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Dear Parents:

With week two halfway completed, I think that everyone is getting back into the swing of things. With that being said, things are about to get crazy. The festival is approaching and the construction crew for the new building is moving in. These two things are going to make the next couple of weeks very difficult for drop-offs and dismissals. Next Friday is going to be the most challenging day, so I have put together a staggered dismissal schedule. The schedule went home in the weekly folder, and I have put it in this newsletter as well. Please make sure you read through it carefully to ensure that the dismissals run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Mr. Detzel

Parent Night – Our Parent Night is next Wednesday, August 23rd. This is for parents only. This is a big information night. Grades 1-5 will meet from 6:00 – 7:10. Please keep in mind that there are two sessions for grades 1-5, so if you have multiple children in grades 1-5 you can get to both of their classrooms. There will be a general session for everyone from 6:00 – 6:10. If you have only one child in those grades, you can leave after the first session. Grades 6-8 will start at 7:15. Each group should meet in the cafeteria. Our computer lab will be open the entire night starting at 5:30 and Ms. Kohl will be available to assist any family that would like to register on the new Sycamore Education Program. Everyone must get registered in the new Sycamore Education Program and this is an easy way to get that completed and get some assistance if you need it.

Twitter and Facebook - Saint Cecilia is now live on Twitter. You can follow us at @StCeciliaInd - You can also follow us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is St. Cecilia Catholic School. Please follow us as it is a great way to keep up with what is going on at the school and to see what is happening on a daily basis.

St. Cecilia Celebration Gala 11/18/17 - SAVE THE DATE!!! Our Annual St. Cecilia Celebration Gala "The Great Gatsby" will be held on November 18th, 2017!



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Basketball Sign-Ups - It's time to register for basketball for the 2017/2018 season. The deadline to register is August 31st. Registrations after August 31st will include a late fee. Access the registration website at <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=689223>
If you are a first time user of the software, you will need to create an account (You only need to create one account per family, and from that account you can register multiple participants.)
Registration prior to August 31st is \$85 per child with a family maximum of \$175 per family.
Please send any questions to sports@StCIndependence.org.

Volunteer for the St. Cecilia Church and School's 99th Labor Day Festival - Consider volunteering for the 99th Annual Labor Day Festival! Your help is NEEDED and APPRECIATED! We are currently seeking help in both the adult booths and kids area. All volunteer time will count towards partnership hours and service opportunities. Sign up today via our websites or after any weekend Mass. We'll also have the opportunity to sign up during tonight's Parent Information Meeting. Please contact Cherri Pretty at [513-673-9802](tel:513-673-9802) or Karen Schultz at karenschultz1214@gmail.com for more information.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ba8ac2eaaf49-20171>

Dr. Scott Hahn- LIVE at St. Cecilia! 9/9/17 - Join St. Cecilia Parish for a one-day speaking event with world renowned speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn. A former Presbyterian minister, who once spoke against the Catholic faith, is now a prolific Roman Catholic author and professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he's taught for over 23yrs now. His conversion story and unique perspective as minister and scripture scholar have helped many to discover or re-affirm their faith with a new love and appreciation. Dr. Hahn's visit to Independence KY is the only one scheduled in the tristate area for his 2017-2018 appearances. Make plans now to join us on Saturday, September 9th from 10a-2:30p for this special day! Tickets are \$20pp and include a boxed lunch. There's only a limited amount of tickets being sold. Purchase them on-line via our Parish website or after any weekend Mass.

St. Matthew's Festival 9/10/17 - Come and join the fun at St. Matthew's Parish Festival on Sunday, September 10th from 12n-7pm. Enjoy their chicken or roast beef dinner. Come and take a chance on the quilt or meat raffles, visit their silent auction and booths for the kids! Major Raffle chances are \$1ea and can be purchased at our St. Cecilia parish office. For more information, visit St. Matthew's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Matthew-St-Mary-Churches-111794195524608/>

Fall Wreath Making and Wine Night! 9/30/17 - Calling all Mom's and friends of St. Cecilia School and Parish! Join us for a fun and relaxing evening in the Church Undercroft on September 30th for a Fall wreathing making and wine event sponsored by our Mom's Group! Cost is \$40pp and includes all materials, lite refreshments, and plenty of drinks! Put it on your calendar now. Tickets sales will be coming soon!



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Staggered Dismissal Schedule For 9/1 – It is **VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU NOTE THE TIME YOU ARE TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD(REN)**. Do not come early as there will be no place for you to park and you will be directed to exit if it is not time for your child(ren) to be dismissed.

1:30 P.M. Only Grades 6, 7 and 8 and their siblings will be dismissed. If your **OLDEST** child is in one of these grades he/she will pick up the siblings and come out to the UPPER PARKING lot and be directed to exit.

1:55 P.M. Only Grades 3, 4 and 5 and their siblings will be dismissed. If your **OLDEST** child is in one of these grades he/she will pick up the siblings and come out to the UPPER PARKING lot and be directed to exit.

2:15 P.M. Only Bus riders and K, 1 and 2 and their siblings will be dismissed. If your **OLDEST** child is in one of these grades he/she will come out to the UPPER PARKING lot and be directed to exit.

Middle School Quick Recall Teams are Forming - Students in grades 6 through 8 have received forms with details about joining the Middle School Quick Recall teams. Students interested in the 6th grade team will begin practices on Thursday, September 7th, and those students interested in the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams will begin practices on Monday, September 11th. All team practices will run from 2:15 – 3:15 in the fifth grade homeroom. Mrs. Wuestefeld and Mrs. Bunton will be coaching the students this year. If you would like more information please contact Mrs. Wuestefeld at kwuestefeld@stcindependence.org.

Teacher Office Hours – Each teacher will select one day each week to be available to their students for help with their studies until 2:45 p.m. Teachers will notify the parents each week which day will be their designated day for that week. Students should notify their teachers that they will be coming to them on that day. This is a new program that we are incorporating to try to go the extra mile to ensure that our students are staying on task with their studies and receiving the help they may need.

Spiritwear T-Shirt Orders – Spiritwear t-shirt orders are due by next Friday, August 25th. Please make sure you return the form by then to ensure that your child/children receive their free t-shirt.

Yearbooks - We have some extra yearbooks for sale. We have soft covers for \$16 and hard covers for \$21. They are only available for a short time. Make checks payable to St. Cecilia School.



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Important Dates:

8/21 – 9/21 – MAP Testing

8/23 – Parent Night, Grades 1-5 – 6 p.m.

Grades 6-8 – 7:15 p.m.

***Each group should meet in the cafeteria before the orientation begins

9/1 – Staggered Dismissal

9/2 – Labor Day Festival

9/3 - Labor Day Festival

9/4 – Labor Day Festival - No School (Labor Day)

9/5 - No School (Festival cleanup)

9/26 – 9/29 – Book Fair

9/29 – Grandparents Day