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Dear Parents:

In three weeks, St. Cecilia School will be hosting an Open House. We invite all of our current families to come and visit and also encourage you to pass this information along to friends, neighbors, or relatives who may have an interest in Catholic education for their family. The date is January 31<sup>st</sup> and the school will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Each family will receive registration papers for the 2018-2019 school year in their Wednesday folders. Our current families have the opportunity to register before opening this up to new students. Please return your forms by Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure your child's place in the classroom. Registrations after this time are accepted in the order they are received.

*God Bless!*

Sincerely,  
Mr. Detzel

**St. Cecilia Featured on TV** – St. Cecilia will be spotlighted on “A Look Into Catholic Education” TV show that will be airing on three channels: Local 12, The CW, and Star 64. Make sure you tune in! The schedule for the show is as follows:

2/3 on Star64: 10:30am – 11:00am  
2/10 on The CW: 12:30pm – 1:00pm  
2/18 on Local 12: 12:00pm – 12:30pm  
2/24 on Local 12: 12:00pm – 12:30pm  
3/3 on The CW: 12:30pm – 1:00pm  
3/10 on Star64: 10:30am – 11:00am

**Make-Up and Haircuts** – We have had some issues recently with some girls wearing make-up and nail polish to school. This is not permitted and we ask that you please help us enforce this rule that is clearly stated in the handbook. We have also had some boys who have hair that is getting rather long and we ask for your help in keeping them clean cut. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**3rd ANNUAL ST CECILIA CHILI COOK-OFF, SATURDAY 1/20** - Ready your taste buds for another round of chili-tastin' fun. Our 3rd Annual Winter Family Dance and Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday, 1/20 from 6-10 pm. This annual event brings out the competition, so whether you LOVE or just LIKE a good bowl of chili with a time of fellowship and fun, you'll want to be a part of this evening! CHEF'S NEEDED- Top 3 Chili Chef winners will be determined by a panel of judges and 1 chef will be crowned the St. Cecilia Grand Chili Champion! Exciting door prizes, family-friendly music, dancing and activities for the kids will add to the evening! Cost is \$7 per person or \$30 per family. Hot dogs, desserts, and drinks will also be served. Invite your friends and family; all are welcome to this great event! RSVP ONLINE VIA THE PARISH OR SCHOOL WEBSITE! Pay at the door!



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**National Geographic Bee** - St. Cecilia has joined the more than 10,000 schools that are participating in the 2018 National Geographic Bee. Students in grade 4 through 8 have been brushing up on their geography skills to take part in class competitions this week and next. On Tuesday, January 23rd, the top 10 classroom finalists will take part in a school bee. The school winner will take an on-line test to compete at the state level and hopefully advance to the national level for a chance to win college

scholarships and the glory of being the National Geographic Bee Champion.

**Drama Club “Needs List”** - Our Drama Club is in need of the following items for our annual production: “The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast.” If you have any items to share with us please let know, [lkohl@stcindependence.org](mailto:lkohl@stcindependence.org)

**Immediate needs:** large pieces of cardboard (at least 4 x 4 feet), 2 pieces of ¼ inch plywood 4 x 4 feet.

**Items needed January 16, 2018:** wooden bench four feet long, 3 wooden stools about 1.5 feet tall, 4 foot long wooden table, small wooden end table, 3 wooden table chairs, silver pitcher, gauntlet gloves, wooden candle holders, hunting horn.

**We Need Your Help!** - St. Cecilia School will be hosting the Middle Grades Regional Governor’s Cup Competition this year, and we need parent help to make this huge undertaking successful. Since we will be welcoming students, coaches, and officials from 14 area schools to our building on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will need many volunteers. There are many different ways you can help. **Please see the attached form, complete it, and return it to school.** *No experience is needed to help out. Directions will be provided. All of the responsibilities are for Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>,* but arrangements can be made for dropping off food and drinks on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wuestefeld

[kwuestefeld@stcindependence.org](mailto:kwuestefeld@stcindependence.org)

**Calling all Future Indians !!!** - Holy Cross District High School would like to invite the students of our feeder schools to be our guests for a boys basketball game on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm vs. Newport. Each student and one parent/guardian will receive admission to the game FREE of charge in addition to prizes and giveaways! Please feel free to share this with other Future Indians we might not reach. After the game the coaches and team will be available for a meet and greet with the Future Indians including autograph session and photos! We look forward to seeing everyone next week.

**GO INDIANS !**

**HOLY CROSS OPEN HOUSE** - Holy Cross High School will be having their Open House on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30. Students should all meet at Alumni Hall.



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**EdChoice (Scholarship Tax Credits)** - The Kentucky General Assembly is considering two Scholarship Tax Credit bills this legislative session: House Bill 134 and Senate Bill 36. These bills would create a Scholarship Tax Credit Program in Kentucky which will increase tuition assistance and provide students with the opportunity to pursue an education at a school that best fits their unique needs. If passed, the legislation will establish a nonrefundable tax credit for individuals and businesses who donate to fund K-12 scholarships for students. These scholarships help families afford the cost of nonpublic school tuition or other important educational services. Momentum is growing for Scholarship Tax Credits, **the first vote on Scholarship Tax Credits will be held on Thursday during the Senate Committee on Education hearing.** That's why we need you to **act quickly** and contact your Representative and Senator and encourage them to support HB 134 and SB 36!

You may use the link below or call 1-800-372-7181 to urge your legislators to support Scholarship Tax Credits. If you use the form, it will send your message directly to your legislator.

<https://www.votervoice.net/EdChoiceKY/campaigns/55998/respond>

Thank you for your support to expand educational opportunities in Kentucky!

## **Academic Corner – The Do's and Don't of Homework**

Follow these Do's and Don'ts of homework with your kids to make the most of their learning time at home:

### **Do:**

- Provide quiet study time in a well-lit place.
- Be available to encourage, praise, advise, and supervise.
- Monitor your child's understanding of concepts and skills.
- Check work for accuracy, neatness, and completeness.
- Provide related home-learning experiences to reinforce concepts learned at school.
- Cooperate with and be supportive of the child's teacher.
- Help your child make education a top priority during his/her school years. Show by example that learning can be exciting and fulfilling.

### **Don't:**

- Do the child's homework for him/her.
- Make excuses or allow the child to make excuses for incomplete or sloppy work.
- Change, criticize, or belittle a teacher's assignments. If there's a problem, talk to the teacher.
- Allow the child to skip an assignment he/she doesn't like.
- Fill the child's life with so many non-school activities there is no time left for homework or play. Relieve the child of responsibility for getting homework back to school on time.



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**Important Dates:**

1/15 – No School (MLK Day)

1/19 – Day of Prayer and Penance

1/22 – 1/26 – National School Choice Week

1/29 – 2/2 – Catholic Schools Week!

1/31 – Open House – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Have a wonderful rest of the week!**