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October 21, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

This week, we had the opportunity to gather with the Student Government. They were quick to work and have already put into motion a food drive to benefit the Rose Garden Mission just before Thanksgiving. Please see below for more details. I love their passion and our community's passion to help those in need.

Students in grades 3-6 attended a virtual field trip yesterday presented by the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra. Though I will never claim to be musically gifted, I had the opportunity to watch some of the concert and was impressed. Please ask your children about this experience. These alternative, virtual experiences may be the extent of our field trips for now. We will continue to make the best with what we have and we appreciate your support of these modifications.

Please be aware that we will be running a Twilio test this week. Twilio is the tool we use via Sycamore to send out automated text messages and calls due to school closings or emergencies. With the weather starting to cool down, we want to be sure everyone is receiving any update in the event of snow in the next few months. Be on the lookout for a separate email and then the test tomorrow or Friday.

Our new lunch and snack process made possible by the Summer Feed program at no charge to families seems to be going smoothly. The overwhelming majority of this success is due to the efforts and adaptability of Kelly Kelley and Todd Kleier. They do a terrific job in our cafeteria and we are very appreciative of them! Thank you to all who have had the opportunity to help them out in the cafeteria.

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles." - Acts 26:22-23

Reminders:

- The Lost & Found bin is overflowing with sweatshirts, fleece and sweaters. If your child has recently lost or misplaced anything, please have them look in the bin. They have been reminded to do so for over a week. The bin will be emptied by the end of this week and donated to our uniform exchange.
- Be sure students are dressing warm enough to go outside for recess. We will be utilizing the outdoor spaces of our campus as long as possible.

School Improvement Updates:

- 8th Graders will be helping with some beautification of the front of our school tomorrow as part of a service project. Thank you to the 8th grade!



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- October 30 - Saints' Parade (No outside visitors)
- November 2-3 - NO SCHOOL - All Saints Day Observation & Presidential Election
- November 10 - Holy Cross Open House
- November 13 - 8th Grade Retreat (On Campus)
- November 17 - Picture Retake Day
- November 19 - 7pm - SCPTO Meeting
- November 24th - 1st Trimester Academic Awards (No outside visitors & regular dismissal time)
- December 3 - 5-7pm - Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- December 4 - 9am-2:30pm - Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- December 4 - NTI Day

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Student Government is running 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/ drinks

St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- CARENET Bottle Fundraiser - Baby bottles have been placed on teachers' desks to collect change for CARENET. This is a Christ Centered company for Pregnancy Services in Northern Kentucky. At the end of the month, the bottles will be returned to CARENET. Please consider sending in loose change with your child to help support this cause!



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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.
- CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED - Various schools in the Diocese of Covington currently have openings for full-time, part-time, and substitute workers. Hours of work would be during the course of the school day. Duties may ordinarily include food preparation, serving, and general cleanup. Interested individuals should contact Jackie Kaiser by e-mail at jkaiser@covdio.org, or call (859) 392-1500.

School Choice Initiatives

From Andy Vandiver, Associate Director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky:

It's been a challenging year for families trying to get their children the best possible education. But did you know there's a plan to make things better? We're excited to have EdChoice, national experts on educational choice, join us for a very special virtual meeting on October 29th at 5:30 pm Eastern. They'll explain how programs like Education Opportunity Accounts can give Kentucky families more educational options -- and talk with families who are already using similar programs in other states!

- RSVP today by clicking [here!](#) The first ten parents to RSVP "yes" will receive a special Halloween treat basket, so make sure to sign up quick!