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Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that we only have five school days left in the second trimester. Please make sure you are keeping up with Sycamore so that you can help your child/children finish the trimester strongly. Registration for next year has been extremely strong, so if you have not registered your child/children yet, we encourage you to send in the registration and fees at your earliest convenience.

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

Check Out Our Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities – Make sure you check out the clubs, extra-curricular activities, and sports teams that we offer. We offer over 20 different things that our students can be a part of, which is more than most of the schools that are twice our size. 90% of our students participate in at least one activity and 66% participate in 2 or more. Make sure your student is part of the fun!

Diocese of Covington Schools Placed on the College Board's 8th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success - The Diocese of Covington is one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada – and only one of three in Kentucky (along with Hart County Schools and Owensboro Public Schools) - being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll. Superintendent Mike Clines said about the honor, “[Congratulations to our high schools for their commitment to academic rigor and to the elementary schools for preparing students for the high school curriculum.](#)” This is something that all of the schools in the diocese should celebrate and a big win for Catholic schools in general.

Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast and Rappin Fairytale will be Feb. 24 and 25 at 1PM at the Grant Auditorium at 824 Greenup Street in Covington. A ticket order form is in this week's folder. If you plan on attending you are encouraged to purchase tickets as soon as possible as the auditorium seats only about 225 people. We plan on selling out, so plan ahead and enjoy the talents of our young people.

BOXTOPS - March 1st is the next submission deadline for Boxtops. St. Cecilia will have their next collection the week of **February 19th - 23rd**. Please start collecting your Boxtops from family and friends. This is an easy way for us to earn reward money that goes directly to our students.

SAVE THE DATE- February 17 - 7th Grade Fundraiser - Valentine Babysitting Night - Start planning your date but leave the babysitting to us! The 7th grade will be giving you the opportunity to take your Valentine out for the night while having a safe and fun place to take kids while you're out. Bring your little ones to the undercroft from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm for food, fun, games and more! Cost is \$10 per child or \$30 per family. Babysitting provided by the St. Cecilia 7th grade students with parents in attendance. Money raised helps to fund a Camp Joy trip their 8th grade year. To RSVP, please contact Nancy Schultz at n.schultz@zoomtown.com or [513 484 9306](tel:5134849306).



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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:

2/18 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

Free Throw Contest - The **Knights of Columbus** Council 12502 from St. Cecilia of Independence has scheduled its **Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship** for the Council and District Levels at **Summit View Academy** (5006 Madison Pike, Independence, KY 41051) on **Thursday, February 15** from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M in the 6th-8th grade gym. The event is for 9-14 year old boys and girls. Age group will be determined by your age on January 1, 2018. The 9 year old divisions for boys and girls will begin shooting at approximately 6:45 P.M., and take approximately 20 minutes for each age group depending on the number of participants. **Certificates** will be given to each participant, **championship certificates** to the winners, and a **Knights of Columbus Official Size Basketball** will be given to the champion of the boy and girl in each age group. Register at the event when you arrive as registration will begin at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the Community Entrance under the Clock Tower. Winners will move on to the Regional event in late February. Regional winners will move on to the state championship in March. **The event is free for all participants and spectators, and participants may leave after their age group has completed shooting. Donations to the Knights will be accepted at the gate.**

Vacation Bible - School Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! If you'd like to help plan the fun and exciting things we'll do, please join Jennifer Coutinho for a meeting at 6:00 on March 13 at St. Cecilia School. If you'd like to help but cannot attend, contact Jennifer at [859-866-5931](tel:859-866-5931) or via email at jennifer.coutinho@gmail.com.

HCHS Mulch & Pine Straw Sale - Holy Cross High School is having its 20th Annual Mulch Sale, selling Black Platinum Mulch, Red Color Enhanced Platinum Mulch and Black Color Enhanced Platinum Mulch for \$4.25 per bag and Pine Straw for \$8.00 per bale. All prices include FREE DELIVERY and sales tax. The Black Platinum (which is dark brown in color), Red Color Enhanced (or dyed) Platinum and Black Color Enhanced (or dyed) Platinum are all available in 2 cubic foot bags that cover 18 square feet at one inch thick. The Pine Straw is available in bales approximately 12” x 12” x 23” that cover 30 square feet at 3 inches thick. For pictures of all products and additional information go to www.hcmulch.com and click on order online. Delivery begins on Friday, April 13th, and continues for at least 4 weeks. Most deliveries will be made the weekends of April 13-15, April 27-29 and May 4-6. Arrangements for earlier, later or other delivery dates can be made by calling [859-291-8588](tel:859-291-8588). HCHS students will deliver mulch to your home, business or rental property anywhere in Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties and will put it anywhere on your property. We will even put a bag every 3 to 4 feet throughout your mulched areas, if requested when ordering. Prepayment is preferred, or due upon delivery. Payment by check is also preferred. Order online at www.hcmulch.com to prepay with a credit card and other payment options. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross High School. Order online at www.hcmulch.com, call in your order to [\(859\) 291-8588](tel:859-291-8588) or contact any Holy Cross High School student. For more information go to www.hcmulch.com or call [\(859\) 291-8588](tel:859-291-8588).



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Bible Study Announcement - Faith Formation Catholic Bible Study Classes for adults and young adults

– All sessions are scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning on March 6, 2018. Each workshop will take three evenings and will cover one book of the Bible. The study will begin with **the Book of Numbers** and, with enough interest, continue through **the Book of Revelation**. Our guest presenter is **the Reverend Timothy P. Schehr, Ph.D.**, from the Athenaeum of Ohio, Mt. St. Mary Seminary of the West. The Bible is a great and wonderful book which we should all read and study. We should make an effort to understand properly the meaning of the Scriptures, and not simply give passages our own interpretation. To avoid this, I personally invite you to come on **Tuesday, March 6** to experience **Father Schehr's** teaching. During these workshops Father will guide us through the meaning of the Bible. Through his teaching, the Bible will be a source of unity in the Church, rather than the division that follows when we interpret Scripture contrary to the Church's teaching. *The cost to participate in each book of the Bible is \$35. All sessions will be held in the Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, located in the Diocese of Covington Curia, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington. To register online, or for more information, please visit the diocesan website at*

<https://www.covdio.org/scripture-study-for-young-adults-and-adult-faith-formation/>, or email registration to catechesis@covdio.org, or call 859-392-1500 ext. 1526. A brochure listing the first ten courses is available on the above website.

Academic Corner - Support Homework Expectations

Homework in grade school reinforces and extends classroom learning and helps kids practice important study skills. It also helps them develop a sense of responsibility and a work ethic that will benefit them beyond the classroom.

In addition to making sure your child knows that you see homework as a priority, you can help by creating an effective study environment. Any well-lit, comfortable, and quiet workspace with the necessary supplies will do. Avoiding distractions (like a TV in the background) and setting up a start and end time can also help.

A good rule of thumb for an effective homework and/or study period is roughly 10 minutes per elementary grade level. Fourth-graders, for example, should expect to have about 40 minutes of homework or studying each school night. If you find that it's often taking significantly longer than this guideline, talk with your child's teacher.

While your child does homework, be available to interpret assignment instructions, offer guidance, answer questions, and review the completed work. But resist the urge to provide the correct answers or complete the assignments yourself. Learning from mistakes is part of the process and you don't want to take this away from your child.



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Holy Cross Fish Fry - The Holy Cross High School Boosters Fish Fry is geared up and ready to go. You gotta eat, right? So please come out and support HC Athletics on one or

more of the following dates:

- Friday, **February 16th** – Boosters Fish Fry - Volunteer Staff includes the Swim & Dive Team
- Friday, **February 23rd** – Boosters Fish Fry - Volunteer Staff includes the Girls Golf & Cheerleading Teams
 - Friday, **March 2nd** – Boosters Fish Fry - Volunteer Staff includes the Football Team
 - Friday, **March 9th** – Boosters Fish Fry - Volunteer Staff includes the Baseball Team
 - Friday, **March 16th** – Boosters Fish Fry - Volunteer Staff includes the Girls Soccer Team
 - Friday, **March 23rd** – Boosters Fish Fry - Volunteer Staff includes the Girls Basketball Team

Open: 5pm until 8pm!!! In the Holy Cross High School Cafeteria at 3617 Church St. Covington, KY 41015. The **menu** includes: Fish tacos | Golden Fried Fish and Shrimp | Fish sandwiches | 3 varieties of Baked fish | Cheese Pizza | Grilled Cheese | wonderful sides including Mac & Cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, Fries, Cole slaw, & Hush Puppies. Drinks and desserts available. Ala carte or Combo Meals. Eat in or carry out.

Important Dates

- 2/15/18 – Stagette Dress Down Day for \$2
2/23/18 – End 2nd Trimester
2/24 – 2/25/18 – School Play – *Beauty and the Beast* – 1:00 p.m. @ Grant Auditorium in Covington
2/26/18 – Start Everybody Counts Week
3/1/18 – State-wide Tornado Drill @ 10:07 a.m.
3/2/18 - Stagette
3/8/18 - Lifetouch Spring Picture Day
3/15/18 In-School Retreat for Middle School
3/19/18 – Set up for Academic Fair
3/20/18 – Academic Fair

Have a wonderful rest of the week!