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Dear Parents:

Thanks to everyone who helped out with Catholic Schools Week. It was great to celebrate our Catholic faith and our school. The students and staff were involved in many activities throughout the week and it was a fantastic reminder of what makes Catholic schools so wonderful. I would also like to thank everyone that assisted at our Open House. It turned out to be a great evening that everyone enjoyed.

I am also very proud to announce that the Council for American Private Education has forwarded our National Blue Ribbon School application for final consideration by the U.S. Department of Education. The 2018 NBRS announcement will happen in September. This does not mean we have received the National Blue Ribbon Award, but it does mean that we are now in the final 50 schools in the nation that are being considered for the award. I would like to give out a big thanks to everyone for all of their support and dedication to St. Cecilia School. Without your help, there is no way that our school could be named to one of the top fifty high schools and grade schools in the country. There are over 127,000 schools in this country, and we are in the top fifty! This is an unbelievable accomplishment that has never been achieved in the almost 100 years of St. Cecilia's existence.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped out with the Governor's Cup Competition that was held here last weekend. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Wuestefeld for putting the entire event together. It was a monumental task and it couldn't have gone any better.

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

Congratulations Middle School Future Problem Solvers Team – Congratulations to Mrs. Mackison and the FPS team that were regional-ups and advance on to the state competition. The members of the team are: Bella Saalfeld; Alexis Milles; Emma Krallman; and Sydney Wiebel.

Congratulations Maddux Hoffman – Congratulations to Maddux Hoffman who finished second in the Governor's Cup Mathematics Competition. Maddux now moves on to the state competition!

Congratulations to Kathleen Fitzgerald and Preston Detzel - Congratulations to Katie Fitzgerald and Preston Detzel who were the winners of the Elks Lodge Veteran's Essay Contest. Out of 125 essays, Katie placed 1st and Preston 2nd. They now move on to the state judging.

Congratulations to Gabe Reed and TJ Fannin - Congratulations to Gabriel Reed for winning the National Geographic Geography Bee and to TJ Fannin who was the runner-up! Gabe now moves on to the state competition!

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.



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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).

St. Cecilia Night at the Races – February 10th – Come to the Night at the Races in the undercroft on February 10th. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the first race is at 7:15 p.m. There will be food and drinks and a DJ. There will also be several games to play. The cost is \$15 a person or \$100 a table. See the attached flyer for more information.

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:

2/10 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

Holy Cross Girls Basketball Grade School Night - Holy Cross High School would like to invite the students of our feeder schools to be our guests for a girls’ basketball game on **Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30 pm** vs. NCC. 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 at our place. **GO INDIANS!**

Holy Cross Tennis - If a student would like to try-out for the Holy Cross Tennis Team (Boys & Girls), we are seeking players! This would be a GREAT opportunity for a student to get high school varsity tennis experience! Mr. Meltebrink & Mr. Reynolds will be coaching the boys and girls teams respectively. All practices and many of the matches will be combined (boys/girls). We encourage round-robin tennis matches to establish team rankings (otherwise we base it upon seniority). Please have the student’s parent e-mail both Mr. Meltebrink & Mr. Reynolds if they are interested in attending practices.

There will be five practice sessions prior to the season:

Sunday Feb. 18th – Practice at Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club @ 5:30-7:00

Wed. Feb 21st – Richardson Rd. Tennis Courts 3:30-5:30

Sunday Feb. 25th - Practice at Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club @ 5:30-7:00

Wed. Feb 28th – Richardson Rd. Tennis Courts 3:30-5:30

Sunday March 4th - Practice at Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club @ 5:30-7:00

We also plan to have additional indoor open court opportunities. The first two will be on:

Sunday Feb. 4th @ 5:30-7:00 (Open Court for Round Robin Matches or instruction) Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club (Across from Lunken Airport)

Sunday Feb. 11th @ 5:30-7:00 (Open Court for Round Robin Matches or instruction) Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club (Across from Lunken Airport)



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Join Us on Twitter – This is a great way to keep up with what our students are doing on a daily basis. It is also the first way that we announce school closings and delays. Our Twitter handle is [@StCeciliaInd](https://twitter.com/StCeciliaInd)

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.**

District Elementary Governor's Cup Competition - This week is the District Elementary Governor's Cup Competition at White's Tower Elementary, and many St. Cecilia students are participating in this academic competition. Yesterday, Preston Detzel, Gretchen Phelps, Joseph Coutinho, and Conner Saalfeld participated in *Future Problem Solving*, and Josie Roberts, Bailey Younger, and Leah Kramer participated in the composition testing. On Saturday, the remainder of the students will compete in either written testing or quick recall. Joseph Coutinho, Gretchen Phelps, and Noah Warner will test in social studies, and Preston Detzel, Rylie Shelton, and Noah Warner will test in science. Our math competitors are Leah Donnellon, Jack Noll, and Brendan Riley, and our language arts students are Josie Roberts, Savannah Weibel, and Bailey Younger. Our final written test takers are Nora Deavy, Leah Donnellon, and Savannah Weibel, who will be testing in arts and humanities. Finally, our quick recall members, Joseph Coutinho, Nora Deavy, Leah Kramer, Gretchen Phelps, Abigail Reed, Leo Resing, Conner Saalfeld, Rylie Shelton, and Savannah Weibel, will compete in the quick recall tournament. We want to wish them all luck and let them know we are very proud of them for their academic excellence.

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.



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Academic Corner - What to Read – As your child becomes a more confident reader, continue to introduce a wide range of books. When it comes to reading aloud, look for two types of books — those that could be read alone and those that are above your child's current independent reading level. With this mix, your child can re-read some of these books independently, while you'll have to do the reading (or at least help) with the challenging ones that allow your child to enjoy a more sophisticated story and learn new words.

Let your child's interests lead the way when you are [choosing books](#). Sports? Music? Dinosaurs? Look for books on topics you know are of interest and ones that relate to these things. For example, if you know your child is interested in whales, look for books that talk about famous explorers or historical fiction set on whaling boats. As your child gets older, you will find that he or she enjoys increasingly complex books that can each about the world and introduce social and ethical issues. Talk about the books your child is reading independently and for school and about favorite topics and authors. If the author has written a series of books, encourage your child to read them all. Some kids enjoy keeping a checklist of favorite authors' books.

Other types of books kids might like include:

- biographies of famous people
- books about kids dealing with challenges
- books containing language play
- mysteries
- science fiction and fantasy

Another way to grab your child's interest is to pick books that have a personal connection. Introduce your childhood favorites and talk about why you love them. Kids may also like to read junior versions of the same magazines you read.

Important Dates

2/7/18 – Covington Latin Visit @ 1:00 (Grades 5, 6, & 7)

2/7/18 – Confirmation @ 7:00 p.m.

2/15/18 – Stagette Dress Down Day

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

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