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October 2, 2019

St. Cecilia Community:

Thank you to all who made Grandparents Day possible last Friday especially our parent volunteers. Without our parents sacrifice of time, Catholic schools would not exist.

We have a number of things coming up and changes that should be noted. First and most impactful to our daily grind is the change to our dismissal pickup process that will begin on Monday, October 7th.

- Students will still go with older siblings to designated spots.
- Grades K-3 will still be picked up at the same spot and process; however, we are moving Grade 4 to the upper lot, as well.
- Grade 5 will be picked up at the new gym entrance in a curbside pickup process.
- Grades 6-8 will still be picked up in the lower church undercroft parking lot; however, they will now use a curbside pickup process.

More details will be sent out regarding this in a separate email. We will have extra staff helping with this process for approximately a week. We ask that you please communicate this to people other than yourselves who do pick up your children. We are making these changes to ensure the safety of our students. We will adapt the changes if needed as all systems have liability, but we feel strongly that some change is needed.

Our school is in the rotation to provide to our students Safe Environment training on Child Abuse. For Grades K-5, this will take place on October 29th and be provided by Kids on the Block in a one hour presentation. The presentation for Grades 6-8 will take place at a date to be named later in the spring. If you would like to opt your child(ren) out of this, please, fill out and send back the form in this Wednesday's Family Folder.

Please, check out the rest of the happenings below. Thank you for your support!

God Bless!

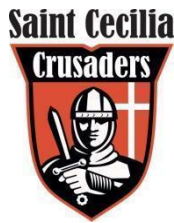
Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week

"We cannot control the wind, but we can direct the sail." - unknown

Reminders:

- Keep up with your Virtus bulletins to remain eligible to volunteer. We need you!



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Construction News

- Our STEAM Room is just about operational, though it is missing many of the tools, we will utilize in the space. We are going to make it available beginning next week for our teachers and students during the school day.
- The HVAC system and technological systems are being tweaked to create better efficiency for our staff and students.
- Plans are still being developed with the help of the Diocese for the backdrive around the school. This does include the widening of the already poured ECLC pull up and a parking lot at the top of the hill.

Important Upcoming Dates

- October 9, Wednesday - 5th & 6th Grade Sanitation District Field Trip
- October 10, Thursday - Holy Cross visits Middle School at St. Cecilia
- October 11, Friday - Walk-a-thon!
- October 11-13 - Youth 2000
- October 11 & 14, - No bus service. Private transportation.
- October 31, Thursday - Saints Parade - 12:45pm
- November 1, Friday - NO SCHOOL - All Saints Day

Extra-curriculars & More:

- There are a plethora of clubs meeting now. Please, see the school calendar on Sycamore for meeting dates. We encourage all students to be involved in at least one thing!

Community Information & Opportunities

- St. Cecilia is looking for a certified elementary School Counselor to serve students in Grades K-8 on a flexible and part time schedule. We have other resources available right now if needed, but we would like to hire someone. We thank Rose Mary Hoffman for her dedication to St. Cecilia and wish her the best of luck after stepping down from her position. If interested or know of someone, please send cover letter and resume to Kenny Collopy at kcollopy@stcindependence.org.
- *Oktoberfest St. Cecilia 10/19 7-11p* - Oktoberfest St. Cecilia is coming soon! The time is now to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19th as our annual celebration will have all things German! Chicken dancing, yodelers, beer stein holding, amazing food including spaetzle, bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, Limburger cheeses, strudels, cream puffs and more! There will be plenty of Oktoberfest lager, so when the beer starts flowing and the food starts grilling, you'll know its time to click your glasses for a hearty "Prost!" Tickets are on sale now via the School or Parish website. Only \$35pp/\$60cpl and include dinner and all the draft beer you can handle! Sponsorships are also available. Limited seating available, so gather your friends together and get your tickets early! "Lass uns feiern", Let's celebrate! Need a sitter? No worries, FREE BABYSITTING is included in your ticket price. Pre-registration is required (ages 0-12yrs).
- SAVE THE DATE- TRUNK OR TREAT 10/26 - Join us for a spooktacular community event! Come for the tricks or bring the treats. All are invited. Hayrides, Pumpkin Patch, Haunted Trails, Face painting, and much more! More information to follow!
- HOLY CROSS YOUTH NIGHTS:
 - HC VOLLEYBALL TUESDAY, OCT 8TH 7:30pm @ The Finn Center~ Arrive early to stand with players during pregame!



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- There will be a ROSARY ceremony for our country taking place this weekend at Our Lady's Farm in Falmouth KY. The students need rides...parents,grandparents to participate.
 - YOUTH ROSARY DAY - 10:45AM OCT. 05 SATURDAY @ OUR LADY'S FARM IN FALMOUTH KY BRING THE CHILDREN AND LISTEN TO THEM PRAY THE ROSARY. MASS WILL FOLLOW -- ANYONE WANTING TO BE A SERVER?
 - This is Wooldfest weekend in Falmouth...very busy. The AA highway or US 27 South would help avoid long delays going through Falmouth.....more information 859-647-1213.