



# The Cathedral School of St. Jude



CATHEDRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE COURAGEOUSLY LIVING THE GOSPEL

BRAGGING RIGHTS!

## Courageously Living the Gospel

**This year we have been challenged by Bishop Parkes (as a whole Diocese) to living out the Gospel each and every day. We are so blessed to have our students living out this positive message each day.**

**As we move into a new calendar year we are excited to see our community continue to grow. We have several projects on the horizon that we believe will continue to challenge our staff, students and families to work to our best potential!**



**It is time to refresh your child's school uniforms. Please make sure they fit properly, are in good condition and clean. Uniforms are an integral part of our school environment and we ask that you review our [uniform policies:\(click to view\)](#). You can order uniforms throughout the school year from Risse Brothers at: <https://www.rissebrothers.com/>**

**Mr. Gaudette**

**Mrs. Wilson**

Please share your thoughts about what you love about the Cathedral School and we will post it here!

Help us "brag" about our wonderful school!



Parent Volunteers came forward to decorate our Tree for the Tree Lighting!

## Automatic Re-Enrollment is Coming Soon

Beginning Feb. 4 all current families in EC-7<sup>th</sup> grade will be automatically re-enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year! We are very excited about this change for our families.

### Terra Nova Testing

This year our students will be taking a different standardized test called, Terra Nova. The Terra Nova will help provide the school with more data, as well as suggestions for curricular growth.

This past year our students scored (on average) one grade level above grade level.

In fact, our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders scored a grade level equivalent of 9.8, which is 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> month.



### School Safety

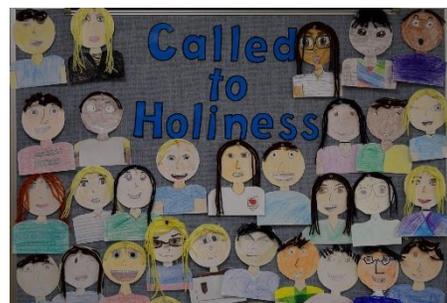
We are always looking for ways to make our school and community even safer. Several staff members will be attending a Diocesan safety seminar on Monday Jan. 14 to receive up to date safety information.

#### New projects include:

- New Door for Building 1
- Additional gate structures (completed)
- Fence line repairs
- Fence Screening

### Catholic School's Week

Plans are already in the works for a great Catholic School's Week this year. Our focus will be students, staff, school and community. We look forward to celebrating St. Jude's!



## Uniform Policy

**In the coming weeks we will be working with classroom teachers to be more consistent with enforcement of the school's uniform policy.**

**In addition, we hope to convey a committee in the Spring to look at the uniform policy for next year.**

**Look for a parent survey in the months to come!**

## Responsive Classroom

**This year we took the first steps to implementing Responsive Classroom in all our grade levels. This has included time for a morning meeting and community time. The students have responded very positively.**

**This Spring we have more staff members attending a training to assist in this process.**



## Technology

### (1:1 Program)

**The school is nearing completion of year 3 of our 1:1 tablet initiative in Middle School. We will be making plans for year 4 (2019-2020 school year) with new technology and software coming into the school. To help in this process a parent survey will be going home for Grades 5,6,7. Thanks for your help!**

## ST. JUDE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our community garden continues to blossom!

Our K-8 students have been tending and harvesting the garden since August. Under the guidance of Mrs. Jennifer King and Mrs. Leslie Mastalerz; they have had 2 harvests this year so far. The vegetables harvested have been donated to the St. Vincent DePaul center in St. Petersburg.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade students work to plant the garden in the fall.

## FACULTY FOCUS

Mrs. Nicole Wilson, Assistant Principal



Each issue we will highlight one of our great faculty members!

Mrs. Wilson was born and raised in Clearwater, and grew up in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. She attended St. Cecelia Interparochial School, Clearwater Central Catholic High School, and completed her undergrad and master's degrees at Saint Leo University. Mrs. Wilson holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. Mrs. Wilson started teaching in the Diocese in 2002. She has 14 years of classroom teaching experience ranging in grade levels 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th grade. Most recently, Mrs. Wilson was the Assistant Principal at Guardian Angels Catholic School in Clearwater until becoming Assistant Principal at St. Jude. The mission of Catholic education is important to Mrs. Wilson and she enjoys sharing her faith with students and families. Mrs. Wilson has been a member of Light of Christ Catholic Church in Clearwater since she was born. In her spare time, Mrs. Wilson enjoys spending time with her family and friends, shopping, reading, and going to Disney!