

**St. Catherine's High School**  
2014-2015 Information for New Families

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR & SUMMER EVENTS**

*More detailed information will arrive via email before each event. Please update your email address with the Registrar if you are not receiving emails from SCHS. Send an email to [mfeick@saintcats.org](mailto:mfeick@saintcats.org).*

A complete 2014-2015 school calendar has been enclosed. Important summer events for new families are listed below.

**ALL = Both Middle & High School      MS = Middle School      HS = High School**

**July**

- 9      **Used Uniform Sale (ALL - Optional)** - Gently-used uniforms will be on sale from 5:00-6:00pm in the Cafeteria. Sellers are current SCHS families. Cost and amount of available items will vary. Items will go fast, so arrive early!
- 24      **Fall Sports Meeting (ALL)** - Students interested in playing a fall sport must attend this meeting with a parent/guardian. Meeting begins promptly at 6:00pm in the Auditorium.

**August**

- 10      **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic (MS)** - Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to meet and build relationships with their new peers. Event runs 6:00-7:30pm in Aquin Yard. An email will arrive late July to RSVP.
- 14      **Freshmen Picnic (HS)** - Incoming freshmen are invited to meet and build relationships with their peers. Event runs 6:00-7:30pm in Aquin Yard. An email will arrive early August to RSVP.
- 18      **All School Registration Day (ALL)** - All current and new high school students and a parent/guardian are required to attend. See enclosed letter for more information.
- 19      **New Student Walk Through Day (ALL)** - This event is required for new students (grades 6-12) to walk through their schedule and meet teachers. Event runs 8:00am-11:00am.
- 20      **First Day of School (ALL)** - 7:15am-2:15pm.

**BUSING**

The Racine Unified Transportation Office coordinates all of St. Catherine's busing needs. St. Catherine's will provide the transportation office with a complete listing of students enrolled for 2014-2015. Since we do not control busing, we suggest that parents contact the Transportation Department directly if they have questions or concerns. The Transportation Office phone number is (262)631-7138 and then choose option #1 in the automated menu.

**Important note for middle school busing** - Busing is **not** automatically assigned for middle school students. Busing is available for students based on bus routes of the high school. No new stops will be created for an individual middle school student. To be considered for busing, complete the enclosed "Alternate Transportation Form" and submit to the busing department by July 1. There is an annual fee attached to middle school busing only (**not** high school). This is out of St. Catherine's realm of influence. Please call (262)631-7138 for answers to questions you may have.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

Only new middle and high school students will be emailed a copy of their class schedule in July. Again, it's critical that an updated email is on file with the school. Please contact [mfeick@saintcats.org](mailto:mfeick@saintcats.org) to update your family email. If there are conflicts or problems with your schedule, please contact the Guidance Office. They may be reached at (262)632-2785, ext.418.

**iPADS**

iPads will be distributed on Registration Day, held Monday, August 18. More information regarding usage policies will arrive via email prior to registration. To view the iPad FAQ document, go to [www.saintcats.org](http://www.saintcats.org) and click on the "Parent" tab and then "Resources/Links."

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

A detailed middle school supply list has been enclosed.

High school students will purchase supplies based on individual class needs. Teachers will communicate these needs at the start of each semester.

## **UNIFORMS**

The complete uniform policy can be found on the St. Catherine's website under the "Parent" tab.

### **What is the school dress code?**

**Tops:** Tops must be purchased from Lands' End, which include the Dominican shield embroidered on the left breast. To view approved school uniform selections, go to the Lands' End website: [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com). Click on the "School Uniform" tab and then "Find Your School's Dress Code".

Black, White, or Maize polo shirts (short and long-sleeved) with school logo embroidered on left breast. Only white short-sleeved undershirts may be worn under polo shirts. White blouses/oxford shirts may be worn with school logo embroidered on left breast. Sweaters, cardigans, or fleece warm-weather apparel must be solid white maize or black. No hooded warm-weather apparel allowed.

**Bottoms:** Khaki or Black uniform-style pants, capris, shorts, and skorts only. Black or brown belts may be worn. Skorts or shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh are not allowed. Pants, skorts, shorts and capris that are excessively tight fitting are not allowed. Cargo, carpenter, or yoga pants are not allowed. Though it is recommended to order uniform-style pants through Lands' End, it is not required.

**Shoes & Foot Apparel:** White or black socks are recommended. Any color shoes, sandals, or boots are allowed. Flip-flops, sliders or slippers are not allowed.

## **SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

In an effort to keep parents apprised to what is happening at school, SCHS uses a variety of electronic communication methods. It is critical that parents have a personal email address on file at SCHS to keep current with school news. To update your email address, please contact [mfeick@saintcats.org](mailto:mfeick@saintcats.org).

***The Veritas*** – Produced monthly, the *Veritas* is a newsletter designed to keep SCHS families up-to-date with announcements, news and events occurring at school. The *Veritas* is distributed digitally on the first of each month.

***Weekly Rundown*** – Distributed every Friday during the school year (as necessary), the Weekly Rundown is an email communication distributed to school parents and features announcements and reminders that arise week-to-week.

***School Website (www.saintcats.org)*** – Updated daily, the school's website features general SCHS information and access to important forms.

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Starting dates for high school fall sports:**

Poms & Cheerleading – August 4  
Football – August 5  
Boys Soccer – August 11  
Girls Golf – August 11  
Girls Tennis – August 12  
Boys & Girls Cross Country – August 18  
Girls Volleyball – August 18  
Boys Volleyball – August 25

### **Options for middle school fall sports:**

Football (Old Timers League)  
Girls Volleyball  
Boys Volleyball  
Girls & Boys Cross Country  
*\*Start dates will be communicated at the Fall Sports Meeting on July 24.*

**Requirements for participation: Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00pm.**