

OUR CATHEDRAL SCHOOL RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Last spring, Cathedral School spent the last few months of the school year like many others, teaching students virtually. Our students handled the transition beautifully! While there were some bumps in the road, our students continued receiving a high level of instruction. The Middle School students worked through Google Classroom and were even able to meet as a class in online meets. Our Elementary and Pre-School classes used a combination of Classroom Dojo, Google Classroom, and pre-printed packets. Teachers were creative in the ways in which they were able to get students together virtually to see their classmates and offer help.

Throughout the summer months, a small group of teachers and administrative staff diligently researched COVID-19 restrictions, collaborated with the health department, and prepared for the reopening of Cathedral School with the plan to reopen in-person five days a week. This “Comeback Committee” spent countless hours developing our Cathedral Stronger Together Re-Opening Plan allowing for a successful start of our school year. This plan can be accessed on the main page of the Cathedral School website <https://superiorcathedralschool.org/>

This summer we added 9 new Chromebooks to our mobile lab, which allows for grades 5-8 to have 1:1 technology. If individual classes in grades 5-8 are required to quarantine at home due to COVID-19, students will be sent home with a Chromebook as part of their materials.

Cathedral School welcomed new staff members to our Cathedral School Family this year: Mariah Schultz -MS Reading/Language Arts; Mary Pearson -Lunch Coordinator; Gabrielle Shovein (class of '16) -PreK aide; Allison Seybold -Kindergarten Long-term Substitute; and Nicole Presuhn (class of '13) -MS Math aide.



TWELVE RENOVATED CLASSROOMS

Through the generosity of Cathedral School alumni, we were able to renovate two additional Middle School classrooms this summer! This brings our total renovated classrooms to twelve, leaving just 4 Middle School classrooms. We were able to start this year's project a little earlier than normal due to the State of Wisconsin Safer at Home order. This allowed us to schedule crews around social distancing policies and abate the flooring before beginning the project. While abatement was not required, we felt that this gave a better surface for the new flooring and was a good long term investment for our school.

COSTS PER CLASSROOM

The Interior Renewal Project will address each of the classrooms and offices. They will be equipped with energy efficient lighting, new teaching surfaces and technology, reface the cupboards, install new flooring, doors, and paint.

Costs per Classroom

Ceiling	\$2,600
Electrical	\$3,700
Flooring Abatement	\$3,000
Classroom commercial floor tile	\$3,400
Cabinets, Carpentry & Countertops	\$8,000
Commercial sink & plumbing	\$500
Doors and all hardware	\$3,000
Paint	\$1,000
Marker board & Corkboard	<u>\$800</u>
Total	\$26,000

Twelve classrooms have already been updated thanks to support from Cathedral School alumni!



OTHER WAYS TO AID STUDENTS

Please prayerfully consider leaving a legacy gift to one of our special restricted funds:

Cathedral School Endowment Fund

This is an Endowment Fund. The purpose of the Cathedral School Endowment Fund is restricted to the long term financial support of the Cathedral School's operational needs. Monies from this Fund may be withdrawn through the Cathedral School's annual process or as determined by the Rector with the advice and input from the Principal and the Finance Council.

Cathedral School: Tuition Assistance Fund

The purpose of this Tuition Assistance Fund is to offer financial relief to families who desire to send their children to Cathedral School and require assistance with the cost of tuition. This Fund is specifically restricted to tuition assistance, and is expended at the discretion of the Principal of Cathedral School with the prior consent of the Rector.

Cathedral School: Technology Fund

The purpose of the Technology Fund is restricted to support the technology resources utilized at Cathedral School. This includes technology infrastructure and updating resources such as computers, laptops, tablets, smart boards, and interactive digital technology. Monies from this Fund are authorized by the Principal and can be expended through the annual budget process or by the Rector.

Let us know when you make a bequest to Cathedral School as part of your estate plan, and it will be our honor to add your name to the Perpetual Light Society. You will be remembered in a special Mass each year, invited to special events, and recognized in our yearly State of the Cathedral report and on our Perpetual Light Society donor wall.

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MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Our education doesn't only happen within the walls of Cathedral School. We take every opportunity we can to step outside of the classroom and learn about the world around us. Whether it is getting a break from masks and playing outside, learning about contact tracing, or holding a classroom election, students connect classroom experience with the world around them.

CONSIDER INCLUDING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

A gift to Cathedral School can have a lasting impact on the future of Catholic Education in Superior.

You can give through:

- A portion of your estate
- Your retirement plan
- Designating Cathedral School as your Insurance Beneficiary

A bequest to Cathedral School through your will or trust is a powerful expression of your commitment to your Catholic Faith. A planned gift is often the largest gift you will make in your lifetime and is a lasting reminder of what you feel most strongly about.

We can make suggestions on ways to make a gift to Cathedral School, but we urge you to see your attorney, accountant, a trust officer, financial planner, or others who are qualified to help in the area of estate planning and tax consequences.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP YOUR SCHOOL

- Pray for us!
- Contribute to the Annual Appeal each November
- Dedicate a gift in memory of a loved one
- Include Cathedral School in your estate plans
- Adopt a classroom or part of a classroom for our School Interior Renewal Project
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at SuperiorCathedralSchool



Our elementary staff got into the Halloween spirit this year, dressing as their favorite book or movie character.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am proud to say I am a member of the Cathedral School Family. Our staff did a phenomenal job this past spring, teaching virtually through the end of the school year. It was absolutely amazing to watch our staff and families come together to get distance learning set up and running. We even celebrated major milestones - Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation, virtually for the first time in Cathedral history. I wish everyone could have seen the smiles on our students faces. Summer went by quickly with our Comeback Committee diligently meeting with the sole purpose of creating a plan to welcome everyone

back into school for the fall of 2020. Hundreds of pages were read, 10 hour meeting days endured and several guidelines followed; and through it all we created our *Stronger Together* plan to begin in-person learning.

The sound of our student's voices have once again filled our classrooms. We have celebrated many of our traditional events - sometimes in untraditional ways. It's a wonderful feeling to see students creating bonds in person again. I look forward to our year together and the journey that lies ahead. May God bless us all.

—Mrs. Jaime Samarziya



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DINNER AUCTION GOES VIRTUAL

One of the events which we have had to adjust this year was the “Wish Upon a Star” Dinner Auction Fundraiser. Our talented committee posted all of our auction items online, then created a TV set in Kress Hall. There were 5 laptops to watch the bidding and control the live stream on Facebook, 1 iPhone to act as our camera, 1 volunteer set up to moderate comments with 3 devices, and 11 people spaced throughout Kress Hall. Thanks to everyone who sponsored and supported this event!



If you know of someone who does not get our mailings, please let us know either by email or phone. We love to keep in touch with our alumni!