

Saint Cecilia Catholic School Mid-Year Report Card



2017-2018 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	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	170	160	172	159	-	-
2	193	175	187	173	-	-
3	197	189	195	187	200	188
4	208	201	203	197	204	197
5	215	210	215	205	213	205
6	225	217	217	210	220	210
7	225	222	225	214	224	213
8	233	225	227	217	227	215

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 on all 22 tests taken. These tests were taken August 21st through September 21, 2017. MAP testing is done three times throughout the year and will be taken again in the winter and in the spring. The kindergarten classes took a screening test for the fall session of MAP testing and will do regular testing 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 that works with the students.

St. Cecilia Enrollment Data

Enrollment	Ethnicity	Gender	Free/Reduced Lunch
285 Students 236 K-8 49 Preschool	95% White 3% Multi-Racial 1% Asian	51% Female 49% Male	5%

Student to Teacher Ratio	Classrooms with Smartboards
17:1	15

Tuition Rates

	2017-2018 Stewardship	2017-2018 Non-Stewardship
K - 8		
1 Child	\$ 4,316	\$4,836
2 Children	\$ 6,500	\$7,020
3 of More	\$ 7,436	\$7,956
School Fees	\$ 315.00	

Further Testing

Terra Nova Testing: St. Cecilia School's Terra Nova test scores were in the top 15% of the nation. As a result of those scores, St. Cecilia School has qualified to apply to become a National Blue Ribbon school! Blue Ribbon schools will be announced in September of 2018.

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 5th and 8th grade to students in both Catholic schools and in parish religious education programs. St. Cecilia will take this test in February.

IELS Testing: IELS (International Early Learning Study) is an international study that provides important information about what 5-year-old children in different countries and learning environments know and can do as they enter elementary school. St. Cecilia was selected to represent private schools across the nation by participating in this testing. This is given only to our kindergarten students that qualify in their age category.

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

St. Cecilia has installed wireless technology throughout the building. We are now 1:1 with chromebooks for grades 5-8 and have 2 chromebook carts for grades 1-4. 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 21st century skills to our students.

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 purchased the rights to the MobyMax program, which is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. It is the only completely integrated K-8 curriculum covering reading, writing, vocabulary, language, math, fact fluency, number sense, social studies, and science. MobyMax can benefit students who are accelerated and need new challenges, but it also identifies learning gaps and then automatically assigns lessons to address missing skills.

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, 4H Leadership, Youth Chorus, Girls Running Club, Book Fair, Yearbook, 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.

Awards and Recognition:

Jenna Saalfeld – Honorable Mention – Kenton County Attorney Office “Why I Love America” Calendar Contest

Christ Hospital Northern Kentucky Junior Fire Marshal Poster Contest Winners: **2nd grade** - Brooke Saalfeld;
3rd grade - Christopher Coutinho; **4th grade** - Kirstin Suedkamp; **4th grade** – Nora Deavy; **5th grade** - Gretchen Phelps

Prudential Spirit of Community Award Winners: Matthew Coutinho; Kyle Holmes; Karston Holmes; Maddux Hoffman; Holly Blanchet; Kayley Kavanaugh; Rheanna Clark

St. Cecilia Painting Contest: 1st Place – Mark Finke 2nd Place – Kali Kreidenweis 3rd Place – Samantha Spenlau

Florence Elks Student of the Month – August – Maddux Hoffman September – Jillian Martin
October – Brayden Saalfeld November – Kendall Romito December – Coby Klumb
January – Josie Roberts

Distinguished, 1st, & 2nd Honors – 79% of our students achieved honors status!

MobyMax “Very Effective Teacher “ Recognition – Mrs. Stephanie Zappa

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest – **K-2** – (Winner) Jenna Pennington - (Runner –Up) Piper Hayley
3-5 – (Winner) Harper Saalfeld – (Runner-Up) Lane McGuire
6-8 – (Winner) Tiffany Fannin – (Runner-Up) Jordyn Finke