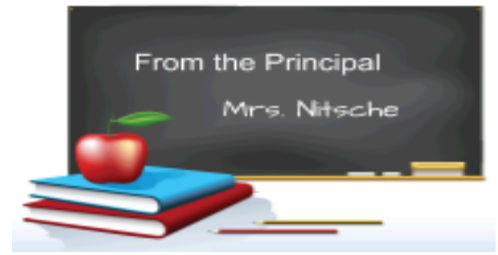


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**1/9/2020**



**Welcome back to all of our families. We are wishing you many, many blessings in 2020!!!**

Parents-

We are aware that some children may have received phones or iPads/tablets for Christmas this year. As always, our number one priority is keeping our students as safe as possible when using social media or text messaging. I cannot tell you how detrimental negative social media is to a young child's mind. Studies have shown that there is a direct correlation between anxiety disorders and social media.

In an effort to continue to support our parents, I am including several websites and apps that can help you monitor the activity that is happening on your child's device. I cannot say this enough.... USE IT!!! Putting a phone in the hands of a child that has no protection on it is really setting your child up for dangerous situations including viewing pornography, listening to demoralizing lyrics and receiving inappropriate sexual content from others. I know many parents "check" phones but I feel it is important to go beyond that and install monitoring apps that mandate your permissions to download or install apps and allow you to view every message sent or received. Just because a message isn't there doesn't mean it wasn't sent. Users can delete or hide inappropriate messages through a variety of techniques. Most of the apps below send you alerts when inappropriate "key words" are searched or used. Often we think device monitoring is a full time job but that cannot be an excuse anymore because products have been created that take all the hard work out of it for you. You don't need to be tech-savy to use these monitoring tools and we are always here for support and advice- simply email Ms. Wilkison for any questions or concerns at [kwilkison@cajetan.org](mailto:kwilkison@cajetan.org)

One app that I would like for your to talk to your children about, that is very popular right now, is TikTok. This app can be used for innocent fun or just the opposite. I want you to understand that many of the songs that children dance to on TikTok have degrading and demoralizing lyrics and I think it is valuable to educate your children on the risk of connecting themselves and their image to such content. Our children are becoming desensitized by the messages and content within song lyrics and that is a very tough mindset to reverse later in life.

As always, I appreciate the role you play in your child's life!



# TAX CREDIT APPLICATION TIME!!!

The "Invest in Kids Act," which was passed by the State of Illinois in August 2017, provides strong incentives for donors to support scholarships for Illinois students from low-income families so that the students can attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake Counties. Through this program, students have access to scholarships that could cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees, and donors have control of where their tax dollars are being spent. This year we anticipate over 13,000 new and current Catholic school students will apply for a tax credit scholarship, which is why we need your help. Individuals and corporations that contribute to the Illinois tax credit scholarship program through a Scholarship Granting Organization will receive a tax credit (as opposed to a deduction) on their Illinois state income taxes.

## INTERESTED IN BEING A DONOR?

We will again have the 2-for-1 matching program for the next school year (2020/21 school year). This will apply to the **160 Catholic schools** operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago when donations are made through Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019, and Feb. 29, 2020.

Donors should designate a specific Catholic school in Region 1 or Region 2 or the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. To find the correct region of your school, please refer to this **flyer**.

**Example:** A taxpayer donates \$5,000 to an SGO. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a \$3,750 tax credit when he/she files their previous year's taxes. The donation creates a \$5,000 scholarship for an eligible student at a net cost to the donor of only \$1,250 after the credit.

Total tax credits are capped at \$75 million per year statewide, which equates to \$100 million in donations and scholarships. Taxpayers can roll over their tax credits up to five years.

## INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

- Big Shoulders Fund (BSF) SGO: [www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org](http://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org)
  - TCS Application opens January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- Empower Illinois (EI) SGO: [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org)
  - EI TCS Reservation launches January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

If you need some general information you can also click on the following link- [Tax Credit Information Website](#)

# All American Eagle Program

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

On Friday, November 15, 2019, Bill Lipinski's All-American Eagles Program concluded another essay contest for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders. The topic was "What were the causes of the Revolutionary War?" Awards will be given to first and second place for each grade. In addition, a cash prize will be given to the winner in 8th grade and a cash award prize of \$250 will be given to the school with the most participation in each event.

For 6th Grade, the winners are: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Gavin Hartz (St Cajetan); 2nd Place, Gabriella Sinks (St. Cajetan); and 1st Place, Cooper Cameron (St. Cajetan). For 7th Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Gabriella Goyer (St. Cajetan); 2nd Place, Dominic Mancilla (Bridgeport Catholic Academy); and 1st Place, Cara McLean (St. Cajetan). For 8th Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kevin Fergus (St. Cajetan); 2nd Place, Cole Shane (Bridgeport Catholic Academy); and 1st Place, Claire Knight (St. Cajetan). The school with the most participation in this category was St. Cajetan.

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## **ADORATION**

All are welcome to come between 9:00 am and 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 21 to sit in the quiet and pray before the real presence of Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar in our beautiful church.

## **AFC/NFC CHAMPIONSHIP PARTY**

Once again we will be hosting our annual AFC/NFC Fundraiser on Sunday, January 19 in Memorial Hall. Doors open at 1:00pm, first game kickoff is 2:05pm. Donation of \$40 includes beer, pop, water and food for both games. You will also receive a chance to win one of four 55" Smart tvs with your donation. This is always a great event and helps us support our charitable works throughout the year. For all the younger dads of the Parish, we would like to see some new faces. Bring a friend or two. Also, if you still owe for your square please settle with a member in advance so that we can draw the numbers prior to game day.

## **CHOIR**

Just a heads up that there is choir practice on Friday 1/10, 1/17 and 1/24 from 2:00- 3:00.

## **COLD WEATHER**

Our students do go outside if it is 32 degrees or warmer. Please make sure your children are coming to school with coats, hats and gloves. For the ladies, we encourage warm pants to put on under their skirts. If your child is a 7th grade crossing guard, please make sure they dress extra warm as they will be in the cold elements even longer.

## **DUELING PIANOS**

Please join us on Saturday, February 1 from 7-11pm for Dueling Pianos in Memorial Hall. The evening will include cash games, raffles, and silent auction. The cost is \$30 per person which includes Dueling Pianos Entertainment & open seating. Cash bar, refreshments and Joey's Red Hots food truck will be available for purchase. See flyer for more information. [flyer](#) **To purchase tickets online just click on the link: [tickets](#)**

## **GIRLS ON THE RUN / HEART and SOLE**

Registration is now open through February 14 for girls in grades 6th-8th. Parents need to register at [www.gotrchicago.org/Register-Now](http://www.gotrchicago.org/Register-Now). Practices will be on Monday and Wednesday from 3:45-5:00 pm starting in March for 10 weeks until the 5 k in May/June. Mrs. Bonner and Mrs Frasor will be coaching the girls again this year. See flyer for more information. [flyer](#)

## **NO SCHOOL**

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday, January 20th.

## **QUEEN OF HEARTS**

The projected pot for this week is \$170,000. The next drawing is Saturday at 7pm at McNallys. See flyer for available numbers. [flyer](#)

## **T.R.I.P.**

Due to the amount of hours being put into running the TRIP program and the lack of staff to do that, we will be looking to move to an online ordering system in March. We will be progressively rolling out updates for this program. We know change can be scary but we are really trying to implement a model that is cost effective and secure from an accountability standpoint. We are working closely with other schools who are running a similar system so we can be well prepared to handle all hiccups during our rollout. The plan was presented to our School Board and they were largely in favor of the new system.

## **TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019**

If you are in need of a tuition receipt for 2019 just log into your Smart Tuition account and click on Year End Tax Summary. You can download this report at your convenience. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Jane Collins at [jcollins@cajetan.org](mailto:jcollins@cajetan.org).

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## Altar Servers

### Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 p.m. Sophia Rowan, Holly Rowan, Erin Connolly

### Sunday, January 12, 2020 (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)

9:00 a.m. Catie Schultz, Jack Schultz, Charlie Sullivan

11:00 a.m. Grace Kenney, Ellie Marron, Colin Marron

### Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00 p.m. Griffin Haggerty, Ryan Hartz, Gavin Hartz

### Sunday, January 19, 2020 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 a.m. Ryan Walsh, Tommy Cunningham, Stephen Winkler

11:00 a.m. Mac Murzyn, Ethan Nelson, Vince Winters



January 11	Saturday	First Reconciliation 11 am
January 19	Sunday	Men's Club AFC/NFC Night in Memorial Hall
January 20	Monday	No School, Martin Luther King Jr
January 22	Wednesday	Fun Lunch form Buona Beef
January 26	Sunday	Catholic Schools Week Family Mass 11:00 am Open House 12:00-1:30 pm
January 29	Wednesday	Early Dismissal 12:45 pm
January 30	Thursday	Prayer Service (K) with NJHS Inductions Family Bingo Night 6:30 pm
February 1	Saturday	Dueling Pianos

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Merrionette Park Baseball & Softball Registration [flyer](#)