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December 2, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

This past couple of weeks have been a wave of emotions from watching the students leave, to thinking we were coming back, to now looking at NTI until Christmas Break. I have my own children who are experiencing the same as yours and it is just not the same. With that said, we will continue to make the best of this.

One thing that we believe is helping are the virtual classes. Mentally the students are seeing one another and their teachers and it also helps with creating a schedule for the day. Please take advantage of these! Teachers will be having more of these and meeting at a minimum one time per day with students in Grades K-5. For Middle School, students will have multiple meetings per day excluding Friday's.

The workload of every student is going to vary greatly. For those just struggling to get through the day, please keep your students focused on what is being sent from their teachers and reach out to them when help is needed. For those families experiencing their children finishing in a quick amount of time, encourage them to visit the Sycamore pages of their Specials like Art, Music, STEAM, Media, Spanish, PE, etc. This will enrich their experiences and feel like a more full day at school.

Our school offices remain open from 8am-2pm if anything is needed please give us a call. We were forced to make a slight change in our automated email program which has sent emails to spam for some families. To ensure this does not happen again, please add nonreply1@stcindependence.org to your email contacts. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. This change will be sure you are being kept up to date.

Thank you for your support from home in again making the best of our current situation.

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

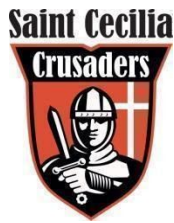
"The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." -John 1:9

Reminders:

- The High School Placement Test for current 8th graders is scheduled for December 12th at Holy Cross High School. You can go to hchscov.com to sign up and pay the fee of \$20. They will take registration up to 8:30 am on that Saturday. If you have questions please call the high school office at 859-431-1335 or email shelley.crowley@hchscov.com.
- There is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, December 8th in celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Conception. No NTI work will be posted on this day.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 8 - NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 12, Saturday - 8:30am - Holy Cross High School Placement Test
- December 21-January 1 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas & New Year's Break



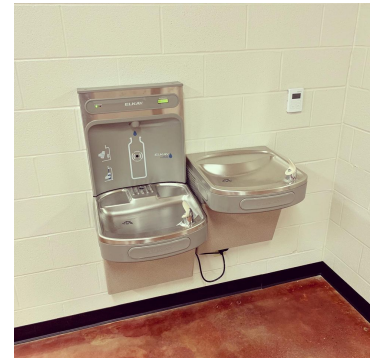
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School Improvement Updates:

- Mr. Bill has installed the water refilling stations and they look great. Thank you to the Sports Committee and SCPTO for their donations!

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Thank you for all the support for the Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the Rose Garden Mission. The SUV full of goods was greatly appreciated!



St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- **CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES** Both St. Cecilia Catholic School and CCD students are being provided a box of offering envelopes for the upcoming calendar year. The purpose of these envelopes is to teach our children the fundamental obligation of the Faith – that of being responsible to the Lord for the gifts that He has given them (stewardship). As they utilize these envelopes throughout their youth, with you as their example, our children learn a valuable lesson in stewardship; a responsibility they will carry on into adulthood as they, themselves on day, will provide for the needs of their local Parish – and ultimately teach their own children this vital responsibility. Please work with your children in learning the gift and responsibility of stewardship. From their allowances and/or gifts they receive through good grades, etc., it would be good that they learn to return to the Lord as He calls them to do so in the Sacred Scriptures. This is an important lesson for them to understand and learn. Thank you for assisting in this important process for our Children. Their lives as faith-filled believers truly begins in their childhood in their home. -Fr. Mario Joseph Tizziani
- 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.
 - 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.



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- 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.