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January 27, 2021

St. Cecilia Community:

Please help me in offering Father Harry Settle a warm welcome as he officially started today as our Parish leader. Today, he took the opportunity to visit all the students in their classes.

On Monday night, Father Settle was able to attend and co-celebrate our 8th Graders' Confirmation. Congratulations to them again on making the decision to officially join the Catholic Church as young adults! If you were unable to attend or would like to view the service a second time, visit <https://vimeo.com/covcathedralbasilica>.

Additionally, this same link will host the Pro-Life Mass with the Bishop this Friday, January 29th at 9:00am. This date marks the tradition of the March for Life that would typically be attended by hundreds of thousands from around the country in Washington D.C. Though there will be much fewer this year due to various reasons, we still continue our prayers to end abortion. All students at school will view this mass on Friday.

Finally, the same link above will also offer a virtual Mass on Wednesday, February 3rd at 10:00am also with the Bishop in celebration of Catholic Schools' Week officially beginning this Sunday, January 31st. The detailed plans for our Catholic Schools Week celebration activities at St. Cecilia can be viewed below. Along with many fun activities during the school day, we also have our Open House which will take place next Tuesday, February 2nd from 5-7pm. We are excited for the tremendous amount of Open House registrations we have received of new and prospective families. This is a great reflection of all that our community does to make St. Cecilia a great school.

One desirable aspect of our school is the above average MAP testing scores, but we will continue to preach that the primary purpose for these tests is to help us as educators make improved decisions within our classrooms to better meet the needs of our students. The results, of the course, are great, but we will remain focused on the process. Winter MAP testing is wrapping up this week and I want to publicly thank our students for their efforts, our parents for their support at home, and our teachers in helping prepare students for this test. I am also very grateful for Ms. Kohl and all of her hard work in administering the MAP test. After the MAP testing window is officially closed in the upcoming weeks, teachers will communicate the results to parents.

Thank you for your support!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness." -John 12:46

Reminders:

- Registration for current families is open online for the 2021-22 School Year! To register use your Sycamore login credentials at <https://bit.ly/2XsliJx>. Registration will open to new families on Tuesday of next week.
- Friday, February 5th originally planned NTI day will now be in-person at school.



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- January 29 - 9am - Pro-Life Virtual Mass with the Bishop
 - <https://vimeo.com/covcathedralbasilica>
- January 31- February 6 - Catholic Schools Week (Details below)
- Wednesday, February 3 - 10am - CSW Virtual Mass with the Bishop
 - <https://vimeo.com/covcathedralbasilica>
- February 2 - 5-7:00pm - Open House by Reservation only for New Students and Prospective Families
- February 5 - In Person Instruction - Changed from previously planned NTI Day
- February 9 - Grades 6-8 - Personal Safety Presentation by COCA
- February 17 - Grades K-5 - Bullying Prevention Presentation by Kids on the Block
- February 25 - Grades 6-8 - Digital Citizenship Presentation by Mr. Voight
- February 26 - End of 2nd Trimester
- March 1 - Beginning of 3rd Trimester

Catholic Schools' Week Plans

This year's themes:

Faith, Excellence, & Service

All week:

- Nursing Home Item Drive - During the week, classes are to collect donations of small items for residents of nursing homes. Ex: non-sugary snacks, crackers, granola bars, fuzzy socks, puzzle books, activity books, lotion, packs of tissues, make cards for residents. At the beginning of each day, these can be brought to the classroom across from the office.

Monday--Celebrate Vocations

- Father Harry Settle will celebrate his first mass with the students at 8am for Grades 5-8.
- Mother Seraphina and her sisters intend to attend mass and visit the school after. Please welcome them into your classrooms.
- On morning announcements, we will briefly discuss vocations of Religious and those to serve God in other ways as a student then later on in life as it changes like being a teacher.
- "I can be a light to others by..." Poster Activity - There will be a giant yellow poster by the elevator. Please have your students add to this poster about how they are light in our world.
- Grades K-4 will pray a rosary at 12:15 in the church specifically for our Nation

Tuesday--Celebrate our School

- Students and Staff can wear their yellow Spiritwear shirts.
- A limited number of School Choice bracelets will be passed out at arrival to students
- Virtual Scavenger Hunt
- Open House - For new and prospective families from 5-7pm.

Wednesday--Celebrate our Faculty and Staff

- Students get the opportunity to dress as their favorite teacher.
- Catholic Schools Week virtual mass with the Bishop will take place at 10am.



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- Thanks to the SCPTO for providing Texas Roadhouse lunch for the teachers and staff!

Thursday--Celebrate our Students

- Students are permitted to be out of uniform and even wear pajamas to school this day if they wish.
- We will play music randomly throughout the day through the PA for students to Get up and Move
- From 1-2pm, students will have fun/ free time in class.

Friday--Celebrate our Community and Nation

- Father Harry Settle Mass will celebrate mass with Grades K-4.
- Grades 5-8 will say a Rosary for our nation at 12:45pm in the church.
- Students are permitted to wear Red, White, and Blue accent features such as hats, scarves, socks, glasses, etc. These must be removed when in church for mass and the rosary.

School Improvement Updates:

- Thank you to the SCPTO for providing funding to fix the potholes in the school parking lot!

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Spring Soccer registration is open. Register by January 31st for St Cecilia Spring Soccer at: <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=689223>
 - Key Dates:
 - Jan 13th-Jan 31st: \$85 Open Registration
 - Feb 1st-Feb 7th: \$100 Late Registration
 - Mar 12th: Schedules Available
 - Mar 20th-May 29th: Regular Season
- We still have just a few yearbooks leftover from last 2019-20 school year if anyone still needs one. They are \$20 and can be purchased in the office.

St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- Attention Altar Servers! St. Cecilia Church will be restarting the use of Servers at weekend Masses. Those interested persons should contact Celia Deters to register at cdeters@protonmail.com. Thank you for your service.
- Save the Date! There will be a fundraiser on Tuesday, March 2nd from 4-9 pm at Frisch's Big Boy in Independence to benefit the St. Cecilia Church Building Fund. More details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

Extended Community Information & Opportunities

- FREE drive thru testing locations are offered in Northern Kentucky per Gov Beshear's request until March 31st of this year. The testing is operated by St. Elizabeth and is available by online appointment for both Erlanger and Alexandria locations. Allowable with & without insurance, they are just asking that you create an account with 'MyChart' to review testing results. For more details, visit <https://www.stelizabeth.com/covid-testing>
- The Aubrey Rose Foundation applauds young people who give back & are excited to offer 8th-grade students attending private high school the opportunity to earn a \$500



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scholarship toward tuition! Unlike academic and/or athletic scholarships, ARF scholarships are based on a young person's kindness, willingness to give back to our community & their compassionate heart...an incredible way to honor deserving students. Students from St. Cecilia have received this scholarship in the past. It is worth looking into! Application deadline - Friday, 2/12/2021 by 11:59pm. [Click this link for more information.](#)

11th Annual Teen Photo Contest

January 1-31
Grades 6-12
FREE to enter!

It's time for the 11th Annual KCPL Teen Photo Contest!
Do you take great photos? Phones, cameras, untouched, retouched...Everything is included!

First prize is a \$75 prepaid debit card and your photo as the cover for the KCPL Teens facebook page; 2nd prize is a \$50 prepaid debit card.

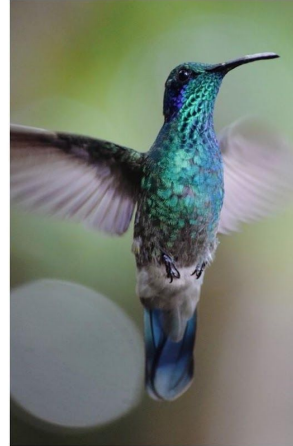
Submit up to 2 JPEG images to our online form between January 1-January 31:



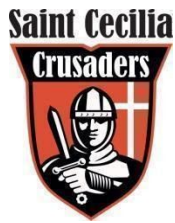
By entering the contest you are allowing the library to use the images in promotional materials and galleries both online and in print.

Winners will be announced and online gallery will be opened on Friday, February 5.

Last year's first place photo, by Annie Judy.




(859) 962-4000 or www.kentonlibrary.org



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Kids on the Block
Invites you to join a Weekly Puppet Program!

Virtual Puppet Program
Tuesday's — Feb. 2, 16, 23
10:15am—11:15am
Thursday's — Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
3:30 pm—4:15pm



Kids on the Block
Family Nurturing Center
www.familynurture.org

Join the Kids on the Block Puppeteer and Puppets for a Specials Program on **Tuesday Mornings** and **Thursday Afternoons** for story telling, discussion and crafting.

Aimed to help children and those supporting them with all types of conflict resolution! Themes including Safety, Peer Engagement, Feelings and Discipline. All topics are consistent with our Kids on the block Programs on Child Abuse Awareness and Bullying and School Safety along with our Nurturing Parenting and Stewards of Children Programs.

Register at <https://familynurture.org/programs-of-the-family-nurturing-centerholistic-support-and-wellnessactivities/>

Each Week
Children will engage with familiar characters and learn along with them how to identify and express feelings, make and be good friends, manage stress and listen!

Each Day includes a new character from one of our Prevention Program's telling their favorite stories to help kids manage stress!

If possible have your child prepared with basic crafting supplies!
Crayons, Markers, Paper etc.

Join Us On ZOOM
<https://zoom.us/j/98747609656>

For questions or to schedule a Kids on the Block Performance at your School contact:
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