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November 11, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

Happy Veterans' Day! Thank you to those in our community who have made the sacrifice to serve in our military. Without you, we would not have the freedoms that allow a school such as ours to exist. Our prayers go out to those who have served!

We are all aware that COVID cases are increasing within our area. We are seeing this directly impact our community with the positive cases of last week and a number of close contacts that have come about since then. Please continue to be diligent with following the Diocesan policies.

This recent uptick is also starting to affect a number of events that we have scheduled. All non-essential gatherings within our school and community are now postponed or should be moved to a virtual platform. Because of this, the SCPTO scheduled for next Thursday will now be a virtual meeting. A link will be sent out in a separate email for those who would like to attend. Additionally, the Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for December 3 & 4 will now be virtual. More specific details will follow on this, as well. Other adjustments are listed below in our upcoming dates section.

Our first trimester does officially end this Friday, November 13th. Sycamore will be shut down for the weekend as teachers complete the grade finalization process and re-opened on Tuesday. The Academic Awards for the first trimester will take place by just grade levels on November 24th, unfortunately with no outside visitors.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Stay safe & healthy!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." - Benjamin Franklin

Reminders:

- We will have an Out of Uniform Day on Tuesday, November 17 for \$2.00 to benefit new Learning Tablets.
- Students are no longer permitted to wear shorts even on PE days. Students can wear navy blue sweatpants over their PE shorts if they would like. Leggings are permitted under the PE shorts. Please dress children in pants as we will be utilizing the outdoors as much as possible.



School Improvement Updates:

- Bulletin boards have been rearranged throughout the school to more prominent areas outside of the general classrooms for more student work to be proudly displayed.



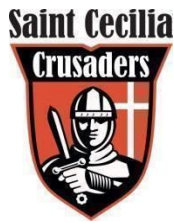
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Important Upcoming Dates:

- November 13 - 8th Grade Retreat (On Campus) - POSTPONED
- November 13 - End of 1st Trimester
- November 15 - 1pm - Holy Cross Open House
- November 17 - \$2 Out of Uniform Day to benefit Learning Tablets
- November 17 - Picture Retake Day - RESCHEDULED FOR DEC. 1
- November 19 - 7pm - SCPTO Meeting - VIRTUAL
- November 24th - 1st Trimester Academic Awards (No outside visitors & regular dismissal time)
- December 3 - 5-7pm - Parent/ Teacher Conferences - VIRTUAL
- December 4 - 9am-2:30pm - Parent/ Teacher Conferences - VIRTUAL
- December 4 - NTI Day
- December 8 - NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Extra-curriculars & More:

- November 8th was STEAM National Day! Even though this was a Sunday this year, St. Cecilia offers STEAM activities to our students K – 8 several times each month. STEAM is the abbreviation for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math. STEAM is an integrated approach to learning that encourages students to think more broadly about real-world problems, work in small groups to come up with solutions to these problems and then create models of their ideas.
 - STEAM helps students:
 - Ask questions, Connect the dots, Problem solve, Think creatively, Be innovative
 - Not only can STEAM save the world, it can save our kids too by making their future bright. STEAM jobs are expected to grow by 16% in the US between 2014 and 2024 compared to only 11% for other sectors.
 - We thank our supporters, benefactors and all those who have made contributions to our schools' STEAM Program.
 - Present needs for our STEAM Program include the following which may be dropped off at the school reception area:
 - ½ inch masking tape
 - Cotton balls
 - Popsicle sticks



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St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- Thank you for your support of the CARENET change drive and Operation Gratitude. Once final donation numbers are reported, they will be communicated. Thank you again!
- Student Government continues to run a food drive for Thanksgiving to benefit the Rose Garden Mission. Classes with 100% participation will receive an out of uniform day. All items are due by Monday, November 23rd. Items per class are specifically located below. These can be brought in and turned into the homeroom teacher until November 23rd. Thank you for your support!
 - K1- green beans (canned)
 - K2- sweet potatoes (canned)
 - 1A- stuffing mix
 - 1B- corn (canned)
 - 2A- mashed potatoes (instant potatoes)
 - 2B- mac n cheese (box kind)
 - 3- cranberry sauce (canned)
 - 4A- rolls
 - 4B- cornbread
 - 5- cookies
 - 6- gravy
 - 7- pumpkin pie/pecan pie/just pies
 - 8- apple cider/ sparkling juices/ hot chocolate/ coffee/ drink

Extended Community Information & Opportunities

- NEED THANKSGIVING PIES OR COOKIES? Let Busken Bakery & Holy Cross High School provide them for you. The HCHS Thanksgiving Holiday Pie & Cookie Sale runs through November 6th. * Order Online at: <https://HCpie.givesmart.com>. If you do not need a pie, donations can also be made on this link. * Pies & cookies are delivered freshly baked for your pickup on Monday, Nov. 23rd, from 1:00-8:00 pm & Tuesday, Nov. 24th, from 8:00am to 8:00 pm. in Monsignor Finn Center Lobby located at 3520 Church Street, Covington, KY. Individually packaged for your safety and convenience. All social distancing protocol followed. These Busken pies are bigger than in the store and less expensive plus Busken donates 1/2 the cost to HCHS! For questions or more information contact Anne Julian at HCHS at 859-431-1335.