

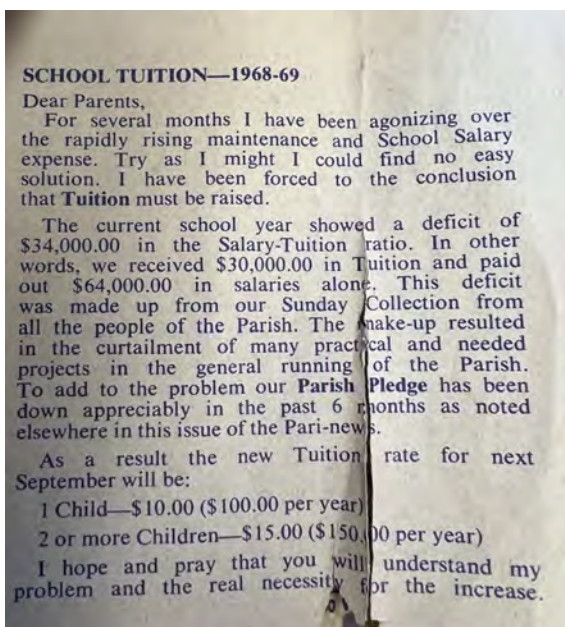
Enlightening Minds, Enriching Lives

St. Germaine Family Newsletter

April, 2022

A Blast from the Past!!

One of our parishioners (Mrs. Murphy) found a copy of a St. Germaine bulletin from August of 1968. Take a look at the tuition notice that was posted for the 1968-1969 school year! **If only** . . .



Open House/Trivia Night Thursday, April 28 6:30 p.m. To 8:00 p.m.

Save the date for a fun night of trivia and sharing friendship.

We're planning an all-school trivia night for Thursday, April 28th. It's been a long time since we've been able to gather. Since we missed our January Open House during Catholic Schools Week, we thought April would be a great time.

Plans include two sessions of trivia topics for families and students of all ages! Each session will have six different games. We'll be using the KAHOOT online platform for the contest. We'll have chromebooks available in each classroom, although families will also be able to join the fun using their phones. A prize will be awarded at the end of each game to the winning family.

At the end of the evening, we'll gather in the Activity Center for ice cream!

This will be a great time to invite new families who might want to join the STG community! Bring a new family with you!

Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

Thank you to all the families who submitted pre-registration forms for next year. As we finalized the budget figures, we had quite a different picture than that painted by Father Sheridan (left column) in 1968! Can you imagine a **total** salary expense of \$64,000?

When we sent out the pre-registration forms, we projected a tuition increase of \$150 per student and an increase in the Book and Materials fee of \$50. (A change from \$300 to \$350) Those figures were the ones used for the completed the budget. We are attaching a copy of the Tuition Announcement letter to provide a summary of our budget and fees for the next year.

We are still waiting for pre-registrations from a number of current families. Having information about returning students will help us with staffing, schedules, and ordering materials. If you have not yet returned your pre-registration form, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, the Registration Fee will be applied to your August, 2022 invoice. It's like a down-payment, but it insures that we will have funds to cover orders we place during the summer month.

Raise the Roof Capital Campaign

The Parish has launched a capital campaign to raise money for several important improvements to the parish buildings. The roofs on all the parish buildings need to be replaced. The Church roof was replaced this year. The Activity Center (Gym) roof is scheduled to be replaced this summer. With increased costs, the project is estimated at over \$200,000. The roof of the main school building is scheduled to be replaced during the 2022-2023 school year at an estimated cost of \$175,000. In addition to the roof replacements, the Village of Oak Lawn required updates to the building fire alarm system that cost approximately \$150,000. As you can see the bulk of the expenses are directly related to the school.

Generous members of the parish have already pledged \$350,000 toward the projects. We know that for most school families a monetary pledge may not be possible. We would like to ask you to assist in any way you can. A letter to each school family is being distributed this week. It includes a description of the projects and several envelopes you can use to make contributions to the Raise the Roof fund.

As we look at the history of the parish, we acknowledge the contributions of our "founding members" in building the physical plant. Their generosity made our programs possible over the years. It's now up to us to continue the outstanding St. Germaine traditions of excellence. Just as we are the **beneficiaries** of the generosity of past parishioners, we must now become the **benefactors** for the future.

Please consider making a financial contribution to the Raise the Roof fund over the next few months. Each month a blue envelope is included in the packets of church support envelopes. For your contributions. We are also including several envelopes in the letter your children will be bringing home.

Holy Thursday Dismissal Change

**Remember, that students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m on Holy Thursday, April 14th.
NO EXTENDED DAY!**

We will be using the last of the "Flex Days" granted by the Office of Catholic Schools to accommodate the change in dismissal time.

Pre-K Summer FUN Camp
June 20-24, 2022
June 27-July 1, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. M-Fri

We are planning a two week PreSchool Summer Camp for three, four, and five year olds, The sessions are open to any pre-school students, but we are especially inviting all of our new pre-school students to join us. Help us spread the word if you have neighbors who might be interested.

The information flier is attached. It contains the themes for each day of the program.

Ms. Lee and Mrs. Donnelly are coordinating the sessions.

Promises to be a lot of FUN!

Germazing Race 2022

Good news! We are planning to hold our Germazing Race (5K) in-person this year! Registration for the event is open now:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2022/58252/the-germazing-race-5k-runwalk>

The Race will be held on April 30, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Look for more details soon.

**“Proud Family of St. Germaine”
Yard Signs**

We still have a number of St. Germaine yard signs for display. Let us know if you would like a sign to help make our presence known in the neighborhood.

Now is a great time to “advertise” for new school families!

Looking Forward . . .

- 4/7 Passion Play school performance 12:45 p.m. in the Activity Center
- 4/8 and 4/10 Passion Play evening performances
- 4/9 First Communion Retreat, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Church Hall
- 4/11 School Board, 6:30 p.m. in the Faculty Room
- 4/14 Holy Thursday—Remember dismissal time change! Students dismissed
At 11:30 a.m. No Extended Day EASTER BREAK BEGINS.
- 4/25 Classes resume after Easter Break
- 5/1 Graduation Ribbon Presentation, 11:30 a.m. Mass
- 5/5 First Communion Practice



Chromebook Care and Usage

Over the past few months we have had a huge increase in the number of chromebook repairs throughout the building. We replaced a record number of screens (\$60 each) and keyboards (\$30 each). In many instances it seems apparent that the damage is do to careless handling of the devices. Students are walking in the hallways and classrooms with the devices open and are carrying them at the “hinges” which puts a great deal of stress on the screen and keyboard ribbons.

The \$20 insurance fee paid at the beginning of the year will cover the first “malfunction” of the device, but a co-pay is invoiced for additional repairs. A sheet is sent home with each student whose chromebook requires a repair. It will reflect the co-pay charge.

Please help us to minimize the number of repairs that we need to do. Remind your students they are responsible for caring for their school owned chromebooks.



St. Germaine Pre-School FUN Camp Two Weeks

June 20-24, 2022
June 27- July 1, 2022

Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Join us for one week or two
whichever works for you!

For Three, Four and Five Year Olds

Participants need not be students at St. Germaine School

(Three-year old participants must be "potty trained.")

Enrollment for each week will be limited to 25 participants.

Each day will be a new and fun experience! Our tentative calendar of events is included below. Participants can register for one week or two. Activities will be different each day. See the reverse side of this sheet for an idea of the activities /schedule for each day. Each participant will receive a camp t-shirt! (Be sure to indicate t-shirt size on the registration form) We hope that each participant will wear this t-shirt to camp each day.

<p>Monday, June 20 In the Rainforest</p> <p>Story: <i>The Great Kapok Tree</i> Making a Tropical Bird</p> <p>Science Connection: Animals of the Rainforest</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 21 What's Cooking?</p> <p>Story: <i>Eating the Alphabet</i> Picking out healthy snacks. Alphabet soup sort</p> <p>Science Connection: Milking a cow Measuring ingredients</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 22 Dinosaur Discoveries</p> <p>Story: <i>Dinosaur Roar!</i> Sand table archeology Fossil Dig</p> <p>Science Connection: Making Fossils</p>	<p>Thursday, June 23 Surf's Up</p> <p>Story: <i>Rainbow Fish</i> Bubbles, "virtual" zoo visit</p> <p>Science Connection: Sea Creatures</p>	<p>Friday, June 214 Little Van Goghs</p> <p>Story: <i>Mouse Paint</i> Famous pictures Create a masterpiece</p> <p>Science Connection: Mixing colors</p>
<p>Monday, June 27 The Circus</p> <p>Story: <i>The Circus is in Town</i> Balloon Painting, Ring Toss, Parachute</p> <p>Science Connection: What do Tigers Eat?</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 28 Pirate Treasure</p> <p>Story: <i>There was an old pirate. . .</i> Treasure Hunt</p> <p>Science Connection: Sink or Float?</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 29 Up, Up, and Away</p> <p>Story: <i>Things That Go</i> Make hot air balloons</p> <p>Science Connection: Sink/Float Let's Drive</p>	<p>Thursday, June 30 Space</p> <p>Story: <i>Draw me a Star</i> Astronaut Training Day</p> <p>Science Connection: Moon Rock sorting and counting</p>	<p>Friday, July 1 Celebrate America!</p> <p>Story: <i>Duck for President</i> Decorate bikes, tricycles, or wagons from home four our end-of-camp parade</p> <p>Science Connection: Pinwheels and wind</p>

(Outside activities may need to be adjusted based on weather conditions)

We'll spend our time each day working on a number of activities: free play, age appropriate learning games on IPADs, story time, and appropriate early literacy skills, crafts and puzzles, organized gym activities (hula-hoops, scooters, bowling, beach balls, floor parachute), simple literacy and number activities, and ,of course, snacks.

We ask that each participant to bring a water bottle, sun screen, and an extra set of clothing (if appropriate for the young participants). Please be sure that all items have the participant's name on them!

Daily Schedule:	9:00-9:15	Sign in, quiet indoor play, puzzles
	9:15-9:40	Theme story and age appropriate literacy activities
	9:40-10:00	Theme activities/games/songs/IPAD activities
	10:00-10:15	Snack
	10:15-10:40	Science Connections
	10:40-11:10	Supervised play/outside activities
	11:00-11:20	Go Noodle Movement website, sing along, movement activities
	11:10-11:30	Preparing for tomorrow, getting ready to go home

Arrival and Dismissal will take place at the Gym Doors on the east (parking lot) side of the building



Fees:	1 week (M-F) for one participant	\$ 100
	1 week (M-F) for two participants (siblings)	\$ 175
	2 weeks (M-F) for one participant	\$175
	2 weeks (M-F) for two participants (siblings)	\$250
	Additional siblings \$10 per day/participant	

For more information, or to register, please call St. Germaine School 708-425-6063 or email mrkreedystg@stgol.org

Each day will be supervised by **Ms. Martina Lee**, our second grade teacher or **Mrs. Donnelly**, our kindergarten teacher. **Additional student helpers from our National Junior Honor Society will also be present.**

The registration form on the next page may also be used to register. Please return the form to the school office (9735 S. Kolin) or to the Parish Center (9711 S. Kolin)

(If we determine that placement in the program is not appropriate for your child's needs, we may need to review continued participation)

St. Germaine Pre-School FUN Camp Two Weeks

Campers ages 3, 4, 5. We will accept campers going into first grade.



June 20-June 24, 2022

June 27-July 1, 2022

Monday thru Friday

9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Student 1

Name _____ Phone _____

School attending _____ T-shirt size _____ Age/Grade _____

Student 2

Name _____ Phone _____

School attending _____ T-shirt size _____ Age/Grade _____

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian email _____

We would like to join the fun during:

- Week 1: June 20- 24, 2022** (M-F) for one participant \$ 100 \$ _____
(M-F) for two participants (siblings) \$ 175 \$ _____
- Week 2: June 27-July 1, 2022** (M-F) for one participant \$ 100 \$ _____
(M-F) for two participants (siblings) \$ 175 \$ _____
- Both Weeks: June 20-24, 2022** for one participant \$175 \$ _____
June 27-July 1, 2022 for two participants \$250 \$ _____

Registrations will be limited to 20 participants each week.

Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received.

Please return your registration, along with your payment to the school office or the Parish Center before

May 24, 2022

Give us a call or send an email if you need help with registering or need more information

We will confirm all registrations via email before the program begins. Parents/Guardians will complete an emergency contact card on the first day of the program. (If we determine that placement in the program is not appropriate for your child's needs, we may need to review continued participation)



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February 15, 2022

Dear Parents,

These are truly difficult times for all of us. Yet, we are confident that we will eventually return to some degree of normalcy. As we anticipate the future, it is very important that we have a solid picture of our enrollment for the next school year. We know that you may not give us a definite answer at this point, but we'd ask that you indicate your thinking. The re-registration form is included with this letter.

The Office of Catholic Schools and our parish are working to finalize the budget for the 2022-2023 school year. The process is difficult at the best of times, but some of the uncertainties concerning COVID make it even more so. As expected, a tuition increase will be necessary. The increase was calculated at \$150 per student. Part of the reason that we are able to keep the increase down is due to the fact the Germazing Mighty Ducks have been so successful in their fund-raising efforts for us. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their hard work. Please continue to support the Ducks as often as possible.

We point out each year that it is approximately a \$1 per day increase. Everyone acknowledges the high quality of our educational program at St. Germaine. We have preserved the additional extension activities that other schools have been forced to cut: PE, library/art/music and Spanish.

The tuition/fee schedule for 2022-2023 is listed below:

Grades K-8	Contributing Member	Non-Member	Book/Material Fee (per student)
1 child	\$5,200	\$6,200	\$350/student
2 children	\$9,325	\$10,650	\$350/student
3 children	\$13,100	\$15,700	\$350/student
4 or more children	\$15,700	\$18,500	\$350/student
Pre-School			
3 Half-Days (M, W, F until 11:30)	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$225/student
5 Half Days (M thru F until 11:30)	\$3,650	\$3,650	\$250/student
5 Full Days *(M-F; 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.)	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$350/student

Full-day Pre-school students with other siblings in the school will be included in the family rate listed in the table above.

A technology fee of \$95 per student and a Family Lunch Supervision Fee (\$60/1 child, \$70/2 children, \$80/3 or more children) will also be added. A Manna participation fee of \$75 is assessed for each family. The Manna fee can be "earned back" thru Manna rebates based on purchases.

What is the Book/Material Fee used for? The book/material fee covers several expenses that are required by the diocese:

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- \$27 per student assessment for services provided by the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS);
- \$14 per student for the set-up and annual fee for the Archdiocese data system, POWER SCHOOL;
- \$59 per student for mandated
- standardized testing, I-Ready Diagnostic testing in Reading and Math, and Response to Intervention universal screenings of each student;

As you can see, these fees total to \$100. More and more curriculum materials are based on annual "subscriptions" that include workbooks and access to web-based instructional materials for the classroom and for students and parents at home. These subscriptions range from \$25 to \$50 per student per subject area. We are currently using "subscription-based" curricular materials in Grades 6-8 Science and Grades K-5 Math. These fixed fees severely limit the amount that would be available for the purchase of books, materials such as copiers/copy paper, art and other supplies used by the teachers in their classrooms

What does the Technology Fee cover?

The Technology fee, \$95 per student, allows us to keep our commitment to ever-changing technology in the classroom. But we are constantly trying to keep our costs down, which is why we are leasing classroom printers and the lab color copier. This lease eliminates the need for a large expenditure for replacements. We have found the I-Ready Math, Mathletics subscriptions for our students to be very effective in reinforcing math concepts taught in the classroom. The fee is approximately \$27 per student. Teachers are also looking into "web-based" instructional supplements that require a "subscription" for each student user. The expansion of tech resources (additional laptops, licenses for software, maintenance and repairs) is also a necessity. Chromebook leases enabled us to implement this program without a huge initial outlay of capital, but does result in a monthly lease payment.

What is the Manna Participation Fee?

The Manna Program (rebates from vendors) has been an important source of fundraising for our school for many years. The program rebates a portion of the purchase price for various vendors. In order to share the fundraising equally among all families, a \$75 participation fee is assessed. Families can recoup the fee by purchasing Manna vendor certificates and earning the rebate on them.

What are the plans for the Extended Day Program?

The registration fee for the year will be \$50. Hourly rates for next year will be \$7.00 for one student, \$9.00 for two and \$10.50 for three or more students will apply. Our Extended Day program provides a safe place for students who need to remain in school before/after school hours.

We are confident that we have an excellent academic program.

It includes several areas to enrich our students. Music, art, computers, pre-school to 8th Spanish program, and physical education "specials" add an important dimension to the students' growth.

We provide additional staffing with *teachers' aides* and *SKY ROOM support* at all levels. Our extracurricular activities (*athletics, band, choir, Passion Play to name but a few*) provide well-rounded additions.

We are deeply grateful for the sacrifices you may need to make as a family to meet these obligations. We know you may need to adjust your budget and forgo some "things" in order to continue to provide a quality education for your children. The cost per day for one student is about \$28.05. Our tuition is less than some of our neighboring schools, and considerably less than most city of Chicago Catholic schools - where tuition may top \$6000 or more per student (with no multiple child/family discounts). The parish subsidy is extremely generous compared to the subsidies in some of our neighboring parishes. We are extremely thankful to our parish community for providing this support.

Fr. Thomas Cabala

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