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January 6, 2021

St. Cecilia Community:

Happy New Year and welcome back to in-person instruction! It has been great to see the students. For those students at home, we will continue to provide the support necessary to keep the academic process moving forward until you can join us. Please continue to communicate with us any COVID situations at home.

MAP testing will be starting next week with students. As mentioned in the past, it is great to see high MAP scores and use them as accolades, but the primary purpose of the test is for our teachers to better understand what students are doing well and what they are struggling with. With this data, we can better meet the needs of each individual student. Thank you for your support from home in helping students to eat healthy, get a good night's rest, and by commending their efforts on the test.

With the turning of the calendar to a new year, we are making some plans for the 2021-22 School Year. This includes registration and Open House. Registration this year will be moving to primarily online and information regarding this will be sent home in the Wednesday folder on January 20th. Our tentative Open House date is Tuesday, February 2nd during Catholic Schools Week. Once the date is finalized and plans are made with our respective committees, we will send out official advertising. Please know that this year's Open House will operate with limitations due to COVID and will include reservations among other precautions. Your word of mouth advertising goes the furthest in regards to promoting our school to prospective families.

Much of what we have to offer here at St. Cecilia School is due in large part to Father Mario's vision. We certainly mourn his passing, but are inspired to keep this vision going. Msgr. Vogelpohl prayed for Father Mario on Monday during mass with Grades 5-8 and on Friday, we will be having a rosary service in his dedication with Grades 1-4. If any students are in need of support during this grieving period, please contact our School Counselor Jason Voight at jvoight@stcindependence.org. Father Mario is certainly in a better place. Please continue to pray for him and for his family, friends, and his parish community.

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." - 1 Jn 4

Reminders:

- Our Lunch and Breakfast free meal benefit will continue for the entire 2020-2021 school year. Please note that this only includes Breakfast and Lunch. Individual milks or a-la-carte items can still be charged.
- Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, January 19th. Any students wanting retakes or who was absent for the original picture day will have the opportunity for pictures.



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- January 11-February 5 - MAP Testing
- January 11 - BOTCE Meeting (Virtual)
- January 18 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- January 19 - Picture Retake Day
- January 20 - SCPTO Meeting (Virtual)
- January 20 - Holy Cross Open House
- January 31- February 6 - Catholic Schools Week (Correction from Original Calendar)
- February 2 - Open House (Tentative Date)

School Improvement Updates:

- Due to the limitation of funding from the CARES Act, the SCPTO used funding from last year's Walk-a-thon to purchase ten Chromebooks for our STEAM initiatives. Additionally, five other Chromebooks were purchased through funding provided by various rewards programs led by Mrs. Lipscomb. Thank you to the SCPTO, Mrs. Lipscomb and all that help with these incentives!
- Thank you to our volunteers Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Honkomp for spending a great amount of time organizing the books in the media center!

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Best of luck to our Crusader basketball teams who start up this weekend!

St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- None at this time.

Extended Community Information & Opportunities

- Stephanie Tewes, Dean of Studies at Covington Latin School, would like to share that their school is hosting an electronics recycling day on Tuesday, January 19. A list of items that can be recycled is included in the link below. Items can be dropped off at the school on the front steps (not inside the school) between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. [Click this link for more information](#)
- A parishioner at St. Ann has an organ he would like to give away. Anyone interested should contact our music teacher Rebecca Wells at musicwell007@gmail.com