



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-3pm

SEPTEMBER
2026

Hello, St. Nicholas Families!

There is something special about September: the excitement of new beginnings, the joy of seeing familiar faces, and the promise of all the learning and growing that lies ahead.

As we begin this school year, let us remember that every day is an opportunity to learn something new, show kindness, and grow closer to Christ. I am grateful for each of our students, families, and staff who make St. Nicholas Catholic School such a special community.

May God guide us throughout this year and fill our school with faith, joy, kindness, and academic excellence.

Here's to a wonderful September and a blessed year ahead!

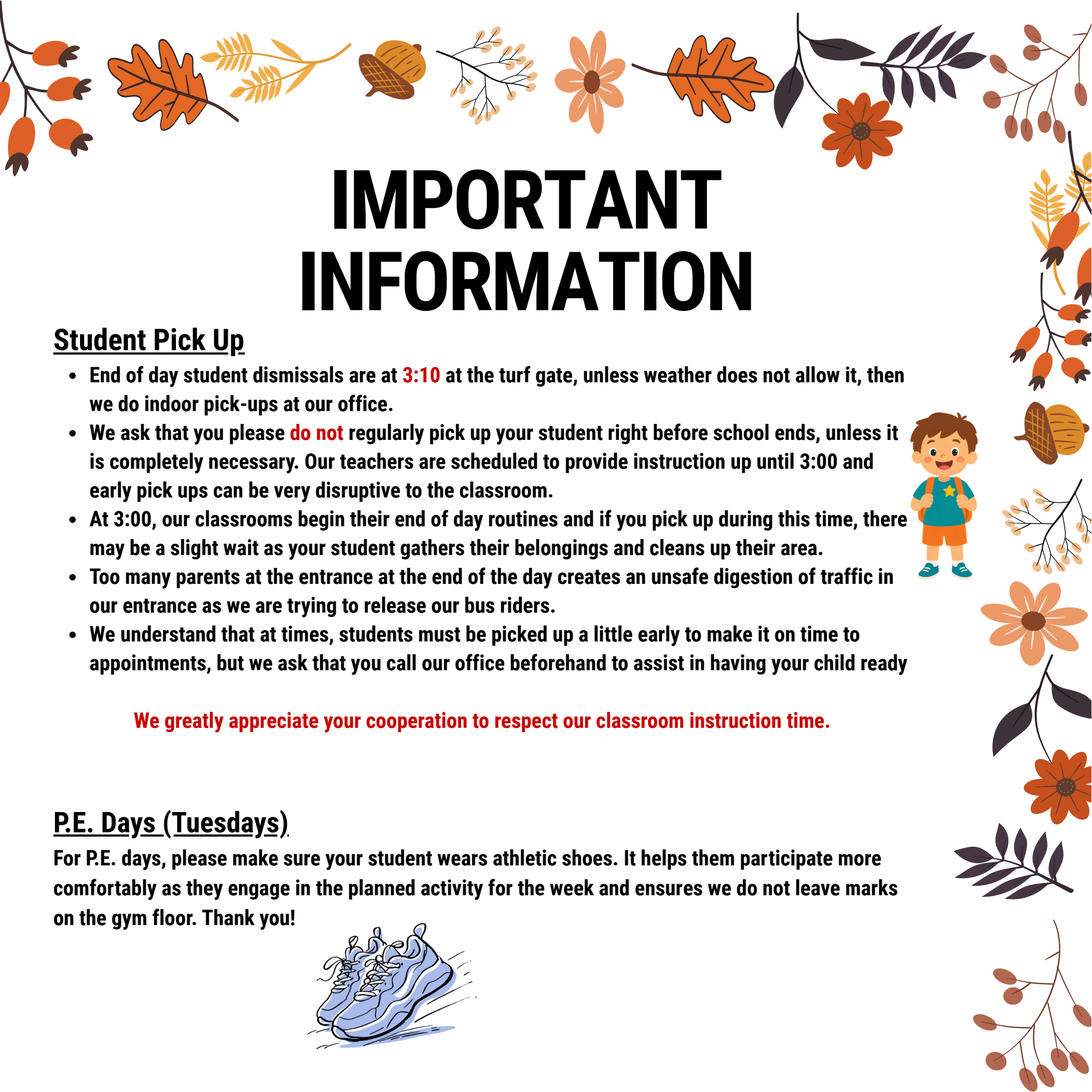
Blessings,
Mrs. Iturra

Welcome Fall!

Family Prayer for September:

Dear God, as September begins, we thank you for the change in seasons and the gift of a new month. Bless our family, keep us safe from harm, and fill our home with your peace. Guide our steps, help us to love one another, and give us strength for the busy days ahead. Amen.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Student Pick Up

- End of day student dismissals are at **3:10** at the turf gate, unless weather does not allow it, then we do indoor pick-ups at our office.
- We ask that you please **do not** regularly pick up your student right before school ends, unless it is completely necessary. Our teachers are scheduled to provide instruction up until 3:00 and early pick ups can be very disruptive to the classroom.
- At 3:00, our classrooms begin their end of day routines and if you pick up during this time, there may be a slight wait as your student gathers their belongings and cleans up their area.
- Too many parents at the entrance at the end of the day creates an unsafe digestion of traffic in our entrance as we are trying to release our bus riders.
- We understand that at times, students must be picked up a little early to make it on time to appointments, but we ask that you call our office beforehand to assist in having your child ready



We greatly appreciate your cooperation to respect our classroom instruction time.

P.E. Days (Tuesdays)

For P.E. days, please make sure your student wears athletic shoes. It helps them participate more comfortably as they engage in the planned activity for the week and ensures we do not leave marks on the gym floor. Thank you!



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Volunteer Opportunities

Fall Gala Auction

As we prepare for our upcoming Fall Gala & Auction, we want to extend a huge thank-you in advance for your enthusiasm and dedication to our school community! This event is our primary fundraiser, directly supporting our students and programs. Looking to complete volunteer hours? We would love your help with event set-up, clean-up, and more. Contact Lara DeLong at 208-650-2094 to sign up for a volunteer shift!



5th Grade Camp

5th Grade parents are invited to help chaperone our 5th grade camp this year from September 14th to September 16th. Mrs. Pound will be providing further information regarding camp and chaperone opportunities after September 1st. Please keep an eye out for more information if you have a student in 5th grade.



September Calendar & Upcoming Events

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Gala Logs Sent Home	2 Math MAP Test	3 Mass	4	5
6	7 No School-Labor Day	8	9	10 - No Mass - Reading MAP Test	11 Free Dress Day for Early Bird Gala \$100 Sales	12
13	14 5 th Grade Camp	15 5 th Grade Camp	16 5 th Grade Camp	17 No Mass	18 - Picture Day (Red Uniform Tops) - Language MAP Test	19
20	21 Gala Class Project Sneak Peek	22	23	24 - No Mass - Gala Logs Due	25 Spirit Shirt Day	26 Fall Gala Auction 5:30 pm
27	28	29	30 - Virtuous Student of the Month - Free Dress Day for perfect attendance/homework			

Upcoming Events

Fall Gala and Auction: Each family is required to sell \$100 in entry tickets and/or raffle tickets. All tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code provided with your Gala information. Early Bird Incentive: Students whose families reach their \$100 goal by 9/10/26 will enjoy a Free Dress Day on 9/11/26! You can begin recording any sales on the log sent home on Back-to-School night but we will additionally be sending home another log home on September 1st, in case it is needed. Our classroom projects which will be part of the live auction, will be on display at the school in the morning on September 21st. We welcome all families to stop by and look at our students' and teachers' hard work. All Gala logs are due back at the school on September 24th. Families who do not sell \$100 worth in tickets will be charged the complete or remaining amount on their FACTS account.

Mass: We will have our first Mass on Thursday, September 3rd. Mass begins at 8:30 and ends at 9:30. We ask that you please have your student at school on time so that they may attend with us. We do lock the church doors after 8:30, for the safety of our students. Family is always welcome to join us for Mass. We will not have Mass for the remainder of September, as Father will be out of town. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels. We realize some Mass uniforms are taking some time to arrive. **If your child does not yet have their Mass uniform for our first Mass, we ask that they please wear a white uniform top and navy pants or navy skirt (girls). We ask that you please make sure they have a Mass uniform by our next Mass in October. Thank you.**

Picture Day: Our individual and classroom picture day is September 18th. We will send order forms home as soon as we receive them. We ask all students who wear uniforms, to wear their red uniform top this day. 2 and 3 day preschool may both attend picture day and dress as they would like.

Free Dress Day: Free dress days will be awarded on the last day of each month, unless the last day of the month lands on a Mass day then we will adjust as needed. Students with perfect attendance and/or homework completion will be awarded a coupon by their teacher the day prior. Only students awarded this coupon may participate in the free dress day as an award for their hard work.

Virtuous Student of the Month: Each month, teachers will select 1-3 students from their class who best practiced the virtue of the month. Students may be selected more than once per year and not all students will get selected during the year, if they do not place effort into working on practicing the virtue. I will include the virtue of the month in my monthly newsletter so you may discuss the importance of practicing it with your child. We will post our virtuous students on our monthly newsletters to recognize their excellent work.



Virtue of the Month: Friendliness

"A friend loves at all times." — Proverbs 17:17

Friendliness means treating others with kindness, warmth, and respect. As a Catholic school, we are called to welcome others, make people feel valued, and show Christ's love through our words and actions.

At home, you can help your child practice friendliness by encouraging them to:

Greet others with a smile and kind words.

Include others in games and activities.

Notice when someone may feel lonely and invite them to join.

Use encouraging words instead of hurtful ones

Remember that being a good friend means showing kindness even when it is not easy.

Family Challenge: Ask your child each day, "How did you show kindness or friendship to someone today?" Encourage them to look for one opportunity each day to make someone feel welcomed and loved.

