St. Cecilia Community:

I want to thank everyone who has continued to follow the protocols and policies that are in place for COVID. No matter how you feel about this virus, the overwhelming majority of us agree that it is best that our children are in school in person. If not for the sake of safety, it is for this reason which we ask you to continue to follow our guidelines. Though we all may not agree with the various aspects of the guidelines, following them to the best of our abilities will keep our students here at school as long and as much as possible. We are putting a great amount of trust in one another and our teachers, staff, and other families are at the mercy of one another.

The trust and support of this community is something that is truly noteworthy and we will be showing it off at our Open House on Tuesday, February 3rd to new and prospective families. We are happy to reach out to any referred families that you may think of to join our St. Cecilia Community.

You as a current family have the ability to register today online for the 2021-22 School Year. We have already gotten a lot of positive feedback from this new online process. Much of the application for returning students is simply verifying information. To register for next school year use your Sycamore login credentials at https://bit.ly/2XsIiJx. A link is also available on our school website under the Admissions tab. Thank you to Mrs. Jent and Mrs. Landgren for all their hard work to convert this process to online!

We ask that you please pray for our 8th Graders who will be Confirmed on Monday, January 25th at the Cathedral. May the Holy Spirit guide them through their lives! The service is limited to just the Confrimandi, Sponsors and Parents, but a live link to view the mass can be found on the Cathedral’s website. Father Harry Settle, our newly assigned pastor, will be at the service and will officially begin here at St. Cecilia later next week.

MAP Testing continues throughout the next two weeks. Again, we have really stressed to students to have confidence in all their hard work up to this point and to do their best on the test. Their results are not a direct judgement of them as a student, but rather data we can use to help them continue to grow in the classroom.

As always, thank you for your support!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reminders:
- Tonight, January 20, 2021, our SCPTO will host a virtual meeting at 7:00pm. To join with Google Meet: http://meet.google.com/ybw-bihf-duj or To join by phone: (US) +1 219-304-6435 PIN: 130 501 475#
- If anyone in your household is awaiting a COVID test, please keep your children at home until the test results are received.
- Friday, February 5th originally planned NTI day will now be in-person at school.
Important Upcoming Dates:
- January 20 - SCPTO Meeting (Virtual)
- January 24 - 1pm - Holy Cross Open House (Date Change)
- January 25 - CoVLatin visits to Grades 5-7
- January 25 - 7pm - 8th Grade Confirmation at the Cathedral
- January 29 - 9am - Pro-Life Virtual Mass with the Bishop
- January 31- February 6 - Catholic Schools Week (Details forthcoming)
- Wednesday, February 3 - 10am - CSW Virtual Mass with the Bishop
- February 2 - 5-7:00pm - Open House by Reservation only for New Students and Prospective Families
- February 5 - In Person Instruction - Changed from previously planned NTI Day
- February 9 - Grades 6-8 - Personal Safety Presentation by COCA
- February 17 - Grades K-5 - Bullying Prevention Presentation by Kids on the Block
- February 25 - Grades 6-8 - Digital Citizenship Presentation by Mr. Voight

School Improvement Updates:
- Various small projects are ongoing to improve aesthetics before Open House.

Extra-curriculars & More:
- We still have just a few yearbooks leftover from last 2019-20 school year if anyone still needs one. They are $20 and can be purchased in the office.

St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities
- Save the Date! There will be a fundraiser on Tuesday, March 2nd from 4-9 pm at Frisch’s Big Boy in Independence to benefit the St. Cecilia Church Building Fund. More details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

Extended Community Information & Opportunities
- Holy Cross Open House Date Change - In order to meet current covid guidelines, Holy Cross High Schools’ January Open House will now be held on Sunday, 1/24/21, beginning at 1pm. Registration is required via the school website at www.hchscov.com
- The Aubrey Rose Foundation applauds young people who give back & are excited to offer 8th-grade students attending private high school the opportunity to earn a $500 scholarship toward tuition! Unlike academic and/or athletic scholarships, ARF scholarships are based on a young person’s kindness, willingness to give back to our community & their compassionate heart...an incredible way to honor deserving students. Students from St. Cecilia have received this scholarship in the past. It is worth looking into! Application deadline - Friday, 2/12/2021 by 11:59pm. Click this link for more information.
11th Annual Teen Photo Contest

January 1-31
Grades 6-12
FREE to enter!

It’s time for the 11th Annual KCPL Teen Photo Contest!
Do you take great photos? Phones, cameras, untouched, retouched... Everything is included!

First prize is a $75 prepaid debit card and your photo as the cover for the KCPL Teens Facebook page; 2nd prize is a $50 prepaid debit card.

Submit up to 2 JPEG images to our online form between January 1-January 31:

By entering the contest you are allowing the library to use the images in promotional materials and galleries both online and in print.

Winners will be announced and online gallery will be opened on Friday, February 5.

Last year’s first place photo, by Annie Judy.

Kids on the Block invites you to join a Weekly Puppet Program!

Each Week
Children will engage with familiar characters and learn along with them how to identify and express feelings, make and be good friends, manage stress and listen!

Each Day includes a new character from one of our Prevention Programs (acting out favorite stories to help kids manage stress)

If possible have your child prepared with basic crafting supplies:
- Crayons, Markers, Paper etc.

Join Us On ZOOM
https://zoom.us/j/98747509656

For questions or to schedule a Kids on the Block Performance at your school or church, Autumn Calloway, 859.383.6233.
www.familynurturing.org