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March 31, 2021

St. Cecilia Community:

We have made it to Spring Break! When we return, there are a number of happenings. Our spring and last MAP testing of the year will take place between April 20-28. We will also be experiencing our first ARK testing for 5th and 8th graders. This Assessment of Religious Knowledge is replacing the ACRE test of the past. It has no impact on student academic grades, but is similar to MAP as it is used to assess what our students know about the faith and give us feedback on how we can better our teaching. After this year, all grade levels will participate in the ARK test.

As part of our 100 year celebration of the school, we will be recognizing various individuals of St. Cecilia's past and present for their dedication to the school at school Masses during April and May. The schedule will be updated in this newsletter as dates draw more closely. You are welcome to join us at Mass though seating will be limited due to the student body taking up the majority of the church. We know that we would need many more Masses in order to recognize everyone who has had a tenured impact on St. Cecilia and we appreciate your understanding that it would not be possible to recognize every single individual. Thank you for joining us in celebrating not only these individuals, but everyone's contributions to making St. Cecilia what it is today and will be! Without all of you, it would not be a great place to send students to grow in faith, academics, and character!

I wish everyone a Blessed Easter and relaxing Spring Break! Enjoy!

*God Bless!*

Gratefully,  
Kenny Collopy - Principal

**Quote of the Week:**

[Click Here for an Easter Prayer from St. Cecilia Teachers](#)

**Reminders:**

- A reminder that there will be no bus service for the week we return as KCSD is on Spring Break. Please contact the bus garage with any questions.
- Students are permitted to wear shorts when we return from Spring Break. If you are in need of any shorts or any other articles of clothing, Mrs. Lipscomb has hoards of uniform clothing for FREE. Contact her at [klipscomb@stcindependence.org](mailto:klipscomb@stcindependence.org).

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- April 1-11 - Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
- April 12 - BOTCE Meeting
- April 12-16 - Private Transportation - No Bus Service
- April 19 - ARK Testing Window Opens for 5th & 8th Grade
- April 19 - 100 Year Celebration Mass Honoree - Mrs. Barb Baker
- April 21 - Student Government Meeting with Mrs. Henn concerning Field Day planning
- April 23 - 100 Year Celebration Mass Honoree - Mrs. Kim Ries
- April 23 - Jesus Day for 2nd Graders
- April 24 - 1st Communion for 2nd Graders
- May 21 - Field Day
- May 25 - 8th Graders Last Day of School
  - 7:00pm - 8th Grade Advancement Ceremony
- May 28 - Last Day of School



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### **Campus Improvements**

- Our EANS Funding was applied for last week. Much of the application will address technological updates within our classrooms including Chromebooks, much needed teacher computers, and Clever Touches. We will know of our exact funding within 30 days.

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

- Yearbooks for this school year are now available to order at [www.ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://www.ybpay.lifetouch.com). Order deadline is 6/21/2021, Yearbook ID Code: 6816621, School Name: St. Cecilia Sch. \$16 per year book (+\$5 hardcover upgrade)
- There were several mix ups with the prints of the Lifetouch pictures. If you ended up with pictures that do not belong to your children, please return them to school. We will get them to the correct student. Also, if you student did not receive pictures and should have, there is a chance they ended up in the envelope in another student. We will get those to you as soon as we return from break.
- Thank you to everyone for supporting 7th grader Piper Patterson in her community service outreach with Ronald McDonald House Charities in the form of "Piper's Pop-Tops With A Purpose!" We 'Pulled Together' to exceed the goal of 1,000 beverage can pull tabs. These pulled Pop-Top donations benefit of Ronald McDonald House of Cincinnati. Thank you for your support!

### **St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities**

- St. Cecilia PTO Virtual Stagette - Want to earn your child an out of uniform day? All you have to do is register for St. Cecilia PTO's Virtual Stagette! Visit <https://Stagette2021.givesmart.com> and register to bid on silent auction items or purchase raffle tickets for some amazing items. There are items of all types up for bid ranging from Arts & Crafts, Coach purse stuffed with retail gift cards, new grill, entertaining table stocked with alcohol and many, many more! The event runs from April 18th-24th, closing at 5pm. Watch us live on our Facebook page at St. Cecilia PTO - Annual Ladies Stagette on April 24th at 7pm when we announce the winners! All proceeds benefit the St. Cecilia PTO. Share our event site with all your family and friends. All are welcome to participate!
- Golf Outing! Sunday, June 13 - The Fr. Mario Memorial Golf Classic was created to help memorialize the late pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Fr. Mario Tizziani. Fr. Mario Golf Classic will continue the mission of Fr. Mario to provide a first class sports facility for the members of the St. Cecilia Parish and School. Proceeds from the Memorial Golf Classic will support the ongoing needs of the Sports Committee and gym operations at St. Cecilia School. [Click Here for details and registration.](#)





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### **Extended Community Information & Opportunities**

- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments - Parishioners of St. Thomas (POST) is a non-profit group based in St. Thomas Parish, Fort Thomas, that provides opportunities to school families to reduce tuition costs or for parish members to meet personal tithing goals by working Reds and Bengals games. Any family member of a Diocese of Covington parish or school is eligible to participate. Training is necessary. Currently we are looking for anyone interested in working Reds games. Opening Day is April 1!! For more information, email Oak Martin at [poststthomas@gmail.com](mailto:poststthomas@gmail.com).
- HCHS Mulch & Pine Straw Sale - Holy Cross High School is having its 23rd Annual Mulch Sale, selling 3 kinds of mulch in 2 cubic foot bags for \$4.25 per bag and Pine Straw for \$8.00 per bale, which are approximately 12" x 12" x 23". All prices include FREE DELIVERY and sales tax. HCHS students will deliver mulch to your home, business or rental property anywhere in Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties and will put it anywhere on your property, starting April 15th and continuing for at least 3 weeks. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross High School. Go to [www.hcmulch.com](http://www.hcmulch.com) or call (859) 392-8999.
- The Independence Police Department is pleased to report that they will be reinstating a K-9 Unit within the Department. A K-9 Unit is not traditionally funded by a police department's city government or taxpayers. The Independence Police Department is seeking assistance from the community to raise funds. Donations can be mailed directly to the Independence Police Department or made on venmo to @Independence-Canine.
- Thomas More University is happy to announce that they are hosting a Saints Family Movie Night on Friday, April 30 with doors opening at 8 p.m., and the movie "Sing" will start at 8:45 p.m.! Registration link: [https://form.jotform.com/210213567799059?blm\\_aid=0&blm\\_aid=0](https://form.jotform.com/210213567799059?blm_aid=0&blm_aid=0)
- Piano #1: Chris – [blickcd@aol.com](mailto:blickcd@aol.com) - Free to a good home. Baldwin Acrosonic spinet, has always been tuned once a year, professionally moved, etc. Has some scratches and dings so not perfect but many miles left to go. You're welcome to come check it out with no obligation. Current owner is willing to haul it to its new home, but the new owner needs to provide some roadies for loading and unloading.
- Piano #2: Ann - [annklein@gmail.com](mailto:annklein@gmail.com) - Console piano (40 inches). Owner has it listed for sale but is happy to give it free to a new home if someone wants to take it. Has not been played much or tuned in the past 4 years.

