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Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that the first trimester ends on Thursday. I would like to thank everyone for all of their help and support so far this year. We are off to a fantastic start and we have so many wonderful things happening at St. Cecilia. The Saint Parade was truly a spectacle to behold and we are truly blessed to live in a country where we can practice our faith openly. Thanks to all of our veterans who have made this privilege possible. Speaking of being thankful, Thanksgiving is right around the corner and this is a great time for all of us to thank everyone in our lives who do so much for us. We have a lot of important events coming up so please make sure you read the newsletter thoroughly. Have a great rest of the week!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

Awards Day Change – We apologize for the change, but our Awards Day Ceremony is being moved to Tuesday, November 21st. This is St. Cecilia's Feast Day and the school will be celebrating Mass and then having a reception in the undercroft afterwards. Since this is also an early release day (11:00 a.m.) and a private transportation day, it simply made sense to have the Awards Ceremony after the reception. This will allow more parents to attend the Awards Ceremony since many will have to pick up their children at 11:00 a.m. It also allows the teachers to have a regular day of classes on Monday. Students who have a 3.95 average or above will earn the Distinguished Award. First Honors will be given to students who have a g.p.a. of 3.75 – 3.94. Second Honors will be given to students who have a g.p.a. of 3.25 – 3.74. We will also give out Best Effort and Crusader Awards. Again, we apologize for the change, but we hope you see the value and convenience in this move. Thank you so much!

Conferences and Report Cards - The first trimester ends tomorrow, November 9th. For the first trimester, we host conferences for all parents to come in and discuss your child's progress. These conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 21st, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sign-ups are available through the Sycamore Program. Log on to Sycamore <https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3298>
Go to: My School, then P/T Conference
If a time is green you may sign up for that time slot. If it is red it is blocked. If you need to make changes to your scheduled time, you will need to contact the teacher.

Report cards will NOT be given to you at conferences. Parents can log in to Sycamore beginning on November 17th and view the report cards of each of your children from there. I know many of you receive the daily reports from Sycamore, but the report cards have effort grades and teachers' comments, so it is recommended that you take the time to log in to Sycamore and retrieve the actual report cards. If



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you have any questions or concerns and/or would like to print a copy of the report cards for parent/teacher conferences you are welcome to do so.

Veterans' Day Celebration - Our St. Cecilia Veterans' Day Celebration will take place on Thursday, November 9th. We will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by a presentation for our veterans in the Undercroft. In addition to presenting some songs and a skit, we would like to honor our veterans by

creating some posters for them. To help us with this, we are asking that you fill out the form attached that tells us the veteran's name, branch of service, and the years they served. By returning these to school, you will help us with this project. The attachment also includes a decorative invitation that you can pass on to family members and friends who are serving or have served our country in the past.

FEAST OF ST. CECILIA GALA- THE GREAT GATSBY 11/18 - RSVP IS REQUIRED

BY 11/13/2017!!! - The 2nd Annual Feast of St. Cecilia Celebration Gala "The Great Gatsby" will be held on Saturday, November 18th at 6:30pm. Pay online today via the Parish/School websites or purchase after any weekend Mass beginning on Oct 7th. The 1920's Soiree will be filled with dinner, signature "End of Prohibition" drinks, dancing, Grand Raffle, games and auctions. Cost of the tickets are only \$30pp or \$50 couple. FREE onsite babysitting will be offered in the school, hosted by the HC National Honor Society. Grab your friends and neighbors and get ready for a swinging great time! www.saintceciliaparish.net

Sycamore News

Student Log-in: Students in grades 3-8 have been given their login and password information in order to access the student portal of the Sycamore Program. This empowers students to check their grades, missing assignments and upcoming events.

Daily Parent Notification: Parents have permission to receive daily emails regarding their child's grades. In order for this notification to work parents must enable this opportunity. Information on how to enable this feature is in this Wednesday's folder. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Kohl at lkohl@stcindependence.org

Parent and Student Service Logs: Parents and students alike are able to record their service opportunities through Sycamore. Go to My School: Service Logs: blue button on the upper right hand side New Log. For the drop down "Opportunity" select "Service Opportunities," and fill in the information.

Kids Night Out/Parents Night Off "GROOVIN WITH THE GRINCH!" 12/1 - SAVE THE DATE: St. Cecilia Parish will once again host our Kids Night Out event on Friday, Dec 1st at 6:30pm. Kids will enjoy a fun-filled night of dinner, games, a movie, and arts & crafts while parents can enjoy a quiet date night out or that much needed Christmas shopping time! Register online via the school website at least one week in advance as space is limited. Cost is \$10pp or \$40 family rate.



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Volunteers Needed! - The Stagette Committee is looking for volunteers to help send out email solicitations to prospective donors. No experience necessary and no phone calls required! We'll supply a list, email information and instructions and the work counts toward Parent Partnership Hours! If you are able to help, please contact Amanda Saalfeld at asaalfeld@hotmail.com or [\(859\) 803-9248](tel:859-803-9248).

Holy Cross Open House - Holy Cross High School would like to invite all prospective students to their Open House on Wednesday, November 8th, beginning at 6:15p.m. in the gymnasium. Students and parents will be given tours of the school, an introduction to the faculty, and see departmental demonstrations. Activities will be provided for younger siblings, all are welcome! Also, the 8th Grade Visitation Day is November 14th, beginning at 9:00a.m.

Altar Society's Christmas Craft Bazaar - Please plan to come and enjoy our Altar Society's annual Christmas Craft Bazaar being held on Sunday, November 12th, from 9:00am-3:00 p.m. in the undercroft. The money made at this event helps to keep our church a beautiful place to worship and give thanks to our Lord. Forty-eight crafters will be displaying their homemade crafts. This is a fun way to start your Christmas shopping with some unique and special gifts. Also available will be homemade breakfast casseroles, soup, barbecue, snacks and bakery goods to enjoy while you shop. Come take chances to win a money tree, lottery tickets tree, or a handmade quilt. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day. Only \$1.00 gets you in the door, children are free.

Holy Cross High School Thanksgiving Social - Holy Cross High School is having a Thanksgiving Social featuring a **Hold'em Tournament**, a **Euchre Tournament**, Silent Auction and Live Auction on Friday, November 24th, at 5:30 PM in the Holy Cross Gym, 36th & Church Streets, Covington, KY. Admission is \$10 and includes pizza and soft drinks. Can beer \$1.50. Optional Hold'em Tourney is an additional \$55 if pre-registered or an additional \$75 at the door. Optional Euchre Tourney is an additional \$25 if pre-registered or an additional \$30 at the door. **Cash only at the door.** Doors open at 5:30 PM, Hold'em instructions at 6:30 PM, Hold'em Tourney starts at 7:00 PM, Euchre registrations at 7:30 PM, Euchre instructions at 7:45 PM, Euchre Tourney starts at 8:00 PM. You must be 18 years of age to play Hold'em or Euchre. Kentucky Charitable Gaming #ORG0000063. For more information or to pre-register, go to www.hcboosters.com or call [\(859\) 291-8588](tel:859-291-8588).

Camp Innovation at NKU - Northern Kentucky University's Institute for Talent Development and Gifted Studies is excited to share our spring 2018 Camp Innovation Pathways to College Program for students in grades K-8. Camp Innovation is a trailblazing program designed for high potential and gifted youth to discover and explore advanced content and engaged learning. All classes provide the opportunity for students to share interests with other children while exploring pathways to intellectual development, academic enhancement, career exploration, and creative artistic fulfillment. We offer transdisciplinary courses infusing entrepreneurship, science, mathematics, social studies, technology, visual and performing arts, and original interdisciplinary studies. The program will be held Saturdays, March 10-24, 9:00-11:30 at Northern Kentucky University. This enrichment program allows the opportunity for students in kindergarten through sixth grade to attend classes at Northern Kentucky University and learn with peers of similar abilities and interests. Our program brochure is appended and can also be downloaded from our website <http://gifted.nku.edu>. Online registration is now open. *For the best choice of classes, register early.* If you have any questions or would like further information, I can be reached at codek@nku.edu or phone [859-572-6685](tel:859-572-6685).



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Academic Corner –

Read Between the Lines – Describe the Setting – Pick a book and read a few sentences to your child (without them looking). Leave out words that name the setting. Example: “Sand stretched in all directions. . . cacti dotted the landscape.” See if they can infer where the story is set. If they can’t, try giving them a hint (“Where do you see lots of sand and cacti?”). **Look For Lessons** – Fables are great for reading between the lines. Read one by Aesop and help your youngster figure out the lesson. For instance, *The Tortoise and the Hare* teaches that even if you are slow, you can win if you just keep going and have perseverance. Have your child point out parts that they used to make this inference. **Use Prompts** – Questions that start with “Why do you think . . .?” or “How do you know . . .?” can encourage your youngster to infer. You might ask why they think a character behaved the way he did or how they know it’s going to snow. Together, look for clues in the book that may help them answer the questions.

Important Dates:

11/9 – Lifetouch Picture Re-take Day
Veterans’ Day Program
End 1st Trimester
11/15 – Lions Eye Screening Grades K-3
11/21 – 1st Trimester Awards Day (10:00 a.m. in the undercroft)
Private Transportation with an 11:00 dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences (12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
11/22 – Start Thanksgiving Break

Have a wonderful rest of the week!