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December 9, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

I want to thank you for the outpouring of support over the past week or so. I know the Targeted Services plan is not perfect especially with the timing in the middle of the school day, but it is what we can offer at this time within our restrictions. The students and our staff have expressed that even just a short time together is making a difference. The gratitude for the efforts of our staff from you is much appreciated. Our teachers and support staff do an amazing job online and in-person. They are certainly making the best of it considering the circumstances.

Separate communication was sent out detailing one important change at St. Cecilia and a couple of initiatives Diocesan wide. The first is a slight change in the pickup of our breakfast/ lunch. To better accommodate schedules, we have moved the pickup window to 11:30-11:45am and to the location of the main gym entrance. The ordering procedures remain the same.

As for the Diocesan wide initiatives, we would like our students to create Christmas Ornaments to be hung on the large pine tree in St. Mary's Park at the Diocese of Covington Curia. These will need to be dropped off in the bins at school by Sunday, December 13th. They will be delivered on Monday, December 14th at the Diocesan wide mass celebrated by the Bishop at 10:00am. All students are encouraged to attend this mass virtually and our St. Cecilia teachers will make arrangements for students to do so. A link will be sent out prior.

Good luck to our 8th graders taking the High School Placement test this Saturday! We pray that their hard work will pay off during this assessment.

Thank you again for all your support and your efforts from home!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men." - John 1:4

Reminders:

- December is an open month in Virtus. The December bulletin just posted December 6th and will be due on January 5th, 2021. This is an opportunity for those that may be behind in bulletins to catch up. Go to www.virtus.org, enter your user id and password. Your Virtus account will open at your Training Tab. If you receive a message that your Virtus account is "inactive", contact your klipscomb@stcindependence.org

Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 12, Saturday - 8:30am - Holy Cross High School Placement Test
- December 13, Sunday - Christmas Ornaments for St. Mary's Park Tree Due
- December 14, Monday - 10:00am - Diocesan Wide Virtual Mass with the Bishop



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- December 21-January 1 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas & New Year's Break

School Improvement Updates:

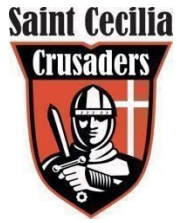
- Our School Lobby trophy cases have been rearranged. Many of the athletic trophies have been moved to the primary gym entrance. The main School Lobby trophy case now features items of Faith and Academics.

Extra-curriculars & More:

- 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.

St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- STEINFORD TOY FOUNDATION DRIVE - It's that time of year again where we host our annual toy drive. The Steinfeld Toy Foundation provides many toys for Northern Kentucky families. Last year we were able to provide toys to over 3,600 needy children. Please consider dropping off any unwrapped new or gently used toys to the school office between the hours of 8:00am - 3:00pm. We will be collecting items until Friday, December 18th.
- FAMILIES IN NEED - If you are in need of assistance this year or know of a family that could use help, please go to www.steinfeldtoyfoundation.org and click on 'Christmas Program Family Referral' and fill out an application. For more information on the foundation, please visit: www.steinfeldtoyfoundation.org
- 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.
 - 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.



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- 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.