cafeteria is located directly behind the Gym.

Quad - Where is the quad?

The quad is the cement area in front of the Pre-K and Kindergarten/1st Grade buildings.

Front Lawn - Where is the front lawn?

The front lawn is the grassy area in the front of school. The flag poles and front gates to the school are located here.

Car Rider Line - Where is the car line?

The car line is on the school side of Versailles Street. This is where you will drop off your child in the morning and pick up your child in the afternoon. This is also where the buses drop off the students. Do not use Parkside Drive as a means to get onto Versailles Street. All students report to the gym in the morning and must have a book to read while in the gym. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will go to the cafeteria where they will be read to. You may walk your child to the gym doors. If you choose to walk your child to the gym, park along Versailles Street on the bank side or on St. John Street in front of the bank. Do not park in the bank parking lot. If a student is tardy, the parent must accompany the child to the front office to get a tardy slip. In the afternoons, you may park on the bank side of Versailles if spots are available and walk to get your child at the gym entrance on Versailles. Again, please do not park in the bank parking lot.

Parking - Where do I park as a parent if I am coming to school during the day?

You can park on the Church side of school and enter campus through the gate. Press the buzzer at the gate, and the gate will unlock for you to enter.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

Lunch with my Child - How do I meet my child for lunch?

The front office can tell you what time your child will go to lunch. To come and have lunch, check in at the front office and then go to the cafeteria to wait for your child's class. You will be able to sit with your child and his/her class. Please bring \$3.50 for each person who will be eating lunch with your child.

Attending School Mass - Can I come to school Mass?

Yes, you can. Each grade/class has assigned seats in the Cathedral church. You may sit with your child in his/ her class or you may sit in the rear of the church or any vacant spot.

Bus Service - How do I sign up for bus service?

To find out about the bus system, please work with Mr. Dubois. He can help you determine if there is a bus that can accommodate your needs.

Checking In - Do I always have to check in at the front office when I come to campus?

You must check in at the office each time you come. The exception to this rule is if you are coming for a party in the classroom or a pep rally on campus.

Missed Assignments - How do I get missed assignments when my child is absent?

You can pick up any books needed for your child to complete his/ her assignments at the end of the day. Please notify the school in the morning that your child is absent and that you will be picking up the homework. You can also check Renweb for assignments.

RenWeb Posting - Do all teachers use Renweb to post assignments, lesson plans and grades?

All 1st -8th grade teachers post homework, lesson plans, and grades; however, PreK and KG teachers do not post lesson plans on RenWeb. PreK and KG are non-graded. You will receive your Renweb log-on information from the Business Office prior to the start of school.

PreK - 4th grade teachers also send home Weekly Concept/Agenda sheets at the beginning of every week. These sheets are either hard copy, electronic, or both.

Emailing Teachers/Staff Members - Can I email my child's teacher if I have a question?

Yes, you can. Email addresses are available on the website, and you should also receive them at the beginning of the year from the teacher. The teacher should contact you as soon as it is convenient to do so.

Special Dietary Needs - What must I send to school if my child has special dietary needs because of allergies or some other condition?

Please send a doctor's note, and the cafeteria staff will accommodate your child.

Sending Treats - Can I send treats for my child's class for holidays, birthdays, etc.?

Teachers will let you know if they are allowing treats at holidays. All treats must be peanut-free and tree nut free. Birthday treats are not allowed, but the child's birthday will be recognized in the classroom. You may want to consider coming to lunch with your child on that day.

Pep Rallies/ School Performances - Can I come to pep rallies and school performances?

Yes, you are encouraged to attend these events and to sit with your child.

Attending Field Trips - Can I go on field trips?

Each field trip is different, and the teacher will let parents know how many parents can attend the outing. For some trips, the space is limited, but for others the space is unlimited. To attend a field trip, you must have completed Safe Environment Training. Parents involved in the field trip may take only their child home with them at the end of the day. Parents must check their child out with the homeroom teacher.

Safe Environment Training: What is this training?

All parents who will have contact with the students must complete Safe Environment Training in accordance with the Diocesan policies. Classes are offered at limited times throughout the year for both initial and continuing education training. Continuing education training can be done online. Watch the Tiger Beat for dates and times that the live classes will be offered.

Joining PBA - How do I join the PBA?

As a parent, you are already a member of the PBA. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Check the website for dates and times. You are always welcome to attend a meeting and to participate on any of the many committees available.

Tiger Care - What are the hours for Tiger Care and what do the children do there?

Tiger Care hours are from 3:00 - 5:45 p.m. Students are involved in academic activities (homework, reading, etc.) and recreational activities (bingo, puzzles, art, etc). Snack time is also provided. Arrangements for Tiger Care can be made in the Business Office.

What is Tiger Beat?

Tiger Beat is the weekly electronic school newsletter which typically arrives in your email box on Mondays. This document contains pertinent information for the school and for all grade levels. Please read this document weekly to stay abreast of the activities on our campus and in your child's class. CCS works very hard to keep you informed, and this document is the best way to stay informed.