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September 16, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

We are now in Week 5!!! MAP testing has begun at school. This is a standardized test that allows our staff to see detailed data on student achievement and struggles. Though it is great when students do well, the purpose of this test should not be on the result, but on the process. We will use the data collected from these tests to impact our classroom teaching by focusing in on student areas of growth and challenge. With the establishment of the Academic Enhancement program led by Ms. Sumpter, the use of this data will be more deliberate than ever.

It was great to see new and old faces at the SCPTO and BOTCE meetings over the past week. Coming together as a community has not happened as much as of late and I am glad we were able to improvise. If you were unable to be involved, I encourage you to find a way to do so. These two groups in particular do so much to help our students and it is greatly appreciated.

Further gratitude is given for your support through various fundraisers that directly impact our school's operating budgets. Thank you to those who took advantage of Chipotle last night for dinner as we raised \$810. Though not as delicious, but certainly more impressive is the amount of raffle tickets that were sold. This year was a record breaking year in which the most tickets were ever sold!!! Over \$196,000 was raised by selling 7,859 tickets. Thank you to all families and parishioners for their efforts!!! Father Mario would be truly proud!

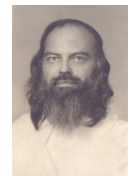
Please, continue to pray for him. He is still struggling through his bout with the stroke he experienced. Mrs. Bunton spoke to our students over the last week about asking for the intercession of the venerable Father Romano Bottagal. He has been credited with one miracle in his canonization process and we are asking for another. We are specifically asking for his help as he is Father Mario's great, great uncle. The prayer we have been using is below along with a picture of Father Bottagal. I urge you to join us in using this prayer.

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"Fr. Romano Bottegal, priest of God, your love for Christ and the Cross was so great. We ask you, intercede for us on behalf of our beloved priest and friend, Fr. Mario Tizziani. Beg our Lord and Savior to give him and his family strength during this time of the cross and to heal him completely, body and soul. Ask God to free him from all complications from the stroke so he may continue to serve God, his family, and his neighbors as you did. Thank you for your intercession. Amen."

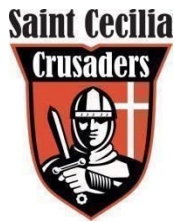


Reminders:

- Mark sweatshirt tags and water bottles with names. With it cooling down, sweatshirts are starting to be left behind.

School Improvement Updates:

- Thank you to the SCPTO for approving funding for 40 additional Chromebooks & for two new water fountains with touchless filling stations!!!



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 14-18 - Safety Week
- September 22 - Student Government Cabinet Elections for 8th Graders
- September 24 - Student Government Class Representative Speeches for 4th-8th Grade
- September 24 - Virtual Parent "Night"
- October 2 - NTI Day - At home/ online learning for students
- October 9 - Professional Development (PD) Day - Students Off
- October 12 - 7pm - BOTCE Meeting
- November 14 - 7pm - SCPTO Meeting

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Thank you to Mrs. Ryal, Joe Ryal and Mrs. Cherry, TJ, and Joseph for making a new lost and found bin!
- The Sports Committee is currently looking at the possibility of starting an archery program at St. Cecilia. Please take a minute to fill out the survey linked below asking about student's interest. While sports are still suspended by the Diocese, we are trying to do the legwork now to get this program up and running when things do open back up. [Archery Program Interest Survey](#)



St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

Extended Community Information & Opportunities

- Holy Family Elementary School (www.holyfamilycovington.org) has an immediate need for a full-time manager. This is a five hours a day, five days a week position during the school year. Primary responsibilities involve preparing and serving daily breakfast and lunch, and overall supervision of the school's meals program. Other responsibilities include ordering, receiving, and managing inventory; operating a point-of-sale system; and interacting with school staff, students, and their parents.
- Holy Cross School (www.holycrossselem.com) has an immediate need for a full-time cook. This is a six hour a day, five days a week position during the school year. Responsibilities include food preparation, and may include serving line, cashier, and cleanup, among other duties.
- Now more than ever, the Kenton County Public Library is focused on supporting students, teachers, and parents with the resources they need to be successful in school. Lise Tewes has been named as the new School Services Coordinator for the Kenton County Public Library. Lise will work with schools and educators to determine how the library can assist them and their students. She will also oversee the library's educational resources. Current resources include:



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- A revamped Educators and Parents page that contains helpful links and information, including a link for Teachables, a collection of ready-to-go lessons and activities for PreK through 8th grade.
- Databases for children and teens on the Research & Learning page.
- Access to our databases from a home computer will require a library card. If you need a library card, you can go to any of our 3 branches (Covington, Erlanger, or Durr in Independence) or you can apply online.
- Weekly programs on the Library's Facebook page. Zoom programming for children and tweens. Schedules and information are listed in the Library's event calendar. Teens are invited to join the KCPL Discord Server.
- We encourage every parent and student to apply for a library card. This can be done in person at one of the three library branches or apply online. Access to our databases from a home computer will require a library card. Library cards are free and there is no age limit when applying. Keep checking the website for additional changes including online tutoring and homework help, videos to help support learning and literacy and more. To contact Lise, call (859) 962-4147 or email lise.tewes@kentonlibrary.org.