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Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through January. The school year seems to be moving by quickly. We have a lot of things going on as we close out January and begin February. Our students will begin phase II of MAP testing on the 22nd, National School Choice Week is next week, and Catholic Schools Week is rapidly approaching. Please remember that our Open House is January 31st.

I would also like to thank everyone for all of their cooperation with all of the snow days and delays. I would encourage everyone to follow us on Twitter to see pictures and updates of what is happening on a daily basis. It is also the very first way that we announce any delays or cancellations. Our Twitter handle is [@StCeciliaInd](https://twitter.com/StCeciliaInd)

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

Academic Competitions - This week is the District Middle Grades Governor's Cup Competition, and many St. Cecilia students are participating in this academic competition. Today, Sydney Weibel, Emma Krallman, Lexie Milles, and Bella Saalfeld will participate in *Future Problem Solving*, and Evie Parsons, Kate Warner, and Malena McGuire will participate in the composition testing. On Saturday, the remainder of the students will compete at St. Henry's Elementary. Malena McGuire, Bella Saalfeld, and Gabriel Reed will test in social studies, and Matthew Coutinho, Jared Davis, and Bella Saalfeld will test in science. Our math competitors are Maddux Hoffman, Brayden Saalfeld, and Will Lachman, and our language arts students are Evie Parsons, Brayden Saalfeld, and Sydney Weibel. Our final written test takers are Kate Warner, Jared Davis, and Will Lachman, who will be testing in arts and humanities. Finally, our quick recall members, Evie Parsons, Kate Warner, Brayden Saalfeld, Malena McGuire, Maddux Hoffman, Matthew Coutinho, Jared Davis, and Will Lachman, will compete in the quick recall tournament. We want to wish them all luck and let them know we are very proud of them for their academic excellence.

We Need Your Help! - St. Cecilia School will be hosting the Middle Grades Regional Governor's Cup Competition this year, and we need parent help to make this huge undertaking successful. Since we will be welcoming students, coaches, and officials from 14 area schools to our building on Saturday, February 3rd, we will need many volunteers. There are many different ways you can help. *No experience is needed to help out. Directions will be provided.* All of the responsibilities are for Saturday, February 3rd, but arrangements can be made for dropping off food and drinks on Friday, February 2nd. We appreciate your help. Please contact Mrs. Wuestefeld at kwuestefeld@stcindependence.org



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St. Cecilia Featured on TV – St. Cecilia will be spotlighted on “A Look Into Catholic Education” TV show that will be airing on three channels: Local 12, The CW, and Star 64. Make sure you tune in! The schedule for the show is as follows:

2/3 on Star64: 10:30am – 11:00am
2/10 on The CW: 12:30pm – 1:00pm
2/18 on Local 12: 12:00pm – 12:30pm
2/24 on Local 12: 12:00pm – 12:30pm
3/3 on The CW: 12:30pm – 1:00pm
3/10 on Star64: 10:30am – 11:00am

3rd ANNUAL ST CECILIA CHILI COOK-OFF, SATURDAY 1/20 - Ready your taste buds for another round of chili-tastin' fun. Our 3rd Annual Winter Family Dance and Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday, 1/20 from 6-10 pm. This annual event brings out the competition, so whether you LOVE or just LIKE a good bowl of chili with a time of fellowship and fun, you'll want to be a part of this evening! CHEF'S NEEDED- Top 3 Chili Chef winners will be determined by a panel of judges and 1 chef will be crowned the St. Cecilia Grand Chili Champion! Exciting door prizes, family-friendly music, dancing and activities for the kids will add to the evening! Cost is \$7 per person or \$30 per family. Hot dogs, desserts, and drinks will also be served. Invite your friends and family; all are welcome to this great event! RSVP ONLINE VIA THE PARISH OR SCHOOL WEBSITE! Pay at the door!

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.

Academic Corner – **A Winning Team**

Team with your child and your child's teacher to work together for your child's academic success. It's a winning team.

Important Dates:

1/18 – Kids on the Block Anti-Bully Program
1/19 – Day of Prayer and Penance
1/22 – 1/26 – National School Choice Week
1/22 – Start MAP Testing Phase II
1/23 – Geography Bee Grades 4-8
1/29 – 2/2 – Catholic Schools Week!
1/31 – Open House – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
2/7 – Covington Latin Visit for grades 5-7

Have a wonderful rest of the week!