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October 9, 2019

St. Cecilia Community:

Thank you to all who have made a push for the Walk-a-thon and support of our STEAM Labs over the past week. Today was the last day for turn-ins to be eligible for prizes; however, we are still accepting turn-ins until Friday, the day of the event.

Thank you for your patience with the changes to the dismissal pickup process. Please, do not pass the buses when they have their stop signs extended. We are going to make an adjustment during this brief loading period. We are also going to make an adjustment for those picking up in the undercroft lot Grades 6-8 for the sake of efficiency. This change will not go into effect until Thursday, October 10. We are going to have drivers enter in through the gravel drive (not the main church entrance). Cars will then lineup on the perimeter of the gravel lot, pull up to undercroft curb, load, then exit through the church drive. We will send an email with details and also a flyer with the students today. Again this will not go into effect until tomorrow. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the kids safe.

In further support of our kids, I urge you to sign up for the Play Like a Champion Training going on tomorrow night at 6:00pm in our Media Center. It is the expectation of the Diocese that all parents of 4th Graders participating in athletics will attend. The parents of 5th Graders are also urged to attend if they did not do so last year. All others are welcome to attend, as well. Here is the sign up link:  
[https://www.virtusonline.org/mytraining/live\\_registration.cfm](https://www.virtusonline.org/mytraining/live_registration.cfm)

Please, keep our 8th Graders in your prayers this coming weekend as they experience the Youth 2000 Retreat. Due to the long weekend for them and pre-approval from the Bishop, the 8th Graders will not be at school on Monday, October 14th. All others will report to school as normal.

We have a lot of other great things coming up over the next few weeks including visits from the Fire Department & Holy Cross, Oktoberfest, students going on field trips, and much more. These are detailed below.

Thank you for your support as our students, staff, and school as we continue to grow!

***God Bless!***

Gratefully,  
Kenny Collopy - Principal

**Quote of the Week**

*“Always remember the amount of fruit we produce is just an outcome and measurement of how well we are nurturing our root.” - Jon Gordon*



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### **Reminders:**

- A new Virtus bulletin was sent out this week. Please, stay current on these as volunteers as well as the previously mentioned Play Like a Champion training as coaches and parents of athletes.

### **Construction News**

- The Media Center is fully operational with technology. It is a great space and has been so for our students during the day and our community during the evenings.
- We have started on a facelift of the cafeteria with some fresh paint. This area will further be developed to flow with the rest of the new addition.
- The gym is still at a stand still due to issues with HVAC. Certain temperatures must be leveled to ensure the wood for the floor can be installed properly.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

- October 10, Thursday - Holy Cross visits Middle School at St. Cecilia
- October 11, Friday
  - Private Transportation, No Bus Service
  - Rosary, No Mass due to Priest Retreat
  - Walk-a-thon!
- October 11-13 - Youth 2000
- October 14, Monday - Private Transportation, No Bus Service
- October 14, Monday - 8th Graders Off School
- October 16, Wednesday
  - Independence Fire Department Education Session
  - Bake Sale during lunch for Seminarians
- October 19, Saturday - Oktoberfest (details below)
- October 26, Saturday - TRUNK OR TREAT
  - Join us for a spooktacular community event! Come for the tricks or bring the treats. All are invited. Hayrides, Pumpkin Patch, Haunted Trails, Face painting, and much more!
- October 31, Thursday - Saints Parade - 12:45pm
- November 1, Friday - NO SCHOOL - All Saints Day

### **Extra-curriculars & More:**

- Quick Recall matches have begun and the squad takes on Highlands Middle school today.
- Future Problem Solvers, Imagination Builders, Chess Club, Newspaper Club, and Creative Crafters all meet at some point during the next couple of weeks. Please, see the school calendar on Sycamore for details.
- Box Tops Update: Thank you to everyone who sent in their clipped Box Tops. \$228.80 was earned. As Box Tops begins a new era you can still help our school earn cash by scanning your store receipt with the Box Tops mobile app. Several families are already participating this way but we need everyone's support to make this program successful. Please consider checking out the [boxtops4education](http://boxtops4education.com) web site to get all the details. If you have any questions please e-mail [klipscomb@stcindependence.org](mailto:klipscomb@stcindependence.org)



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### **Community Information & Opportunities**

- St. Cecilia is looking for a certified elementary School Counselor to serve students in Grades K-8 on a flexible and part time schedule. We have other resources available right now if needed, but we would like to hire someone. We thank Rose Mary Hoffman for her dedication to St. Cecilia and wish her the best of luck after stepping down from her position. If interested or know of someone, please send cover letter and resume to Kenny Collopy at [kcollopy@stcindependence.org](mailto:kcollopy@stcindependence.org).
- Oktoberfest St. Cecilia 10/19 7-11pm is 1 WEEK AWAY!!! The time is now to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19th as our annual celebration will have all things German! Chicken dancing, yodelers, beer stein holding, amazing food including spaetzle, bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, strudels, cream puffs and more! There will be plenty of ALL YOU CAN DRINK Oktoberfest lager, so when the beer starts flowing and the food starts grilling, you'll know its time to click your glasses for a hearty "Prost!" Tickets are on sale now via the School or Parish website. Only \$35pp/\$60cpl and include dinner and all the draft beer you can handle! Limited seating available, so gather your friends together and get your tickets early! "Lass uns feiern", Let's celebrate! Need a sitter? No worries, FREE BABYSITTING is included in your ticket price. Pre-registration is required (ages 0-12yrs).
- IMPORTANT Altar Server Information Needed by 10/16 - Attention current Altar Servers or students who are interested in becoming an Altar Server in grades 5-8! Please fill out the form in your Wednesday folder with updated info and scheduling requests. All forms are needed by Wednesday 10/16. Please contact Bridget Ebacher at [altarserver@stcindependence.org](mailto:altarserver@stcindependence.org) for more information! Thank you in advance!
- Stagettes News! - Last year our Stagettes was a huge success and the St. Cecilia PTO was able to raise \$38,435.88 during one night of fun! Thank you to all who helped or donated to this event! Next year's Stagettes is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at Receptions in Erlanger! We will be revisiting the Roaring 20's at this event, which is our school's largest fundraiser! Interested in helping plan or assist with the Stagettes? Come join us for our first planning meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 in the Music/Art Room at 7:00pm! We would love to have you join the Stagettes planning team! Contact Amanda Saalfeld at [asaalfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:asaalfeld@hotmail.com) if you can't attend the meeting, but would still like to help. There are many volunteer opportunities available!
- Camp Innovation Pathways to College Program at Northern Kentucky University encourages students in kindergarten through ninth grades to join us for our upcoming fall enrichment program. It will take place Saturdays, October 26 through November 9, 9:00 am - 11:30 am at Northern Kentucky University. For registration or questions, visit <http://gifted.nku.edu> or contact NKU's Community Connect at (859) 572-5600.