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October 28, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

We are extremely proud of our students for the commitment they have had in helping people. The news listed below is riddled with examples of service like the Student Government food drive, Operation Gratitude, and CARENET bottle filling. There have been a number of other projects highlighted in past newsletters that have been completely student led and the student devotion to praying for the sick and Father Mario is inspiring. It is a common occurrence to see children helping one another with books or holding doors. All of these small gestures add up in a big way to create a welcoming culture.

This, of course, is a testament to our parents and guardians. We are so appreciative of the cooperation of all to support our students and work with our teachers to help our students grow. It certainly takes a village.

We are looking forward to seeing the various Saint costumes on Friday and there is a lot more going on over these next few weeks. Be sure to check out what is below!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." - St. John Paul II

Reminders:

- No School on Monday, November 2nd (All Saints Day Observance) and Tuesday, November 3rd (Presidential Election).
- When we return on Wednesday, November 4th, students are no longer permitted to wear shorts.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- October 30 - Saints' Parade (No outside visitors)
- November 2-3 - NO SCHOOL - All Saints Day Observation & Presidential Election
- November 13 - 8th Grade Retreat (On Campus)
- November 15 - 1pm - Holy Cross Open House
- 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
- December 8 - NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

School Improvement Updates:

- The 8th Grade did a great job of improving the landscape out in front of the building for a class service project!
- Mr. Bill has done some digging and found some church artifacts including an original church cornerstone that we are working on displaying around campus.



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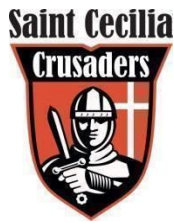
Extra-curriculars & More:

- The Kenton County Public Library (all the branches) had a Spooky Story (haunt your Library) contest and 20 of the fifth graders entered the contest. Congratulations to Ava Pennington for winning FIRST place overall for her story “The Ghost on My Street”.
- 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. On Friday, the bottles will be returned to CARENET. Please consider sending in loose change with your child to help support this cause!
- St. Cecilia will be partnering with a local high school for Operation Gratitude 2020. Operation Gratitude collects unwanted Halloween Candy annually, processes the candy into distribution portions and then the candy is shipped around the world. These small packages of candy are usually enclosed with care packages for our troops stationed around the world. Last year this collection totaled over 10k pieces of candy from St. Cecilia alone! Collection bins will be placed in the main school lobby behind where Ms. Kathy sits. The bins will be collected after school on 11/6/2020 and taken to the collection point with Seton High School.





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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!