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Dear Parents:

The St. Cecilia Academic Fair was held last week and it was a tremendous success. Nine subjects were represented at the fair and judges gave students a blue, red, or white ribbon based on their project content and presentation. We would like to thank Mrs. Baker for putting the event together and all of the teachers, parents, and judges that made the event so special. It was a day filled with learning and fun!

Thank you all for your cooperation with the early dismissal last Friday so that our staff could receive "Active Shooter" training. It is sad that this training is something that is needed by our school but it is something that we take very seriously. No school can be completely ready for a threat of this nature, but I do feel that our staff benefitted greatly from this training.

Today is our last day before spring break. I would like to thank everyone for all of their help and support through my first two years of being the principal at St. Cecilia. We have been able to accomplish many wonderful things here and it is because of the special families and staff that make up this faith-based community. Have a blessed Easter and a wonderful spring break!

*God Bless!*

Sincerely,  
Mr. Detzel

**St. Cecilia Scholarship Packets** – The St. Cecilia Scholarship packets went home in last Wednesday's folders. Please make sure your child follows the directions for each scholarship application. The scholarship packets are due Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:jennifer.coutinho@gmail.com).

**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!

**Shorts** – Just a reminder that regulation navy uniform shorts may be worn from April 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of the school year.



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**Congratulations to Ellie Dreas** - Ellie Dreas, a member of the CDA Premier 04 soccer team, recently won 3 games in Las Vegas to finish league play 7-0. By winning their division of The National League, they received an automatic bid to the national championship tournament in Frisco, Texas in July!

### **Academic Corner - **Make Time to Talk About School****

It's usually easy to talk with elementary students about what's going on in class and the latest news at school. You probably know what books your child is reading and are familiar with the math being worked on. But parents can get busy and forget to ask the simple questions, which can have an effect on children's success at school. [Make time to talk with your child every day](#), so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When kids know parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well. Because communication is a two-way street, the way you talk and listen to your child can influence how well your child listens and responds. It's important to listen carefully, make eye contact, and avoid multitasking while you chat. Be sure to ask questions that go beyond "yes" or "no" answers. Besides during [family meals](#), good times to talk include car trips (though eye contact isn't needed here, of course), walking the dog, preparing meals, or standing in line at a store. These early years of schooling are an important time for parents to be informed and supportive about their child's education.

### **Important Dates**

3/29/18 – 4/8/18 – Spring Break!

4/11/18 – Middle School Safe Environment Program

**Have a wonderful rest of the week!**