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August 19, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

Welcome back!!! It has been so great to see everyone again. Personally, seeing the students in person reminds me of why we do what we do. Your children have been absolutely fantastic with all the new changes and procedures. Not only are they open minded to this change, but they are excited and engaged. Our staff has also been great. They are finding creative ways to work within the restrictions we now have to keep each other safe.

While here at school, we will continue to focus on our number one mission - to help your children achieve Heaven. We will be supporting this mission with a new religion series this year titled *Spirit of Truth* produced by Sophia Institute. This has been a Diocesan wide adoption and our teachers are embracing this new series.

Academically, we are excited to announce Ms. Sumpter will be our Director of Academic Enhancement. In this role, she will be the point of contact for ALP's and Student Support Plans. We will also be working together to formulate a more strategic approach to individualized instruction based off of teacher references, assessments, and data.

Thank you to all of those who signed up to volunteer for essential roles within our school. We will be in contact soon with sign up opportunities.

There is a great amount of trust in our community right now. You are trusting us to do our best within our new "normal" and continue to form your students in faith and academics. Likewise, we are trusting you to support our new policies and rules to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please continue to follow our new policies explained in the reopening plan from St. Cecilia and the Diocese. We have all worked so hard to get back to school together.

Thank you everyone for your support and patience thus far!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." -John 1:4-5

St. Cecilia Lighting the Way for 100 Years is our school theme this year. There is much uncertainty and darkness in our world today. Our school must continue to be a beacon of Christ's light in the 100th Year of School at St. Cecilia.

Reminders:

- Please return all registration and first day paperwork, as soon as possible.
- Grades 3-8 are required to have a gym uniform this year. It can be ordered at: [PE Uniform Link](#)



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School Improvement Updates:

- A new wall has been installed separating the dining area and kitchen in the cafeteria. This was put in for safety reasons of isolating the kitchen specifically during after school hours.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 4 - First NTI Day - More details will follow concerning this day in the upcoming weeks
- September 7 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- September 9 - Picture Day - Students are to wear school uniforms on this day. A spring picture day will be scheduled for out of uniform pictures.

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Congratulations to 7th grader Piper Patterson, on being crowned 2020 Miss Preteen Henry County Fair over the weekend! Piper will travel to the State pageant in October to compete onstage with contestants representing the 120 counties within the Great State of Kentucky. Last year she proudly represented Kenton County and placed in the top 15. Piper has also been asked to compete in the Miss Kentucky Teen America pageant at the end of this month. Her platform is the "Share A Smile" campaign which she developed and is rooted in Dentistry since Piper aspires to become a Dentist. Piper is asking her community for new donations of Personal Care Items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, soap, shampoo, etc), which will benefit teens who do not have access to Hygiene Products. Collection bins will be placed just inside the front entrance of school through the end of the month. We wish you the best of luck Piper on your Journey to the Crown!

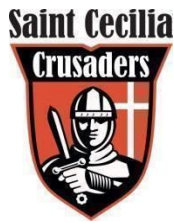


St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- The Labor Day Festival Grand Raffle is still on!!! Due to the festival being cancelled, we are relying on these sales now more than ever. Please make every effort to help sell these tickets to support the school and church. Buyers can also buy online and just need to type the name of the student in the comment section during purchase. For more information and online sales, visit:
<https://saintceciaparish.net/2020-labor-day-festival-grand-raffle>

Extended Community Information & Opportunities

- **Holy Cross Elementary School** (www.holycrosselem.com) has an immediate need for a full-time cafeteria manager and a full-time cook. **St. Philip Elementary School** (www.stphilipky.org) has an immediate need for a part-time cafeteria manager. The Manager's primary responsibilities involve overall supervision of the respective School's program; managing employees of the program; ordering, receiving, and managing



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inventory; preparing and serving meals; operating a point-of-sale system; and interacting with school staff, students, and their parents. The Cook's responsibilities include food preparation, and may include serving line, cashier, and cleanup, among other duties. If you are interested in any of these openings, contact Jackie Kaiser at jkaiser@covdio.org, or call her at 859/392-1536.

- Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen needs your help! We are converting our annual fundraiser to a virtual experience this year. To register for the event, purchase Cassba Cash (split the pot), buy raffle chances, view auction items (including Diocesan high school tuition certificates valued at \$500), and many other items visit www.cassba.com now. Bidding begins on Monday August 24th and ends with our live online event Sunday August 30th at 4:00 PM. Proceeds from the event support the clients of Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen. Our services throughout the community include mental health counseling, adoption services, pregnancy counseling, school based counseling, supportive housing, parenting education, homebuyer education, foreclosure prevention, jail ministry, a mobile food pantry, and Parish Kitchen where we serve lunch 365 days a year to our brothers and sisters in need.