



Hello Cathedral Freshmen Families!

We hope this email finds you well and you are enjoying the warm summer months! We trust that you have been able to take full advantage of summer break and have enjoyed time with your family and friends. Perhaps your student even got a jump start to high school with summer school or sports conditioning.

As the 2021/2022 school year draws closer, we are so excited to introduce ourselves as your Freshmen Experience Directors! You can find our introductions below. Our job is to help pave a path for your academic, social, and emotional success as you navigate your first year at Cathedral High School. While we are certain you may be scared and excited, we are here to help make your transition as smooth as possible, and we are confident that Cathedral will feel like home in no time. We have several upcoming events to welcome the Class of 2025 and help immerse you into the culture and spirit of Cathedral. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following events!

#### **Technology Onboarding - Tuesday, July 20**

For students who did not participate in Summer School, Technology Onboarding will take place on Tuesday, July 20. If you ordered an iPad through Cathedral and did not participate in Summer School, this is also iPad pick up. If you are purchasing your own iPad, please bring it to Technology Onboarding

- July 20th 7:30 a.m. -8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

#### **Study Skills Workshop for the Class of 2025**

August 3, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Ice Cream Social to follow, pick up at 4:00 p.m.)

August 4, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\*\*[Registration is required](#) and this event is limited to 80 students. Students attend both days of the workshop.

#### **Freshmen Orientation - Wednesday, August 11- 8:45 a.m. to Noon**

- Students should wear uniform pants and Cathedral spirit t-shirt or uniform top
- Students will begin in the Welch Activity Center (enter Door 2) and will walk to each of their classes
- Students should come prepared with their schedules
- Lunch will **not** be provided
- The Technology Team and School Counselors will be available before and after the orientation

#### **Freshman/Senior First day of School - Thursday, August 12 - 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

- Special Schedule - Students will go to all classes and should come prepared with their schedules
- Students can purchase lunch from the cafeteria or bring a lunch from home
- Students should wear uniform tops and uniform pants

#### **Freshmen Lughnasa - Friday, August 13 - 2:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

The Freshmen "Lughnasa" (a word in Gaelic meaning festival, to celebrate a new harvest) started in 2019. This is a special event that will help immerse the incoming freshmen into our Holy Cross Values, the Cathedral Way, and many traditions. It is also a time in which students will have the opportunity to begin building connections with their classmates as well as their peer mentors. **This is a very important event, and required for all Freshmen!**

- Check in will begin at 2:15 p.m. and we ask all students to arrive no later than 2:30 p.m.

*\*If a student needs to be dropped off earlier due to transportation issues, accommodations can be made. Please contact the Freshman Experience Directors to make arrangements.*

- Dinner will be provided for students
- Parents are invited and encouraged to return in the evening for informative parent sessions, and a special surprise to end the evening. More details will be shared closer to the date.
- All freshmen students will be excused from athletic practice and/or other school activities, as this event takes precedence!

**First Day of School - Monday, August 16- 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. - All together as ONE family!**

- Be prepared for the traditional TP welcome from our Seniors as you drive up the Hill
- Expect drop off to take longer than usual
- Students will follow an “altered day 1” schedule

**Your Freshman Experience Co-Directors:**

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*“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” - Albert Einstein*

We are so excited to have this Class of 2025 join us on the Hill!

I am an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Permanent Substitute Teacher here at Cathedral. I have a son who will be a Junior and a daughter who is an incoming Freshman. I have two other sons who attend The Oaks Academy. I am blessed to be entering my fifth year at Cathedral. It is a gift to be able to work with such amazing people and to get to coach and teach such wonderful students. You will learn quickly that this is a special place and there are so many things that make it great. This year will be like no other and I am so excited to get the school year started with you!

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*I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*

—Maya Angelou

I am an Advanced PE Teacher, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach and a member of the Student Innovation Team (S.I.T) here at Cathedral. I am entering my third year here at Cathedral and I have a son who is an incoming Freshman. I enjoy coming up the hill daily to work with such a smart and diverse group of students. I believe Cathedral is a special and unique place where student’s hearts and minds are truly educated equally. I am very excited about the special things that Cathedral students have to look forward to!

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*“People may look different or be dressed differently or may have a different education or position. But they are all the same. They are all people to be loved. They are all hungry for love.” – Mother Teresa*

We have so much in store for you and can’t wait to give you an official warm Irish welcome!

You can find me in Kelly Hall, and I serve as an Administrative Assistant for the Academic team. I also have two students at Cathedral, a Senior and a Sophomore. In addition, I have three children who attend St. Louis de Montfort. I am blessed to be in my 6th year working for a school that is truly more fulfilling than I could ever imagine a “job” to be! I look forward to sharing the pride of belonging to the Cathedral family with you! I look forward to serving the class of 2025 for the next four years!

**Helpful Quick Links:**

[Cathedral Spirit Shop](#)  
[Counselor Assignments](#)  
[New Families Page / Class of 2025 Page](#)  
[Parent Portal](#)  
[Latest Parent Newsletter - Cathedral Connection](#)  
[Summer Reading - All grades must participate!](#)

If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to reach out by emailing one of us directly!

Brightest Blessings,

Your Freshmen Experience Team