

# Ten Top Questions Freshmen Parents Ask

## 10. How do I buy books?

### **Buying your Textbooks:**

Download the 2009-2010 Cathedral Booklist at:

[http://www.cathedral-irish.org/uploaded/bookstore/Cathedral\\_2009\\_10\\_Booklist.pdf](http://www.cathedral-irish.org/uploaded/bookstore/Cathedral_2009_10_Booklist.pdf)

Cathedral textbooks supplied by Varsity/Follett Books are available year round at the Campus Outfitters store located at 8284 Center Run Drive, Indianapolis 46250; 570-0898 (Castleton area). Textbooks for the 2009-2010 school year will be available for sale beginning July 20. Bring your class schedule with you when purchasing textbooks.

**Download the Summer Reading List here - <http://www.cathedral-irish.org/uploaded/Files/Academics/SummerReadingList.pdf>**

## 9. **Transportation: How do I get my child to school and back? After-school activities?**

- ♣ Car-pooling
- ♣ Student Drivers – suggestions to pay back student driver - \$1.00/one way or purchase a weekly gas card for driver.
- ♣ School Van or Bus – in registration packet
- ♣ After School – encourage the student to bring home some student names from extracurricular activities to see if anyone lives near you.

## 8. **How do I change my child's academic placement?**

- ♣ Contact assigned freshman/sophomore advisors:  
Mrs. Bonny Hannigan (A-G) – 968-7319      [bhannigan@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:bhannigan@cathedral-irish.org)  
Mr. Greg Bamrick (H-N) – 968-7327      [gbamrick@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:gbamrick@cathedral-irish.org)  
Mrs. Melba Salmon (-Z) – 968-7369      [msalmon@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:msalmon@cathedral-irish.org)  
Note: Advisors are not in their offices full-time until August.

## 7. **Is there a parent organization to work with administration to improve Cathedral High School. Yes, Cathedral Connection.**

- ♣ Meetings open to all parents to offer insights to administration to address any parent concerns
- ♣ Strengthens the Cathedral Family network through Freshman/Sophomore and Junior/Senior Parent Meetings, Fireside Chats, and Summer Neighborhood meetings
- ♣ Parent Contract to unite all parents

## 6. **What is Mothers' Club? What else can I do to get involved?**

- ♣ Mothers' Club – strengthens community among the Cathedral family by providing opportunities for service benefiting the students, faculty, and the school in general
- ♣ Look for information packet this summer and sign up for activities of your interest; Dads are welcome, too.
- ♣ Can also call on Chairperson to assist with activities
- ♣ Most meetings are held in the mornings and a few in the evenings to accommodate schedules

- ♣ Parents can also get involved through all other extra curricular activities, i.e. band, sports, theatre, etc.

**5. How do I find out about tryouts, camps, and club meetings?**

- ♣ Sports/Club Calendars
- ♣ Call the school office: 542-1481
- ♣ School announcements
- ♣ School web page - [www.cathedral-irish.org](http://www.cathedral-irish.org)
- ♣ The *Insight* magazine, posted on website and link given in current principal's email each Wednesday evening.

**4. How do I found out about current and upcoming events? What are other means of communication?**

- ♣ Principal's email – sent out every Wednesday; Not receiving it? Contact Sr. Lynne Matteson (Mr. Worland's Administrative Assistant) at [smatteson@cathedral-irish.org](mailto:smatteson@cathedral-irish.org) or at 968-7383.
- ♣ *Insight Magazine*, posted on website and link given in current principal's email each Wednesday evening.
- ♣ Blue Book
- ♣ Other means of communication: school website, sports information hot line (543-4942, ext. 8), Meet the Teacher Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, announcements (found on website), *Megaphone* (student newspaper).

**3. Who, What, When, Where, How? - Student Directory (Blue Book)**

- ♣ Student Handbook – dress code, school rules and consequences, clubs, activities
- ♣ Calendar – academic year, late arrivals, free days
- ♣ Phone numbers and addresses of all students
- ♣ Athletic schedule of contests (not tryouts or practice schedules)
- ♣ Directions to other school for extracurricular events
- ♣ For your students, a daily place to keep record of all assignments

**2. How did you get to know parents and students? - Old and New Friends**

- ♣ Remember: Parents are making friends, too.
- ♣ Someday your child will want to go to a home you know nothing about – get involved now!
- ♣ You will meet parents through your child's extracurricular activities or through Cathedral's two parent groups: Mothers' Club and Cathedral Connection.

**1. Who will my child sit with at lunch?**

- ♣ Don't worry! Although this time seems critical to your child, he/she will adjust.
- ♣ Tell him or her "Let's talk about it."