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Dear Parents:

We have had a great run of success this year and I would like to thank our dedicated staff, our wonderful families, and our outstanding students for all of their hard work and support. From being a finalist for a National Blue Ribbon, to upgrading our technology, to the construction beginning on our new building, we have been truly blessed.

In just the last week, we had all 20 of our students that competed in the 4-H County Speech Contest receive blue ribbons, with Lauren Crowley qualifying for the regional competition. Our Future Problem Solvers team competed in the state competition last week and performed extremely well. Tuesday we held our Academic Fair that was a huge success. St. Cecilia's will continue to strive for excellence in and out of the classroom and we thank you again for all of your help and support!

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

Early Dismissal on Friday, March 23rd - We will be having an early dismissal on Friday, March 23rd at 11:30 a.m. with no afternoon bus service so that our staff can receive "Active Shooter" training from the local SWAT team. Our daycare will be closing at 11:30 as well and there will be no Aftercare on that Friday. Lunch will be served to our students.

St. Cecilia Scholarship Packets - The St. Cecilia Scholarship packets are in the Wednesday folders. Please make sure your child follows the directions for each scholarship application. The scholarship packets are due Friday, April 20th.

Parent Survey - Below is the link to this year's Parent Survey for St. Cecilia School. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey as it offers us valuable information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VD9KJB5>

Vacation Bible School - Please **SAVE THE DATE!** Vacation Bible School "**Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus**" will be held from **June 17-21**. This summer at VBS, we will anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. As we plan and prepare for VBS, our team would appreciate your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team. And pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to our Shipwrecked VBS.

VBS Volunteer Opportunities:

Decorations Leader/Chairperson

Bible Discovery Team

If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to jennifer.coutinho@gmail.com.



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Congratulations Lauren Crowley – Lauren won the 4-H County Speech Competition and now qualifies for the regional competition. Congratulations Lauren!

Florence Elks Students of the Month – Congratulations to Nora Deavy, Ella Ryan, and Julia Lachman who were named as the Florence Elks Students of the Month for March.

Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt - St. Cecilia Parish Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st at 11:00 a.m. on the Parish grounds. Participation ages are zero to twelve. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to Alton Mullholand – Alton’s swim relay team ranked 19 out of 21 teams. They dropped 4.4 seconds and finished 16th in the state.

St. Cecilia Fish Fry - Are you looking for a good family-friendly Fish Fry during Lent? Look no further!!! Come by the St. Cecilia Undercroft for one of the most delicious Fish Fry's in the area! We offer Fish Sandwich platters, Baked Cod Platters, 6pc Shrimp, Pizza, Cheese Sticks, Fried Pickles and MORE! Our sides include fries, mac & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce and assorted desserts! Smaller portions are available for the kids! Platter and kids meals range from \$5-\$9. Parents, are you looking for volunteer opportunities? We can always use an extra hand or two. Contact Adam Reed at adamreed1982@gmail.com for more information! See you on Friday!

Academic Corner - **Take Attendance Seriously**

[Sick kids should stay home from school](#) if they have a fever, are nauseated, vomiting, or have diarrhea. Kids who lose their appetite, are clingy or lethargic, complain of pain, or who just don't seem to be acting "themselves" should also take a sick day. Otherwise, it's important that kids arrive at school on time every day, because having to catch up with class work and homework can be stressful and interfere with learning. Also try to avoid late bedtimes, which can result in tardy and tired students. A consistent sleep schedule can help.

Important Dates

3/23/18 – Early Dismissal at 11:30 for “Active Shooter” training for the staff

3/29/18 – 4/8/18 – Spring Break!

4/11/18 – Middle School Safe Environment Program

Have a wonderful rest of the week!