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Dear Parents:

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Parent Night last Wednesday. We had a nice turn out and the night went really well. Our next big event is our festival, which starts this Saturday. We are very excited for it to finally get here as it is always a lot of fun and the money raised directly benefits our school. Please make sure you come to support our festival.

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

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.

Dress Down Day For Texas This Friday 9/1/17 – We will have a dress down and crazy sock day this Friday for a minimum donation of \$1. All money will go to help the flood victims in Texas. Bring in your dollar (or more) and dress down and wear your favorite pair of crazy socks!

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!

Summer Reading Incentives Logs – The logs are due August 31st. Please turn these in to your homeroom teacher by August 31st to qualify for prizes and rewards!

Carnegie ARTSTOP Art Series - They begin Sept. 9th. Information is available at the reception desk about the Carnegie Art Series to include workshops on stage make-up, costume puppets and more.



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Registration: 7:30 •• Tee-off: Dusk •• Cost: \$20.00

Cost includes 9 holes of night golf on a Par 3 Course, riding cart, 2 lighted golf balls, snacks, and chance to win various prizes!

Hole sponsorships are available for \$25.00

To register or sponsor a hole, please call **Mary Ella Rorer (859)240-1249** or **Cynthia Rorer (859) 250-0806**



Sycamore for Parents - Parent Sycamore login information was sent home on Tuesday, August 22nd with the youngest child, if you did not see your login information please ask your child or call the receptionist for a duplicate copy.

Drama Club – Drama Club begins Sept. 26th. This year's production will be "The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast." Students may preview this play by searching Youtube. Information will be sent home Sept. 6th.



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Congratulations Addison Saalfeld and Dominick Dornbusch – Addison and Dominic will be traveling to Barcelona, Spain on September 1st. Addison and Dominick attended the FC Barcelona soccer camp over this summer. After the camp, high performing and top-character players get selected to attend an invitation only soccer clinic in Barcelona, Spain. We are so proud of them both! Please pray for and wish Addison and Dominick safe travels, lots of fun and a great international soccer experience!

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 tri-state 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/>



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Sports Committee Spiritwear - Prior to the PTO meeting on 9/12, the Sports Committee will be selling school spirit wear and buddy cards as well as taking orders for apparel if anyone is interested. Stop by and see what we have!

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!

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.

Aftercare – We would just like everyone to know that our aftercare is completely full and because of state regulations we cannot accept any new students. Thank you!

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.

Important Dates:

8/21 – 9/21 – MAP Testing
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)
9/12 – SCPTO Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
9/26 – 9/29 – Book Fair
9/29 – Grandparents Day

Academic Corner - Science Tip - How does a scientist say it's the first day of fall? He says it's the *autumnal equinox*. After the equinox, the days (or daylight hours) get shorter than the nights. This year the equinox is September 22. Have your youngster record what time the sun rises and sets each day for a week. Have them note how the minutes of daylight change.