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December 16, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

I want to again thank you for your efforts at home and making arrangements when possible to get students here for Targeted Services. On Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's, we have had approximately 50 students here each of those days. Along with the daily Google Meets, we have heard great feedback in the difference this has made for students and teachers compared to last spring.

There are two Christmas initiatives still ongoing. Christmas cards for Father Mario can be placed in the bin inside the main school doors at any hour until Friday at 12pm. Also, we are still accepting donations to the Steinford Foundation Toy Drive until Friday. These need to be dropped off during school office hours between 8am-3pm today, tomorrow or on Friday from 8am-12pm. The school office will be closing at 12pm on Friday.

As for our return on January 4th, many of you are aware of Governor Beshear's press conference from Monday in which he made certain strong recommendations for schools. We have a Diocesan wide virtual Principal meeting tomorrow concerning this. Changes or not will be communicated promptly.

Thank you again for all your support. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

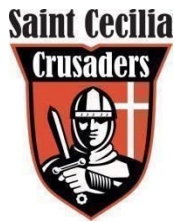
"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:9-11

Reminders:

- December is an open month in Virtus. The December bulletin just posted December 6th and will be due on January 5th, 2021. This is an opportunity for those that may be behind in bulletins to catch up. Go to www.virtus.org, enter your user id and password. Your Virtus account will open at your Training Tab. If you receive a message that your Virtus account is "inactive", contact your klipscomb@stcindependence.org

Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 17, Thursday - NTI, Targeted Services Group 3 & Designated Referred Students
- December 18, Friday - NTI only, School Offices open 8am-12pm
- December 21-January 1 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break & New Year's Break
- January 4-February 5 - Winter MAP Testing Window
- January 18 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- January 19 - Picture Retake Day
- January 20 - Holy Cross Open House



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School Improvement Updates:

- New energy efficient LED lighting has been installed in various parts of the old building including the cafeteria. The lights are good for up to 50,000 hours and provide more sufficient lighting.

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Holy Cross is offering a make-up testing day if students missed last Saturday, they can take it on January 9th at Holy Cross. The sign-up is on the website at hchscov.com.
- Basketball practices have started up at St. Cecilia. If participating, please continue to adhere to the COVID-19 policies and procedures.
- Congratulations to 7th grader Piper Patterson, on being crowned the 2020 Miss Kentucky Bluegrass Saddlebred Preteen on Saturday AND 2020 Preteen Miss Lexington on Sunday! In addition to her wins, Piper was awarded Miss Photogenic and Best Dressed. Piper will travel to the respective circuit State pageants this Spring. She continues her community service with her personal campaign of Piper's Operation Share A Smile and is collecting Toys for Tots to donate this holiday season! We wish you the best of luck Piper on your continued Journey to the Crown!

St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- STEINFORD TOY FOUNDATION DRIVE - It's that time of year again where we host our annual toy drive. The Steinfeld Toy Foundation provides many toys for Northern Kentucky families. Last year we were able to provide toys to over 3,600 needy children. Please consider dropping off any unwrapped new or gently used toys to the school office between the hours of 8:00am - 3:00pm. We will be collecting items until Friday, December 18th.
- FAMILIES IN NEED - If you are in need of assistance this year or know of a family that could use help, please go to www.steinfeldtoyfoundation.org and click on 'Christmas Program Family Referral' and fill out an application. For more information on the foundation, please visit: www.steinfeldtoyfoundation.org
- 7th Grade Chef Barone Fundraiser - It's time for the 7th grade to start raising funds for their 8th grade trip. Chef Barone pizza and hoagie kits make a great dinner. Consider purchasing a kit or two or three to have on hand for the upcoming Christmas season. We are all going to be home more than usual the next few weeks, prepare for those hungry kids today!
 - All kits are \$20. Orders will be accepted now through December 4th. Contactless pick up date is December 11th 5-7 at the undercroft parking lot. Just pull up and we will deliver to your trunk. Orders can be placed online at <https://pizza55.givesmart.com> or by using the order sheet included in the weekly folder.
 - 7" Pizza kit includes (8) 7" par baked pizza crust, 1 pound of freshly grated mozzarella cheese, 5 ounces of pepperoni, and one 19 ounce can of pizza sauce. Pizza kits are refrigerated and they can be frozen for up to 3 months.



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- 12" Pizza kit includes (4) 12" par baked pizza crust, 1 & 1/2 pounds of freshly grated mozzarella cheese, 5 ounces of pepperoni and one 19 ounce can of pizza sauce. Pizza kits are refrigerated and they can be frozen for up to 3 months.
- Hoagie Kit includes 6 pre-cooked hoagie steaks, (6) 8" baked hoagie rolls, 1/2 pound of freshly grated mozzarella cheese, and 19 ounce can of Chef Barone's special recipe pizza sauce.
- Mushroom hoagie Kit includes 6 pre-cooked hoagie steaks, (6) 8" par baked hoagie rolls, 1/2 pound of freshly grated mozzarella cheese and 19 ounce can of mushroom steak gravy.

Extended Community Information & Opportunities

None at this time.