

4A & 4B

Back to School Night

Fall 2026



ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Olive - 4A

- 2nd year at St. Charles!
- 4 years teaching 3rd grade in Bethel School District
- BS in Child Development from Florida State University & MAT Elementary Education from WGU



Mrs. Lim - 4B

- 12th year at St. Charles
- 19th year teaching
- BA in Elementary Ed from St. Martin's University; M.Ed in Special Education from UW-Tacoma



Fabulous Fourth Grade!

- Two teachers! Students will move to 4A for math & science with Mrs. Olive and to 4B for ELA & Washington State History with Mrs. Lim!
- Field Trips: Washington State History Museum in late winter (tentative), Chambers Bay/Immaculate Conception with Father Michael in spring
- Service Projects: St. Leo's baking project in fall, "Baby Shower" for Guadalupe House in January, Oodles of Noodles food drive, St. Leo's Food Connection with parents sign up in winter

Academics

- Planners are filled out together every day with daily homework, long term assignments, important information/events
Parents are required to sign the planner every night until students consistently turn in homework every day. We aim for January but hope to achieve this sooner!
Missing homework/planner signature = time on the “wa
Points for each assignment, grades input into Renweb
Your child’s Clever page will give you access to Google Classroom, Accelerated Reader, Amplify, HMH Go Math, Prodigy, IXL, ... all technology used in school
- Sign in to Clever FIRST to access any school apps

Classroom Etiquette and Expectations

- Being prepared with materials
- On task
- Raising hand to speak
- Speaker has the floor i.e no side conversations
- Be Christ
- Do unto others as you would have done unto you - Matthew 7:12
- Love your neighbor as yourself - Matthew 22:39

Academics: ELA

- CKLA/Amplify Reading Curriculum
 - Personal Narratives, Empires of the Middle Ages, Poetry, Geology, American Revolution, Treasure Island
- Sadlier Grammar Workshop
- Spelling - low stakes, weekly
- M/W Grammar, M Spelling pretest; T/Th/F - CKLA, Writing; F Spelling Test
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- Kahoot & Blooket reviews

Academics: ELA

LONG TERM PROJECTS DUE THE LAST SCHOOL DAY OF THE MONTH

- **Monthly Book Reports** - based on a specific genre; must be at 4th grade level or above and a chapter book (copy on Google Classroom)
- **ONE Accelerated Reader test** per month at the 4th grade level or above; passing is 70%
- **Cougar Club Reading Log** - 200 pages each month at any level, genre, or category (fiction, graphic novel, picture book, etc), Parent Signature Required

Academics: Math

- Go Math!
- Areas of Study: **Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Perimeter & Area, Fractions, Number Patterns**
- IXL & Prodigy (special occasions)
- Waggle! - new online program with Go Math! Aligns with MAP score
- Mastertrack- provides student data based upon given daily targeted Math Checkpoints

Academics: Math

- Math Homework:
 - Given daily with the exception of assessment days or Fridays
 - Always due the next day
 - Homework is handed out at the end of the day and also posted on Google Classroom under Math. Students may always complete additional!

Academics: Math

- Mr. Guppy is an enrichment small group program that meets Monday & Wednesday at 8:20 am
- Limited to 6 students
- Based upon following:
 - MAP & Math grades
 - Ability to get to class and finish morning work on time
 - Following Classroom Expectations
 - Showing characteristics of a successful learner (examples):
 - Work Completion
 - Following directions
 - Focused and on task
 - Prepared

Academics: Science

- Nancy Larson
- Areas of Study: **Characteristics of Cells, Classification of Plants, Characteristics of Animals**
- Lessons and assignments completed in class
- Homework only if assignment not completed in class and/or studying for the test
- Egg Drop in June!

Academics: Washington State History

- National Parks
- Washington Our Home
- Regions & Landforms; Native Americans; Explorers & Trade; Early Settlers; Government
- Lessons and assignments mostly completed in class
- Field Trip with Father Michael in Spring: walk around Chambers Bay and Mass at Immaculate Conception in Steilacoom - the first Catholic church in Washington!

Academics: Religion

- Monthly Prayer testing - 2 new prayers: Prayer for Peace & Memorare - all others are review from previous grades
- Monthly focus on a given Virtue & Saint
- Religion curriculum focus: **Covenant**
- Of the five chapters in each unit- four focus on the four pillars of the Catechism (**Believe, Celebrate, Live, Pray**)
- The Bible is the core text of the curriculum

Testing

- MAP testing administered three times a year: Fall, Winter, & Spring
- Grade Level Prayers are listed in Google Classroom - Fourth Grade and Religion
- Accelerated Reader tests: one passed every month at 70%; books must be fourth grade level or above; can be chapter books or picture books

Conferences

- Student-led conferences in fourth grade! The student, parents, & teacher will meet together for a 15 minute conference.
- No School for students on October 22 & 23 for conferences. A Sign Up Genius will be sent out to choose your conference time.

Communication

- Newsletters go home weekly and are posted to Fourth Grade Google Classroom
- Email is best! We do our best to respond within 24 hours, or by the end of Monday if emailed over the weekend
- Student-led conferences in October
- After school conferences as needed - dependent on schedules
- Spring conferences as needed

Your Fourth Grader

- Changing hormones mean BIG, BIG feelings that happen fast.
- Fourth graders aren't sure how to handle all of it and look to us to provide support, patience, and firm expectations & guidance.
- Right now their problems are big for them, small for us, but with consistency they will learn how to effectively handle the bigger stuff when it hits them.
- Listen to your child process their day, guide them through problem solving strategies and different perspectives.



Thank you!
It's going to
be a great
year!

Sticker Bank

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