

La Causa Charter School Newsletter



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Welcome

La Causa Charter School welcomes everyone back for the 2023-2024 school year! Each newsletter is geared up to help you stay on top of information about LCCS and help bring us together!

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Important Dates for Sept-Oct.

- **August 28:** First day of school (1st-8th grade)
- **August 28-29:** Staggered Start for K4/K5
- **September 4:** Labor Day (No Student Attendance)
- **September 13:** School Governance Council meeting, 4 pm - 5 pm.
- **September 16:** Mexican Ind. Day Parade
- **September 20:** Family Leadership Organization 4 pm - 5 pm.
- **September 21:** Picture Day (**Uniform only**)
- **September 22:** Birthday Celebrations
- **September 22:** 2nd-4th grade Dance 2:30 pm -3:30 pm.
- **September 28:** High School Fair, 4pm -5 pm.
- **September 29:** No Student Attendance
- **October 9-12:** Book Fair
- **October 11:** Parent/Teacher Conference 4 pm-5 pm.
- **October 12:** Parent/Teacher Conference 4 pm-8 pm
- **October 13:** No Student Attendance
- **October 19:** Fall Festival,4-6pm
- **October 27:** Birthday Celebrations
- **October 27th:** 5th-6th grade Dance 2:30 pm-3:30 pm.
- **October 30:** No Student Attendance

Message from School Administration

Dear La Causa Families,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year! We are thrilled to have each one of you as part of our school community. Whether you are returning students, eager to continue your educational journey, or new students, ready to embark on a fresh chapter, we are excited to be your guides and support you throughout the year.

Our dedicated team of teachers and staff are committed to providing you with an outstanding educational experience. They are eager to ignite your curiosity, challenge you to think outside the box, and help you reach your full potential.

Remember, school is not just about academics; it's about forming lifelong friendships, embracing diversity, and cultivating values such as respect, empathy, and kindness. We encourage you to actively participate in school activities, clubs, and events that pique your interest. As we begin this new year, we want you to know that our doors are always open. Feel free to reach out to your teachers, counselors, or any member of the staff whenever you need guidance, support, or simply someone to talk to. We are here to listen, help, and celebrate your achievements.

We have high expectations for each one of you, and we believe in your abilities to excel. We look forward to working together to make this school year one filled with achievements, personal growth, and joy!

Let's make the 2023-2024 academic year a truly remarkable one,

La Causa Charter School Administration.



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Welcome to Familia La Causa



Mr. Ocacio

My name is Pedro Ocasio, I have a Bachelor of Arts in Education (Science Concentration / Bilingual). I was born in Puerto Rico and immigrated to Wisconsin in 2016. For the past 5 years, I have worked at our school with the goal of continuing to forge and develop the Spanish language in our Latino community and in students whose first language is not Spanish. I am also passionate about working with parents and families and the school community. I am inspired by the creation of educational projects with my students. I think that through these, autonomy and critical thinking are stimulated in students.

I am proud to work for this community, I believe in my students, their present and their future!



Ms. Trempala

One of the reasons I think I get along well with my students is because I grew up and went to school on the south-side, a little grade school on 23rd and Greenfield. I then went to Wisconsin Lutheran High School as a school choice student, and then to Mount Mary as well as Wisconsin Lutheran College to get my teaching credentials. One of my goals in life is to stay in touch with my graduating students to see them mature into amazing, professional adults AND I hope to one day say I've taught every grade.

To this day I can never say which is my favorite age to teach. I love my job, and I hope that despite everything, I can still say 40-50 years from today that this career was my calling. I also love reading graphic novels, watching youtube videos like "Supernanny" or funny animal videos, drawing or writing or creating arts and crafts, bargain shopping, playing volleyball or LARP (live-action-role-play), learning new languages/customs (Italian, Spanish, French . . .), and listening to a variety of music (anything from oldies and rock-and-roll to pop and punk) on the radio.



Ms. Maldonado

My name is Wilda Maldonado I'm the Administrative Assistant at the Kindergarten Academy located at 809 W. Greenfield Ave. I have been a dedicated employee of La Causa for more than 40 Years. I'm a mother of 1 daughter, 3 grandsons and 2 great granddaughters. I'm also an avid sports fan and like to travel with good friends.



Social Media reminder for parents

Did you know? Social media have age requirements to be on their platforms.

Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, and Twitter all require their users to be 13 years or older in order to have an account on their platform. If your child is 13 years of age or younger, they cannot create an account on these websites according to the companies age requirements.

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Finding Balance with Media and Tech Use at Home

Common Sense Media

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rH3xSmfOEUcp3sr3AB8nsQvNKibo22AvlBycxKZNe3Y/edit?usp=sharing>

A fun way to remember helpful tips for balancing media and technology at home is to use the MEALS model.

Healthy **MEALS** of media

M

Model



Set a good example!
Your kids will learn from watching your actions.

E

Engage



Have conversations about the content they watch. Use media to make connections to real life.

A

Adjust



Not all screen time is the same.
Choose appropriate, high-quality content.

L

Limit



Set healthy rules and expectations for your home.

S

Support



Support each other!
Be patient, even on days when rules go out the door!

La Causa Charter School 23-24 Calendar

For a full detailed school year calendar, please visit the Parent Resource page on our website at

lacausa.org/charter-school-2/parent-resources/

Student Attendance Days

Non-Student Attendance Days



September - Septiembre 2023



Sunday-Domingo	Monday-Lunes	Tuesday-Martes	Wednesday-Miércoles	Thursday-Jueves	Friday-Viernes	Saturday-Sábado
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



October - Octubre 2023



Sunday-Domingo	Monday-Lunes	Tuesday-Martes	Wednesday-Miércoles	Thursday-Jueves	Friday-Viernes	Saturday-Sábado
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LCCS Frequently Asked Questions



- **What time does school start and end?**

The school day begins at 7:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm. Students can enter the school at 7:10 to receive breakfast.

- **What if my child has a change of schedule in transportation and/or extracurricular activities?**

If your child will not be taking the bus home after school or will not be attending their extracurricular activities or has any other change of schedule, you must call the school before 12:00 pm at (414) 316-3800.

- **What is ClassDojo & How does it work?**

ClassDojo engages the entire family in their children's educational experience by allowing parents to be engaged in daily school activities and have open communication with school staff.

With ClassDojo, teachers can track the positive behavior of individual students, and can communicate directly with parents or guardians on their cell phones, tablets, or computers. Teachers, administrators, parents or guardians and students also share information safely, securely, and privately. Examples of information include upcoming classroom events or field trips, points a student earns for behavior, pictures or videos of students engaged in classroom activities, and projects or homework that students need to complete.

To get connected on ClassDojo or are having issues connecting, please contact your student's teacher by calling the school at 414-902-1660.

- **I am interested in volunteering/chaperoning for school field trips. What do I need to do?**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering/chaperoning for the school! Please stop by the school office to complete a new background check form. A new background check form must be completed every school year.

- **Where can I buy my student's gym shirt?**

Gym shirts (\$5) can be purchased for students K5-8th grade at both campuses during school hours.



Parent Engagement at La Causa Charter School



- **What is parent engagement?**

Parents who are engaged with their student's school are parents who participate in school activities and groups, often becoming part of the school's decision-making process. These parents work together with the school to improve the learning, development, and health of the students.

- **How can I engage with La Causa Charter School?**

At La Causa Charter School, parents can join or attend our School Governance Council meetings or our Family Leadership Organization (previously known as the PTO).

- **What is the School Governance Council?**

The School Governance Council is an advisory group to the school leader (the principal) to ensure a collective vision for the school and for strategies to support student achievement and school improvement. **All** parents are welcomed to attend these meetings or to become a member of the council.

- **What is the Family Leadership Organization?**

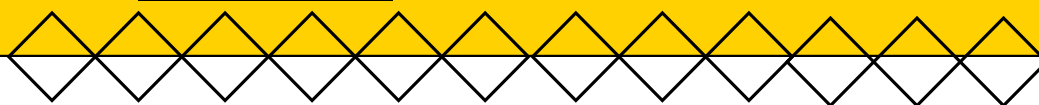
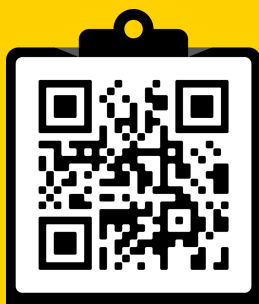
The Family Leadership Organization (FLO), previously known as the PTO, is dedicated to promoting and supporting the students, staff and curriculum at La Causa Charter School. **The goal** of the Family Leadership Organization is to provide a means of ongoing and organized communication between Parents and Staff, enrich students' educational experiences by providing activities for students and their families to be involved in the education of our children. Parents can join FLO's governing body by being the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All parents are welcomed to become a member of FLO or attend FLO meetings.



Check out the Parent Handbook and our Social Media!

Parent Handbook
(English Version)

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