



St. Felicitas Catholic School

Mission Statement: Saint Felicitas Catholic School as a Catholic school in the Diocese of Oakland educates children in the Catholic faith and nurtures their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

United Together Through God's Love

Dear St. Felicitas Families

We made it through our first week of full instruction! I have been so impressed with how the students have transitioned back to school and their positive attitude toward distance learning. Our continued gratitude goes to our teachers who have been doing an amazing job with the students and to our parents, who continue to partner with us. What a united and wonderful community we have!

Tomorrow we will join together in our first livestream school mass of the year. Students will be going straight to their virtual classroom (their teacher's link) at 8:05am and need to be in place for mass at 8:15am. Please remember to have your child in full uniform for the mass.

We also have some exciting news about school pictures for the year. Lifetouch will be here in the gym to take student pictures on Tuesday, September 22 from 4pm to 6pm and Thursday, September 24 from 3pm to 6pm. **Preschool and staff will take pictures at 3pm on Tuesday, September 22 and DO NOT need to sign up for a time.** Here is a link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49a4af2da0f58-school>. If you have more than one child, please sign up for a

time for each child. Students will also need to be in their full uniform. Please wear a mask and observe physical distancing.

Last, I want to give a big thank you to everyone who made donations and cards for our firefighters and fire victims. We had a great turnout! Thank you to our 8th grade parent volunteers who made the drive to Santa Cruz to deliver the donations. Tomorrow will be the last day for drop offs for the San Mateo wildfire donations. As we get closer to October and the Feast of St. Francis of Assis, patron saint of animals, we will be offering service opportunities to support our animal friends. Please see below for more information. I wish you all a restful and blessed three day weekend!

United Together Through God's Love,
Sr. Faustina

Important Dates & Events

- **Friday, September 4th, First Friday livestream mass, students wear full uniform. Last day to turn in donations for the wild fire victims**
- **Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, No School**
- **Wednesday, September 9th, Minimum**



New and Upcoming Outreach Projects!

To honor the Feast of St. Francis, we are working with the Peninsula Humane Society on a Towel Drive. They are in need of clean used towels and blankets for their shelter pets. However, please no bed sheets due to Covid.

Our second project will focus on the felines! It's "kitten season" and there is a great need for extra toys for all the cats at the shelter. If your child would like to help make a toy (or two) please see the instructions attached.

Friday Service for Parents!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help around the school for one hour every Friday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact the school office to schedule.

Wildfire Outreach Project

Thank you to all our generous families that contributed to helping our amazing fire fighters and the victims with much needed supplies and words of encouragement. If you still wish to help, tomorrow is the last day to drop off at school. See the attached flyer for more information.



This Week's Raffle Drawing Winner was:

Sal Ostini
Son, Grayson is in First Grade
Congratulations!



School Pictures!

We have been working with our school picture photographers to create a safe environment for the children to come in for their class pictures!

For social distancing, we will have the photos taken in the gym. To limit the number of people on site, we are requesting that you make an appointment. To accommodate most parents' work schedules, we will be scheduling late in the afternoon.

Dates will be:

September 22nd, 4-6 pm or September 24th, 3-6 pm. Please go to the *Signup Genius* in Sister Faustina's column to schedule.

Reminder, white shirt and fleece jacket are to be worn.

Mandatory Parent Faith Formation Meeting

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 7th from 7-8pm to listen to Father Jayson. The link will be sent through email. Please have at least one parent or guardian attend. *Thank you!*



MUSE Band is Enrolling Now!

Students interested in learning a musical instrument can sign up for the school band program. We have instruments to rent. Check out their video here for more information:

<https://youtu.be/FWjb2aJ2GDc>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Fred Robino
- Linda Robino
- Jobelle Baldonado
- Dennis Bertucelli
- Victims of the wildfires



- For our community and the world as we work to recover and heal
- St. Felicitas Family & Friends
- Special Intentions

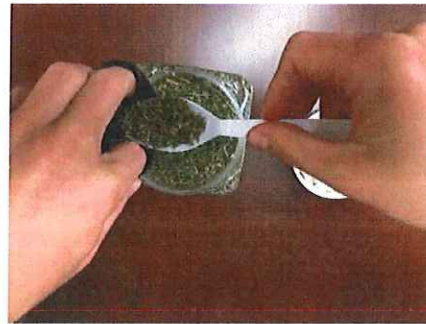
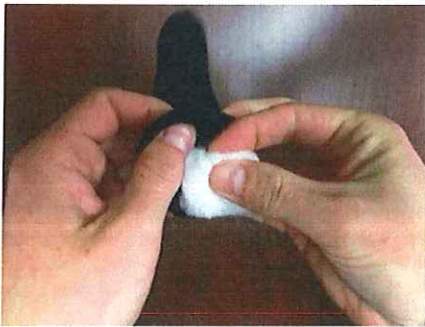
Catnip Socks

Materials Needed:

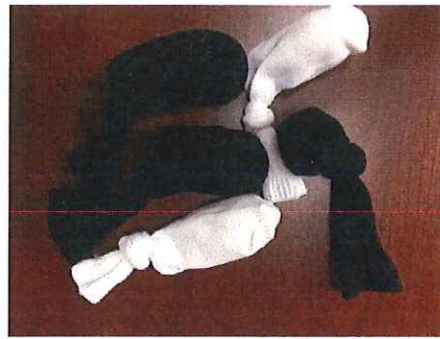
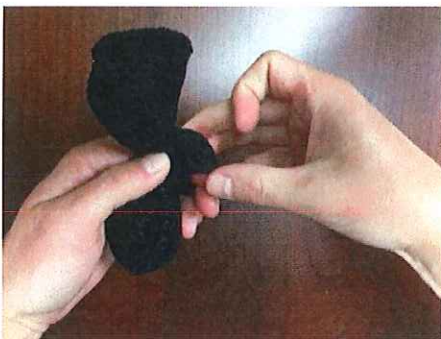
- Baby socks
- Cotton balls
- Catnip
- Teaspoon

Instructions:

- ① Stuff each sock with two cotton balls.



- ② Measure one teaspoon of catnip into each sock. Tie the end of the sock in a knot.



- ③ Bonus: Use sharpie to draw faces on for fun!



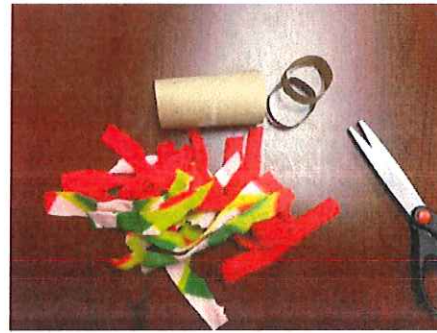
Spider Cat Toys

Materials Needed:

- 12" x 12" of felt or fleece fabric per toy
- Scissors
- Toilet paper tube

Instructions:

- ① Cut your fabric into 24 strips measuring roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6". Cut TP tube into $\frac{1}{2}$ " rounds.



- ② Tie strips around TP tube so the entire tube is covered. Double knot each fabric strip. Sprinkle catnip on it for extra fun!



Cork Cat Toys

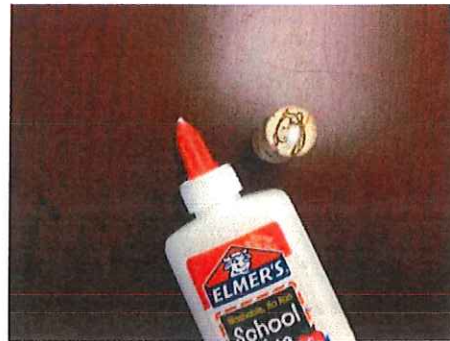
Materials Needed:

- 1 wine cork
- Several feathers
- Elmer's glue or other nontoxic option



Instructions:

- ① Find the hole made from the wine bottle opener. put a dot of glue into the hole.



- ② push the ends of the feathers into the hole as far as you can and let dry overnight.



- ③ Bonus: draw cute faces of the cork!

SAN MATEO COUNTY WILDFIRES (Ends Sept.4)

Ways to give:

1. **Cards for Firefighters (1 STUDENT SERVICE HOUR):** Make/write a card thanking our firefighters - draw a picture, write an encouraging message, give thanks! We want to keep our messages generic and sign the cards as from "St Felicitas Catholic School, San Leandro, CA."
2. **Cards for Fire Victims (1 STUDENT SERVICE HOUR):** Write/make a card for fire victims receiving donations. Draw a picture, or write an encouraging message such as "you are in our thoughts and prayers." These cards will go with the donations to Santa Cruz. Sign the cards as from "St Felicitas Catholic School, San Leandro, CA."
3. **DONATIONS (new and unopened donations only)**
 - Diapers
 - Baby formula
 - School supplies:
 - day packs
 - pens
 - highlighters
 - notebooks
 - pencils
 - sharpeners
 - markers
 - clipboards
 - small bottles of hand sanitizer

Drop off dates and times:

Donations will be accepted thru **Friday, September 4**. Drop off will be at St Felicitas from 7:30 to 3 PM in the adult education room (door on the right of the school entrance) for contactless drop off.

ANIMAL RESCUE SUPPORT

- Peninsula Humane Society is accepting donations of pet food, cat litter and newspapers at their Coyote Point Shelter location at 12 Airport Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94401 and financial donations online at <https://phs-sPCA.org/donateonline/>.
- To donate to the Cow Palace Livestock Evacuation Center, visit www.cowpalace.com for a list of needs.
- To help feed and support animals evacuated by the San Mateo County Large Animal Evacuation Group, go to www.smclaeg.org and click on the Volunteer Now button.
- Donate feed and supplies to support the large animal evacuees at HMB Feed & Fuel, 331 Main St., Half Moon Bay, CA ; 650-726-4814. Financial donations can be made online at <https://smclaeg.org>