



August Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES

August 26

First Day of School for K-8 Students

September 1

First Day of School for PreK Students

School Council Meeting (requests for open session must be in to the office by 8/31 at 9am)

September 3

Back to School Night 6:00pm

September 7

Labor Day - No School

September 18

Elementary Inservice (PLD) - No School for Students

September 21

PLD Day - No School for Students

September 25

Picture Day

October 9

Diocesan Inservice (PLD) - No School



Mass Days
will be
announced per
Fr. Jeremiah's
schedule

From the Principal

Welcome to an exciting 2026-2027 School Year.

Heavenly Father, as we welcome back to school, we thank You for the gift of learning and the opportunity to grow in wisdom, kindness, and faith. Bless our students with curiosity, focus, and courage to face new challenges. Guide our teachers with patience, wisdom, and strength to inspire and nurture young minds. Protect our school community from harm, and fill our classrooms with peace, friendship, and the light of Your truth. May this new year be a season of discovery, service, and joy for all. We commit this year to You, and ask for Your blessing over every lesson, every friendship, and every step we take. Amen

We are truly blessed at St. Nicholas Catholic School. May we continue to thank God each day for all of our blessings.

Mrs. Theresa Burba

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND TEACHERS!



Matt & Jenn Dumm - Kara

Matt & Elizabeth Gueguen - Paul

Jeremy & Laci Jansure - Daxton

Eric & Lane Lasinsky - David

Vincent & Carly Lessard - Valerie

Vanessa Hangey - Kenneth

Lauren Miers - 4th Grade Teacher

Sarah Dumm - 1st and 3rd Grades Reading Specialist

Amanda Strittmatter - PreK & 2nd Grades Aid

Students will be allowed to bring in edible treats for birthdays and holidays, as long as they are prepackaged and follow the peanut-free policy. Please keep in mind that there are students with Gluten, Peanut and Tree Nut allergies.

Students may buy a lunch. For the 2026–2027 school year lunches are \$3.40 (subject to change). If you decide to buy a lunch for your child please send a check in an envelope with your child's name on it to the office. If you have more than one child buying a lunch, please specify the amount for each child's account.



When calling off your child in the morning and you say "they may or not be in" and are to be buying a school lunch and end up not coming to school, you will be charged for that lunch.



Due to the high number of food allergies, Saint Nicholas Catholic School is PEANUT FREE. Students are not permitted to bring peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, cookies, etc. Students will be instructed about extra hand washing and you can help by making sure that your child washes his/her hands with soap and water before leaving for school.

Water alone won't do the trick!



Water bottles may still be sent into school containing ONLY WATER. NO powdered additives or other drinks should be in the water bottles. Spillage cause many stains on the carpet, many that are not able to be removed.



If you decide to pack your child(ren) a lunch please follow the guidelines below:

- White and chocolate milk will be available to purchase for \$0.50/carton. **White milk is offered to PK – 8 students and chocolate milk is offered to K–8 students per PA state guidelines.**
- No glass containers
- Please send in utensils with your child – often when they use the school's utensils, they either go back in their lunchbox or in the garbage. We lose a lot that way.
- NO uncooked pasta or rice such as mac & cheese, ramen noodles, noodle cups, rice cups, etc. Please prepare these at home so that they can only be warmed up at lunch time. 3 minutes per student to cook these is too long!
- No microwave popcorn
- Lunchables will not be microwaved
- If something needs to be in the microwave, it should be easy to heat, no more than 30 seconds.

Thank you in advance with your cooperation to help make things run smoothly.

Students who are eligible for reduced lunches for the 2026–2027 school year, are FREE this year. It is not too late to fill out the compass application.

If you have any questions please contact tburba@stncs.org or bsheesley@stncs.org.

If your child is going to be absent from school, PLEASE call or email the office by 9:15am that day. A written excuse is mandatory via email or written note to the school.



DON'T FORGET

Tuition payments are due by the 15th of each month.

If your child is feeling a little under the weather in the morning and doesn't come to school first thing in the morning, then they are to sick to come to school for the day.



Dropping Off: Due to space and personnel, if you are bringing your child to school daily in the morning, please do not do so before 8:30 a.m. unless it is an emergency. Please notify the office first if this is the case. Please enter the parking lot on the side of the cemetery/community center and pull the whole way around the school to the back door. You may let your child out and someone will be at that back door to greet them. If you are running late and arrive after 8:50 a.m., you must come to the office to sign your child in. All students must be in the classroom by 8:45 am. Attendance is taken at 8:50 a.m. with the first bell.

Picking Up: No one is permitted on school campus until after 3pm for pickup. Enter the parking lot on the side of the cemetery/community center and get in line and please form a continuous loop out near the basketball courts. This allows buses to get through to pick up our students and then head down to the public school on time.



SCRIP is a vital fundraiser for St. Nicholas Catholic School. It is the easiest fundraiser to participate in, all you have to do is buy gift cards for most of your regular purchases through St. NCS. During one of the first parent envelopes sent home, you will receive a Green SCRIP envelope and order form. You select the gift cards that you want to purchase and send it back with your check. You will receive the gift cards the same day for those that are in stock. We keep a large supply in stock for everyday purchases. Each family is asked to reach their goal of \$5,000 worth of SCRIP throughout the year; it adds up quickly if you use it to purchase your food and gas weekly. You may also ask your friends and family to use SCRIP and give your family credit for the purchase. Don't forget those hard to buy people on your birthday and Christmas lists too! There is also an easy app to install on your phone that makes it even more convenient to use SCRIP. SCRIP is available every day at school from 9:30am – 2:30pm or by sending in the green SCRIP envelope with your child.

First Day of School for K-8 students will be Wednesday August 26, 2026

First Day of School for Pre-K ½ and extended day is Tuesday September 1, 2026

Please note:



Pre-K ½ day will have classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 12pm

Pre-K extended day will have classes Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm

Can't wait to see ALL of you!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday September 3, 2026.



A white parent envelope will come home with important papers once in a while.

Please sign, date and return the envelope the NEXT SCHOOL DAY! This is one of the main sources of communication that is used between home and school. It is necessary that we receive the signed envelope so that we know parents received the necessary information.



The Parent Student Handbook is on our website under the parents tab. Please review at your convenience.

There will be forms to sign concerning what is in the handbook sent in the parent envelope on the first day of school.

Parents for Students News

Spirit sale is live until September 3rd, 2026 (same day as Back to School Night)

PFS will be giving away a \$50 tuition voucher only families in attendance at Back to School Night!

Next PFS meeting scheduled for September 15, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to use this Zoom Link !

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3349025647?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3349025647?pwd=cVfboqUcHwpWdGhnyuHubST6wm4Gph.1&omn=71160125646)

[pwd=cVfboqUcHwpWdGhnyuHubST6wm4Gph.1&omn=71160125646](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3349025647?pwd=cVfboqUcHwpWdGhnyuHubST6wm4Gph.1&omn=71160125646)

You will need the following information:

Meeting ID: 334 902 5647

Passcode: eTGU5j



REMINDER



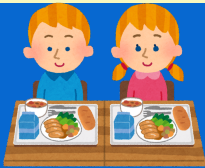
Gym days for the 2026-2027 school year will be on
Tuesdays and Thursdays with the first gym day being on
Tuesday September 1, 2026.

Please note:

Gym clothes are to be worn to school on those days ONLY.

Gym t-shirts are to be **solid white, gray or navy** with or without the St. NCS logo.

Gym shorts or sweatpants are to be solid **NAVY** with or without ST. NCS logo (no other logos).



To order a school lunch:

Please visit the school website and click on "lunch menu" tab. Click on the "order lunch" tab and fill out the google form for each student. Please fill out the form by Friday at noon. You will receive a reminder phone call each week to fill out the lunch form.

Hallow

We are so excited to be using Hallow, the #1 Prayer App. Hallow was made possible at St.NCS through a grant with the Independent Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and a generous benefactor.

Thank you so much for making this possible for us. More information to come so our families can also access the Hallow App.