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Dear Parents:

Today I would like to give everyone an update on what we have done recently to ensure that our students and staff are safe. Last month our staff received Active Shooter training from a Northern Kentucky SWAT unit. Our entire staff was present and it was an extremely intense training day. We all learned a lot that day and definitely feel better prepared to help protect our students. We have also added classroom numbers to the outside windows to help responders find classrooms more quickly.

We have also tried to educate our students on how to keep themselves safe. In the last two weeks we have had counselors from Catholic Charities and Detective Benner come to talk to our middle school students about bullying and technology safety. Both of these programs were very informative and hopefully made a strong impact on our students and staff alike.

*God Bless!*

Sincerely,  
Mr. Detzel

**2018 Sports Banquet** - The 2018 sports banquet will be held tonight, Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00PM in the church undercroft. This event is for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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** - We have extended the deadline to qualify for the Kings Island trip to Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>!

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!

**St. Cecilia 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser - Joe & Jim's Steak Hoagie Carry-Out - Pre-Order Sales ONLY** -

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. To keep our costs at a minimum, we will only be taking pre-orders and won't be able to accommodate walk-in orders. 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 were in last weeks folder. If you no longer have an order form, please call Nancy Schultz @ 513 484 9306 or email [n.schultz@zoomtown.com](mailto:n.schultz@zoomtown.com) with your order. **WE COULD REALLY USE YOUR SUPPORT!**



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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](https://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](mailto: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](http://www.saintceciliaparish.net).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:karenschultz1214@gmail.com) before April 30th.

**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](mailto: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!



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**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.**

**3. Designate a Study Area.** Yes, studying at the local coffee shop may seem like a good idea, but not if there are constantly people interrupting or other disruptions. Even at home, studying in front of the TV won't be the best use of your son or daughter's time. Help your child by providing a quiet, well-lit, low-traffic space for study time. Take it one step further and institute a "communications blackout" policy with no cell phones or social media allowed until schoolwork is done.

### **Important Dates**

5/4/18 – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Frankfort Trip  
5/9/18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ky Horse Park Trip/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Zoo Trip  
5/11/18 – Family Day/End Spring MAP Testing  
5/15/18 – Kings Island Day  
5/16/18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sanitation District Field Trip  
5/24/18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion  
5/25/18 – Last Day of School

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