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Dear Parents:

As we get closer to Christmas Break and the end of 2017, I would just like to thank everyone for a wonderful year. So many great things are happening at St. Cecilia, and it is due to the wonderful school community that we have. There has been good progress made on the new building, the Blue Ribbon Application has been mailed, and our technology has improved by leaps and bounds. We are truly blessed and have definitely put our "Faith in Action."

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel



From the SCPTO -- Faculty and Staff Christmas Collection--We are collecting contributions for the Faculty and Staff Christmas collection. This is entirely optional--just SCPTO's way of helping to alleviate the stress of shopping. Last year we were able to get enough money to get all of the teachers gift cards. If you'd like to contribute, please send it in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas." Thank you!!

Faculty and Staff Breakfast Volunteers Needed - On December 19th, the SCPTO will be hosting the annual faculty and teacher breakfast at 8am. Chef Joe Schultz will be donating his time and talent to create made-to-order omelets. Please consider providing a yummy breakfast food item to go along. Its a great way to show the faculty and staff how much we appreciate them! We are also in need of adults to chaperone a classroom during the breakfast for each homeroom teacher and office staff. Students will already be given activities to do during this time. All we need is you! Here's the link to sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48acaf28a4ff2-christmas/14163548>

Thank you!
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Pasta Dinner for 10 Winner! - Thanks to everyone who purchased a chance to win the pasta dinner for 10. We pulled the winner yesterday and it was ticket #250, Bryan Hunley.

Candy Cane Grams for Sale! - The 7th grade will be selling Candy Cane Grams before school or through the order form in the Wednesday folder. These are a great way to let friends, teachers and staff know you are thinking about them this holiday season. The Candy Cane Grams will be delivered the last day of school before Christmas Break. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Schultz at [513 484 9306](tel:5134849306).



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Important News from Children's Liturgy of the Word - This year, the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Bunton will be hosting Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 5pm Mass on December 23rd since we know many of these young children will be attending the Children's Christmas Mass at 5pm on the 24th. It will not be held at the 11am Mass on the 24th as the Children's Christmas Eve mass is at 5pm.

School Christmas Program - On Tuesday December 19th at 6:30 p.m. we will gather in the church for St. Cecilia School's annual Christmas Program. All students in grades K-8 participate and are required to attend. **This is a part of their music class grade** as the students have been working on this for an extended period of time. Students must arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. and should wear their Christmas attire or "Sunday best" clothing. We look forward to showcasing our talented students all while preparing our hearts for Christmas.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE GREATEST FUNDRAISER ON EARTH! - The St. Cecilia PTO is excited to invite you "Under the Big Top" for our Annual Ladies Stagettes! This year's Stagettes will be held on **FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2018**. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, January 4th at 7am! Check your Wednesday Folder for more information and follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SCPTOLadiesStagette for up to date information!

St. Cecilia Sports Committee now offers Spirit Wear! - Lots of designs and shirt styles available and a portion of every sale is donated back to the Sports Committee! Easy online ordering and quick turnaround...order now for Christmas gifts!
www.OnceUponATeeShop.com/st-cecilia.html

Schoolbelles Winter Sale – Please see the attached flier for information on Schoolbelles Winter Sale.

Academic Corner –

5 Tips for Developing Important Study and Organizational Skills

- Read directions carefully before starting a paper or project.
- Look for similar examples in textbooks or notes.
- Review class notes at the end of each school day and highlight "big ideas."
- Use an assignment book or student agenda.
- Use the family calendar to post big test and project dates.

Important Dates:

12/18 – School Reconciliation
12/18 - Play Like A Champion Coaches Seminar @ St. Cecilia – 6:00 p.m.
12/19 – School Christmas Pageant 6:30 p.m. in our church
12/20 – School Christmas Mass 8:00 a.m.
12/21 – 1/1 – Christmas Break
1/2 – Private Transportation Day
1/15 – No School (MLK Day)
1/19 – Day of Prayer and Penance

Have a wonderful rest of the week!