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Dear Parents:

Catholic Schools Week is going very well and the kids are doing a wonderful job celebrating our faith and our school. Tonight is our Open House from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. We hope that you can attend and please invite any friends or neighbors who might be interested in St. Cecilia. We will have our Catholic Schools Week Mass on Friday (with a big announcement planned) and want to invite all of our parents to come and celebrate the gift of the Eucharist with us. Mass begins at 8:00 a.m.

God Bless!

Sincerely,
Mr. Detzel

St. Cecilia Open House – Remember that our Open House is tonight, January 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please invite anyone who may be interested in looking at our school. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Holy Cross Girls Basketball Grade School Night - Holy Cross High School would like to invite the students of our feeder schools to be our guests for a girls’ basketball game on **Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30 pm** vs. NCC. Each student and one parent/guardian will receive admission to the game **FREE** of charge in addition to prizes and giveaways! Please feel free to share this with other Future Indians we might not reach. After the game the coaches and team will be available for a meet and greet with the Future Indians including autograph session and photos! We look forward to seeing everyone at our place. **GO INDIANS!**

Congratulations Maddux Hoffman – Congratulations to Maddux Hoffman who received a Holy Cross High School academic scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year for his outstanding achievement on the Holy Cross placement test. The remainder of the incoming scholarships will be announced in the coming weeks. Way to go Maddux!



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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

STAGETTE UPDATES & REMINDERS! - **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported the Stagette by purchasing a ticket! It's going to be a great night out but we still need help to make it perfect:

1. Classroom Basket Donations and Incentives - Classroom basket donations are down and these baskets are a very important and easy way for us to raise money for the school. If you have not given to your classroom basket yet, please get your donations into your basket coordinator by February 5th. A lot of work goes in to these baskets to assemble them by the room parents so please help them out by getting your donation to them in time. Last year, classroom baskets made more than \$10,000 in profit for the school and this cannot be done with out the generous donations from parents. We have been able to keep our fundraising throughout the year to a minimum because of the success of these baskets!

Incentives for Donating to your classroom basket by February 5th:

- Any classroom having 100% participation from every student donating to their theme either through a themed gift or monetary donation will receive a Pizza Party for the class!
- Any classroom basket that makes over \$1000 the night of the event will be rewarded with an out of uniform day and extra recess! Help us make these baskets as grand as we can!

2. Local Business Donations - Besides classroom basket donations, the committee is also in need of business donations to help offset costs of the other basket raffles and silent auctions at the event. If you know of/work for any business that may be willing to make an in-kind donation or monetary donation to sponsor one of our raffles, please contact Laura Blair at Laura@blairtg.com.

3. Male volunteers to work the evening of the Stagette - Volunteers are significantly down this year and we need approx. 40 men. We currently only have 15 signed up. Volunteers would be selling raffle tickets, working the games, and having fun! Please contact Katy Davis at Katyrdavis@gmail.com if you know someone that can help!

4. Special Out of Uniform Day to support the Stagette - To help the committee offset costs for the event, we will be hosting an out of uniform day on Thursday, February 15th. Cost to be out of uniform this day will be \$2/student.

BOXTOPS - March 1st is the next submission deadline for Boxtops. St. Cecilia will have their next collection the week of **February 19th - 23rd**. Please start collecting your Boxtops from family and friends. This is an easy way for us to earn reward money that goes directly to our students.

St. Cecilia Night at the Races – February 10th – Come to the Night at the Races in the undercroft on February 10th. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the first race is at 7:15 p.m. There will be food and drinks and a DJ. There will also be several games to play. The cost is \$15 a person or \$100 a table. See the attached flyer for more information.



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Valentine Babysitting Night - SAVE THE DATE - February 17 - 7th Grade Fundraiser -

Start planning your date but leave the babysitting to us! The 7th grade will be giving you the opportunity to take your Valentine out for the night while having a safe and fun place to take kids while you're out. Bring your little ones to the undercroft from 6:00pm-10:00pm for food, fun, games and more! Cost is \$10 per child or \$30 per family. Babysitting provided by the St. Cecilia 7th grade students with parents in attendance. Money raised helps to fund a Camp Joy trip their 8th grade year. To RSVP, please contact Nancy Schultz at n.schultz@zoomtown.com or [513 484 9306](tel:5134849306).

Holy Cross Tennis - If a student would like to try-out for the Holy Cross Tennis Team (Boys & Girls), we are seeking players! This would be a GREAT opportunity for a student to get high school varsity tennis experience! Mr. Meltebrink & Mr. Reynolds will be coaching the boys and girls teams respectively. All practices and many of the matches will be combined (boys/girls). We encourage round-robin tennis matches to establish team rankings (otherwise we base it upon seniority). Please have the student's parent e-mail both Mr. Meltebrink & Mr. Reynolds if they are interested in attending practices.

There will be five practice sessions prior to the season:

Sunday Feb. 18th – Practice at Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club @ 5:30-7:00

Wed. Feb 21st – Richardson Rd. Tennis Courts 3:30-5:30

Sunday Feb. 25th - Practice at Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club @ 5:30-7:00

Wed. Feb 28th – Richardson Rd. Tennis Courts 3:30-5:30

Sunday March 4th - Practice at Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club @ 5:30-7:00

We also plan to have additional indoor open court opportunities. The first two will be on:

Sunday Feb. 4th @ 5:30-7:00 (Open Court for Round Robin Matches or instruction) Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club (Across from Lunken Airport)

Sunday Feb. 11th @ 5:30-7:00 (Open Court for Round Robin Matches or instruction) Eastern Hills Indoor Tennis Club (Across from Lunken Airport)

Join Us on Twitter – This is a great way to keep up with what our students are doing on a daily basis. It is also the first way that we announce school closings and delays. Our Twitter handle is [@StCeciliaInd](https://twitter.com/StCeciliaInd)

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Academic Corner - Your Growing Reader

Here's how reading usually progresses from kindergarten to third grade:

Kindergarten. This is the time when most kids begin learning to read. By the end of the school year they will probably know most letters and their sounds, be able to match words with the same beginning or ending sounds, and read/write several simple words. They might be able to read simple text as well.

First grade. In this year, most kids learn to read many more words. They sound out words with a variety of phonics patterns, recognize a growing list of words by sight, and connect meaning to the words and sentences they read. Most first-graders can read simple books independently by the end of the school year.

Second and third grade. Kids in second and third grade continue to learn more phonics patterns and sight words for reading and spelling, read aloud more expressively and fluently, use reading to discover more about the world around them, and perhaps show a preference for specific authors and types of books. You'll likely start to see a shift as your child begins to focus his/her energy on learning new information from text. Ideally, children at this age have learned how to read, and are now reading to learn.

If you have concerns about your child's reading level at any time, talk to your child's teacher, school counselor, and doctor. Kids who are not making good reading progress might have a reading disability, such as dyslexia. With the right educational help, most kids can become readers, but identifying the problem and addressing it early will bring about the best results.

Important Dates:

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!