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Dear Parents:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Cecilia Catholic School, we would like to wish all families a blessed and merry Christmas! In this day and age of instant gratification, it is easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas. As you put your kids to bed on Christmas Eve, make sure you remember that over 2000 years ago, Mary and Joseph did the same thing and that is the reason we are celebrating Christmas now. We pray that you have a safe and relaxing holiday and can spend some time off with your families. We will see you in 2018!

We really appreciate all of our families making time to attend the Christmas Pageant last night. We especially want to thank Mrs. Rahschulte for her hard work and dedication in leading the program.

We would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful brunch that our staff was given. We really enjoyed this gift and want to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this a special occasion. We definitely felt loved and appreciated! We would also like to thank everyone who gave to the Staff Christmas Collection. Again, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

Important News from Children's Liturgy of the Word - This year, the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Bunton will be hosting Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 5pm Mass on December 23rd since we know many of these young children will be attending the Children's Christmas Mass at 5pm on the 24th. It will not be held at the 11am Mass on the 24th as the Children's Christmas Eve Mass is at 5pm.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE GREATEST FUNDRAISER ON EARTH! -

The St. Cecilia PTO is excited to invite you "Under the Big Top" for our Annual Ladies Stagette! This year's Stagette will be held on **FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2018**

Tickets will go on sale **Thursday, January 4th at 7am in the Undercroft! Online ticket sales will begin at noon through the school website. There is a 20 ticket limit and this event WILL SELL OUT!**

For any questions regarding tickets, please email us at stagettetickets@gmail.com

Event updates are posted at:

www.facebook.com/SCPTOLadiesStagette



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Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – Thanks to all of our students for participating in this contest and a special thanks to Randy Strunk, the Knights of Columbus, and Ms. Kohl for all of their hard work and support.

Congratulations to the following student winners:

K- 2 – Runner-Up – Piper Hagley	Winner – Jenna Pennington
3-5 – Runner-Up – Lane McGuire	Winner – Harper Saalfeld
6-8 – Runner-Up – Jordyn Finke	Winner – Tiffany Fannin

Congratulations to Piper Patterson – Piper’s Cheerleading Squad “Blackout” received a bid to the Summit! They will be heading to Disney World in May to perform at the Varsity Cheerleading Summit Competition that will be aired on ESPN. This is a great accomplishment! Good luck Piper!

HOLY CROSS OPEN HOUSE - Holy Cross High School will be having their Open House on Wednesday, January 24th starting at 6:30. Students should all meet at Alumni Hall.

St. Cecilia Sports Committee now offers Spirit Wear! - Lots of designs and shirt styles available and a portion of every sale is donated back to the Sports Committee! Easy online ordering and quick turnaround...order now for Christmas gifts!

www.OnceUponaTeeShop.com/st-cecilia.html

Academic Corner – **A Teacher’s Expectation of Parents**

Students, teachers, and parents all share responsibility in the education of a child. As a parent, here’s a minimum level of involvement most teachers expect:

- Help your student by developing a routine or specific time for homework where you are available to help or listen if needed. You are vital to their success.
- Ensure your child is at school, on time, every day possible. Arrange for vacations, trips, etc. during days off school.
- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast each morning so they can function in class.
- Make sure your student is getting adequate sleep at night to support their growing body and mind.
- Be a positive role model in your child’s eyes who shows interest in reading and learning new things.
- Notify the teacher of any concerns or questions you have regarding their learning or treatment in school.

2017-18 Mid-Year School Report Card – The mid-year school report card is attached for your viewing.

Important Dates:

12/21 – 1/1 – Christmas Break
1/2 – Private Transportation Day
1/15 – No School (MLK Day)
1/19 – Day of Prayer and Penance
1/31 – Open House – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful Christmas Break!