

# Saint Cecilia Catholic School Mid-Year Report Card



## 2016-2017 School Year

### Dear Parents:

This report card contains important information about our school. It includes information about our academic performance, the learning environment, teacher qualifications, our faith, and much more.

### About Our School:

St. Cecilia Catholic School has a long and rich tradition of high quality education and faith development that began in 1921. To this day, we strive to live out our Catholic beliefs in everything we do. This means that all of our work and efforts are for the glory of God. He is the reason for our school and without Him this school would not exist.

### NWEA MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress) Scores:

MAP	MATH	MATH	READING	READING	LANGUAGE	LANGUAGE
	St. Cecilia	National	St. Cecilia	National	St. Cecilia	National
K	143	140	140	141		
1	174	162	170	161		
2	188	177	185	175		
3	192	190	193	188	192	189
4	205	202	204	198	204	199
5	220	211	216	206	216	206
6	222	218	217	211	219	211
7	228	223	223	214	224	214
8	238	226	231	217	232	216

The above scores are St. Cecilia School MAP scores compared to the National Norms for the same MAP tests. What is incredible is that St. Cecilia Catholic School students scored better than the National Norms in 23 of 24 of the tests. The only score that wasn't better than the National Norm was Kindergarten Reading and we had only had those students for a week when they took that test. These tests were taken August 16<sup>th</sup> through September 16, 2016. MAP testing is done three times throughout the year and will be taken again in the winter and in the spring.

### Teacher Data

Average Years of Teaching Experience	17
Teachers With a B.A./B.S.	3
Teachers With a M.A./M.S.	17
Teachers With a Rank I	1
Teachers With Emergency or Provisional Cert.	0

**100% of the St. Cecilia Catholic School faculty are teaching in their certification area. All teachers must participate in at least 24 hours of professional development each school year. St. Cecilia has a reading specialist to work with students in areas of reading and language. The school also has a volunteer counselor and 5 aides that are spread out between preschool and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.**

### St. Cecilia Enrollment Data

Enrollment	Ethnicity	Gender	Free/Reduced Lunch
<b>291 Students</b>  245 K-8 46 Preschool	<b>94% White</b> <b>5% Multi-Racial</b> <b>1% Asian</b>	<b>53% Female</b> <b>47% Male</b>	<b>10%</b>

**Student Enrollment is up 10% from last year.**

Student to Teacher Ratio	Classrooms with Smartboards
17:1	15

### Tuition Rates

1 Child	2 children	3 or more children
In parish - \$4,150	In parish - \$6,250	In parish - \$7,150
Out of parish - \$4,650	Out of parish - \$6,750	Out of parish - \$7,650

## **Further Testing**

**NCEA ACRE Test:** Each year, students in each diocese throughout the U.S. take the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education test otherwise known as ACRE. The ACRE test is given in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to students in both Catholic schools and in parish religious education programs. St. Cecilia will take this test in February.

**Terra Nova Testing:** Terra Nova Tests are national standardized tests that are required by the Diocese of Covington and are administered to grades 2, 3, 5, and 7. St. Cecilia will take this test at the end of March.

**NAEP Testing:** NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the public and private schools know and can do in various subjects. St. Cecilia was selected to represent private schools across the nation by participating in this testing. This is given only to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This test will be administered in March.

## **Faith Development:**

St. Cecilia School's mission is to provide an engaging, high quality education guided by the teachings of our Catholic faith. At St. Cecilia we don't just learn about our faith, we live it. We learn to give our time, talents and treasures to the Lord through the following means:

*Prayer Opportunities* – Students are encouraged to pray often. We attend mass as a school every Monday and Friday. Each day we begin with a prayer and reflection, recite a decade of the rosary, reflect on the saint of the day, pray the Angelus and our lunch prayer, and have a closing prayer. We also participate in the Spiritual Adoption Program.

*Sacraments* – Students in the second grade are prepared in school for the sacraments of Penance and First Communion. In the eighth grade, students are prepared during school for the sacrament of Confirmation. Reconciliation is offered to students during Advent and Lent. Students attend Mass every Monday and Friday.

*Service* – St. Cecilia School has been involved in Service Learning for 7 years. Each grade level leads a service project that serves our local parish, the local community, or even other parts of the world. Students in grades 4-8 also perform service work independently.

*Faith Opportunities* – Throughout the school year, St. Cecilia School has a variety of faith-building activities. These include the Saint Parade, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Christmas Program, Days of Prayer and Penance for Life, Eucharistic Adoration, and May Crowning. We also apply our faith to current events and will pray additional prayers or the rosary as needed.

## **Technology at St. Cecilia**

Students in grades K-8 have a computer class once a week to learn essential computer skills and programs, safety, and typing. Classroom teachers also incorporate technology into their classes through collaborative activities with the computer teacher and by using computer lab time to enhance lessons. Each classroom K-8 is equipped with a Smartboard which is used in a multitude of ways to provide both stimulating and interactive lessons. We have also purchased two new Bright Link Boards.

St. Cecilia has installed wireless technology and has purchased tablets for every classroom. We have just installed all new computers to our computer lab and have updated all of our computers to Windows 10. This is part of St. Cecilia's long range plan to remain up-to-date with technology bringing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to our students.

## **Extracurricular Activities:**

St. Cecilia School provides a variety of experiences outside of the classroom to enrich students' learning. We offer the following activities: Academic Team, Future Problem Solving, Chess Club, Creative Crafters, Drama, Imagination Builders, Lego Club, Youth Chorus, Girls on the Run, Book Fair, Yearbook, Dance Club, Pokemon Club, Student Government, and Boy Scouts. St. Cecilia also provides athletic opportunities in basketball, soccer, and cheerleading.

## **School Safety and Behavior:**

St. Cecilia has a single entry point to the school that is monitored by a staff member and there is video surveillance on all exterior doors. All visitors are required to sign-in. The Independence Police Department provides assistance in providing a safe environment. There have been no serious discipline violations at St. Cecilia School. The school maintains a faith-based code of conduct, a school-wide behavior system, and teaches the Second-Step Curriculum to students. The Second Step curriculum is an anti-bullying program that also addresses skills such as decision-making, conflict resolution, planning, and communication. All faculty, staff, and volunteers are required to help maintain a safe environment by completing routine background checks and participating in Virtus training.