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February 10, 2021

St. Cecilia Community:

The last two weeks have brought a drop in our COVID quarantines at St. Cecilia and I believe this is a reflection of our surrounding community. We at one point had nearly 50 students out for various COVID related circumstances and we are now below 10.

The staff will be receiving their second round of vaccinations the weekend of February 20th. Research has shown that varying degrees of symptoms are experienced by those receiving the second dose including nearly 30% in a state of being unable to properly function in a work environment. To prevent any school closure due to lack of staffing calling in sick, we will have a planned NTI day on Monday, February 22nd. The planned NTI day on March 5th will now be in-person.

Thank you for your understanding on this preventative measure. This planning is something in our control unlike COVID and the weather. We will continue to take the hurdle of snow and ice day by day.

Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they will be experiencing their first Reconciliation later this month. There are many other important dates and initiatives led by our various community groups detailed below. Stay safe. Stay warm. Stay Healthy.

*God Bless!*

Gratefully,  
Kenny Collopy - Principal

**Quote of the Week:**

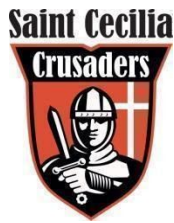
*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." -Matthew 5:16*

**Reminders:**

- Registration for current & new families are open online for the 2021-22 School Year! Both links can be found under the "Admissions" tab on our school website: <https://saintceciaschool.net/>
- Calling all parents!! We missed being able to give our teachers Christmas gifts as in the past, so the SCPTO would like to show our love for the teachers for Valentine's Day! Please consider donating to the Valentine's Day teacher present fund this year! You can send to school and we will make sure to give the teachers their Valentine's Day gift next Friday! Deadline to send in money is next Wednesday Feb 10, 2021.

**Extra-curriculars & More:**

- A reminder to all participating in athletics that the new waiver form sent out via email and in family folders must be submitted to school by February 15th for further and future participation in the 2020-21 school year.
- Helpers wanted: Are you looking for something to do? Do you have some time on your hands? We have several skeins of yarn that need to be wound into 2 inch balls. If you are interested please email Ms. Kohl at [lkohl@stcindependence.org](mailto:lkohl@stcindependence.org) Thank you for your help!



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### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- February 17 - Grades K-5 - Bullying Prevention Presentation by Kids on the Block
- February 17 - Ash Wednesday
  - 8:00am Mass - Grades 4-8
  - 12:00pm Mass - Grades K-3
  - 7:00pm Mass - Parish
- February 17 - Grades K-5 - Bullying Prevention Presentation by Kids on the Block
- February 22 - NTI Day due to Staff Vaccinations
- February 25 - Grades 6-8 - Digital Citizenship Presentation by Mr. Voight
- February 25 - 7pm - 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Grade
- February 26 - End of 2nd Trimester
- March 1 - Beginning of 3rd Trimester
- March 5 - In-person instruction day (previous NTI scheduled day)
- March 12 - 2nd Trimester Academic Awards (Details to follow)
- March 19 - Professional Development - Kagan Cooperative Learning at St. Cecilia - Student Day Off
- March 31 - Grades 6-8 - Personal Safety Presentation by COCA (Rescheduled from 2/9)

### **St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities**

- School Belles - We know that uniforms have not been a high priority this past year but we expect that to change as we get further into 2021. Schoolbelles has offered a large number of sale promotions during the past year, as we navigated the return to in-person learning together. One of our challenges that might be surprising to you is actually reaching all parents. School Belles currently has on average 35% of your student body registered with a parent's email. You are encouraged to register at [www.schoolbelles.com/register](http://www.schoolbelles.com/register) to receive direct notification of future sales and promotions. Additionally, this directly affects the amount of our School Rebate each fall.
- Attention Altar Servers! St. Cecilia Church will be restarting the use of Servers at weekend Masses. Those interested persons should contact Celia Deters to register at [cdeters@protonmail.com](mailto:cdeters@protonmail.com). Thank you for your service.
- Save the Date! There will be a fundraiser on Tuesday, March 2nd from 4-9 pm at Frisch's Big Boy in Independence to benefit the St. Cecilia Church Building Fund. More details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

### **Extended Community Information & Opportunities**

- HCHS Mulch & Pine Straw Sale - Holy Cross High School is having its 23rd Annual Mulch Sale, selling 3 kinds of mulch in 2 cubic foot bags for \$4.25 per bag and Pine Straw for \$8.00 per bale, which are approximately 12" x 12" x 23". All prices include FREE DELIVERY and sales tax. HCHS students will deliver mulch to your home, business or rental property anywhere in Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties and will put it anywhere on your property, starting April 15th and continuing for at least 3 weeks. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross High School. Go to [www.hcmulch.com](http://www.hcmulch.com) or call (859) 392-8999.



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- The Aubrey Rose Foundation applauds young people who give back & are excited to offer 8th-grade students attending private high school the opportunity to earn a \$500 scholarship toward tuition! Unlike academic and/or athletic scholarships, ARF scholarships are based on a young person's kindness, willingness to give back to our community & their compassionate heart...an incredible way to honor deserving students. Students from St. Cecilia have received this scholarship in the past. It is worth looking into! Application deadline - Friday, 2/12/2021 by 11:59pm. [Click this link for more information.](#)