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Dear Parents:

We have started our Spring MAP testing, so please make sure that your child is eating a good breakfast and getting plenty of sleep. These scores will represent how much progress your child has made during the school year. We are very proud of the scores that our school has received over the years and very much want to keep that trend going upward.

I would also encourage you to keep checking Sycamore to see your child's grades, missing assignments, etc., as we are starting to get close to the end of the year. Many students have a tendency to ease up on their academics as the weather gets warmer and summer gets closer. We would love to see all of our outstanding students finish the year in a strong manner.

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

St. Cecilia Scholarship Packets – Just a reminder that the St. Cecilia Scholarship Packets are due this Friday, April 20th.

2018 Sports Banquet - The 2018 sports banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00PM in the church undercroft. This event is for our 7th and 8th grade athletes and their parents. The banquet will include a dinner followed by an awards ceremony to recognize our athletes and their time in the St. Cecilia Sports Program. All parents with student athletes are asked to complete the form that was sent home with your child even if they are unable to attend and return it to the school.

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL RAFFLE CONTEST 4/27 - The excitement is building for our 100th Labor Day Festival Celebration! Many great festivities are being planned leading up to our BIG FESTIVAL. The 1st of which is our 2018 BIG RAFFLE ticket sale contest. The prizes are BIGGER and BETTER than ever with over \$1,400.00 worth of prizes for the TOP 3 SELLERS! Please reference the prize letter that was sent home with your raffle tickets for more details! Our KINGS ISLAND incentive for all students who reach their personal sales goal will take place on **Tuesday May 15th!** We will once again ask for parent chaperones and drivers. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! It's always a great day of fun and festivities! **The raffle ticket contest ends on Friday, April 27th!**

St. Cecilia 7th Grade Fundraiser - Joe & Jim's Steak Hoagie Carry-Out - On Sunday, April 29, 2018, Joe Schultz and Jim Hurtt will be serving made-to-order 8" steak hoagies with cheese and choice of pizza sauce, mushroom sauce, pickles or onion. This is carry-out only and you can pickup anytime between 4:00pm-6:00pm at the St. Cecilia Cafeteria. Hoagies are \$5.50 each. All proceeds help offset the cost of the 7th grade trip to Camp Joy in their 8th grade year. Order forms are in your Wednesday folder. Alternative ticket sales contact Joe Schultz 513-476-7733.



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**Registration is open! Vacation Bible School will be held from June 17 – 21 - To register online or volunteer, please visit the VBS website: vbspro.events/p/81658f
VBS Volunteer Opportunities (please sign up online):**

Crew Leaders / Junior Crew Leaders (a.k.a. small group leaders) needed! This is our heart of VBS. Please consider leading a group of 5 kids from station to station at VBS.

Station Leaders/Co-Leaders: Adults needed to help run VBS Stations. 1/4 of children attending VBS will rotate through each station with their Crews / Crew Leaders. Station Leaders work together to facilitate station activities by following a handbook.

Decorating Chair - Person needed to coordinate/plan decorations for our Shipwrecked themed event.

Bakers Needed for May 19/20 weekend bake sale.

Supplies: ** Please save your broken umbrellas and your brown packing paper for VBS palm trees! **

St. Cecilia Adult CO-ED Volleyball League - Are you interested in playing on our St. Cecilia Parish Co-Ed Adult Volleyball team? League play starts in May! Contact Ken Bergman at 859-391-0321 or email kbergman44@gmail.com for more information.

St. Cecilia NET MINISTRIES Young Adult Evening Retreat 4/26 - Calling all high school and college-aged students! Join Net Ministries on Thursday, April 26th at St. Cecilia Church for an engaging evening of reflection, small groups, games/skits, music and much more! NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church by growing in community with other young adults. There's no cost, so bring a friend! Registration is currently open. Sign-Up today via our Parish website at www.saintceciliaparish.net.

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7th Grade Bishop's Serra Club Altar Server Awards 4/29 - The Serra Club of NKY will host their Annual Bishop's Altar Server Awards for all 7th Grade Altar Servers in the Diocese of Covington on Sunday, April 29th at 3 pm. RSVP is required. Please contact Karen Schultz at karenschultz1214@gmail.com for further information. Congratulations to all students receiving this special award.

BOTCE- School Board Nominations 4/30 - The St. Cecilia Board of Total Catholic Education is accepting nominations for new board members. The board acts as an advisory council to the pastor and principal of St. Cecilia. The board deals with all aspects of Catholic education including the school, CCD, and RCIA programs. Each member serves on the board for a three-year term. Nominees must be 21 years of age, an active, registered member of the parish, and must not be an employee or family member of an employee of the school. If you feel you can aid our board with your expertise in education, technology and/or finance, please contact Karen Schultz, BOTCE President, by email at karenschultz1214@gmail.com before April 30th.



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St. Cecilia Men's Softball League - Calling all Dad's! Now that it's spring, it's time to start thinking Softball. All men of our school and Parish are invited to join our St. Cecilia Men's Softball team. If you're interested, email Jerry at neuhausj@live.com for further information. Great fun, great fellowship and a little bit of competition always make for a good night at the ballpark!

St. Cecilia Catholic School Open Registration Going On Now! - Registration for our 2018-2019 school year continues. With some of the highest test results in the area, our school provides a top quality faith-based education for students from daycare to preschool to grades K-8! If you are looking for a solid Catholic education for your child where we stand firm on the convictions of our beliefs, you'll find it here at St Cecilia! Spread the word to family & friends and tell them what St. Cecilia has to offer. Contact our school office for more information at 859-363-4314.

St. Joseph the Worker Garden/Picnic Day - On **Saturday, May 12th** we are hosting a Garden/Picnic Day at our convent. We will be planting flowers, spreading mulch, and having a cook out. Would you please help pass the word? We will begin at 9:00 until around 2:00. If anyone 6th grade and up would like to come earlier, we also have morning prayer at 7:30 followed with Mass at 8:00. Then we will have some breakfast foods to start the day. All the girls will have to bring are some work gloves and hand tools for planting flowers. Wearing outside work clothes is appropriate. If they are able to join us for the day all they need do is send me a note back so we can make the necessary food preparations. For more information please see the attached flyer.

Academic Corner - **In my future newsletters, I will be listing 10 Good Study Habits to Help Your Child Succeed in School.**

2. Know the Expectations. Students shouldn't have any surprises when it comes to how and what they will be graded on. By middle school and high school, most teachers will provide a course outline or syllabus, which can serve as a guide for the semester. If expectations aren't clear, don't wait until a bad report card comes in the mail. Your student should feel comfortable approaching teachers with questions about grading and assignments at any time.

Important Dates

4/20/18 – St. Cecilia Scholarship Applications Due
4/24/18 – 8th Grade Camp Joy Trip
5/4/18 – 4th & 5th Grade Frankfort Trip
5/9/18 – 8th Grade Ky Horse Park Trip/2nd Grade Zoo Trip
5/11/18 – Family Day/End Spring MAP Testing
5/15/18 – Kings Island Day
5/16/18 – 5th Grade Sanitation District Field Trip
5/24/18 – 8th Grade Promotion
5/25/18 – Last Day of School

Have a wonderful rest of the week!