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March 17, 2021

St. Cecilia Community:

It was great to award the students with some earned recognition last week during our Academic Awards. God calls us to be the best versions of ourselves and I asked the students to reflect upon the 2nd trimester to see if they met this call. The award is not necessarily an indicator of this, though it can be some feedback. For some this may have been true and they should be proud of their accomplishment, while others may have received an award, but could have worked harder and earned a higher award. On the other hand, some students may have been the best version of themselves and not received an award. If this is the case, they must trust this process and the results will come. I will continue to stress to the students to take care of the things that they can control like their attitude and effort, and they will be rewarded whether it is next trimester, next year, in high school, or beyond.

Focusing on the things we can control has been a central theme this year with COVID and we are just beyond the impact of one year. Tomorrow, we will hold a moment of silence at 1pm with others around the region in an initiative led by St. Elizabeth Healthcare to commemorate the one year struggle. Though our experiences all vary greatly from the impact of what has happened since March 13, 2020, I see the greatest struggle with our students socially and emotionally. Know if your son or daughter is struggling with this that you are not alone. We will continue to support them the best that we can here at school, but please remind them how much you care for them. We do our best to show them this every day.

*God Bless!*

Gratefully,  
Kenny Collopy - Principal

**Quote of the Week:**

*"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand." - An Irish Blessing*

**Reminders:**

- For Virtus compliance, be sure to read the March bulletin which was posted on 3/7/2021.
- Chipotle Night 3/21 4pm-8pm - Mark your calendars for another School Spirit night at Chipotle in Ft. Wright on 3/21 from 4-8pm! Mention St. Cecilia School when placing your order and we'll receive 33% of your purchases! You can also order online with the promo code KL9XAGE. Help support your CRUSADERS and get your Guac on! [Click Here for the Flier](#)

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- March 19 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day for Teachers
- March 19 - Virtual Stagette (Postponed)
- March 21 - Chipotle Fundraiser
- March 23 - Grades 6-8 - Personal Safety Presentation by COCA (Rescheduled from 2/9)
- March 23 - Parish Finance Council Meeting
- March 24 - SCPTO Meeting
- March 26 - 1:15pm - Stations of the Cross Grades 3-5
  - 1:00-3:00pm - Religion Teacher Retreat
- March 29 - 2:30pm - Student Government Meeting
- April 1-11 - Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
- April 12 - BOTCE Meeting
- April 12-16 - Private Transportation - No Bus Service



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### **Campus Improvements**

- Our EANS Funding will be applied for next week. Much of the application will address technological updates within our classrooms including Chromebooks, much needed teacher computers, and Clever Touches.

### **Extra-curriculars & More:**

- Yearbooks for this school year are now available to order at [www.ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://www.ybpay.lifetouch.com). Order deadline is 6/21/2021, Yearbook ID Code: 6816621, School Name: St. Cecilia Sch. \$16 per year book (+\$5 hardcover upgrade)
- The Diocese of Covington just received notification that Private School PEBT benefits will be issued on 3/25. There will be several months of benefits issued at one time. So cards will be mailed on 3/25, for those that need them, and will be received in 10-15 business days. We apologize for any confusion.
- Our Pre-K 4's class in both the AM & PM are now officially full! A waiting list has been created for those interested families. Budget, staffing, and building space will be assessed for the possibility of an additional Pre-K 4 class. If you are interested in being placed on this waiting list, please contact ECLC Director Kim Murphy at [kmurphy@stcindependence.org](mailto:kmurphy@stcindependence.org).
- As originally intended the school is finding a variety of ways to celebrate our 100th Year of School. One such way is finding ways to honor specific individuals from school years past. If you have any pictures of Mrs. Ries or Mrs. Baker, you would be willing to share, please email them to Maria Hunseder at [maria.hunseder@gmail.com](mailto:maria.hunseder@gmail.com).
- Two middle school students are taking donations at the front desk and main office for the Kenton County Animal Shelter until Thursday, March 18.

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

- The Board of Total Catholic Education (BOTCE) is looking for volunteers to fill vacant positions due to term endings for next school year. If you are interested, please contact BOTCE President Jenni Spenlau at [jspenlau@twc.com](mailto:jspenlau@twc.com).
- If you signed your child up to be an altar server and have not received an electronic copy of the Server's Manual please contact Celia Deters @ [cdeters@protonmail.com](mailto:cdeters@protonmail.com).
- BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS AND EASTER EGG HUNT - Blessing of the Easter Baskets will be held on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:30 am in the Church. In addition, volunteers are needed for anyone interested in organizing the Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10:00 am. Please contact the Parish Office at 859-363-4311 for details.
- St. Cecilia Parish Fish Frys made possible by our Holy Name Society continue to take place every Friday of Lent from 5-8pm and will be Carryout Only due to COVID restrictions. This year's Fish Frys will benefit the St. Cecilia ECLC playground.
- Stagettes update - The Stagettes has been postponed yet again. More details will come. Thank you for your understanding, if you have any questions please contact Shannon Resing at [stagettetickets@gmail.com](mailto:stagettetickets@gmail.com).



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

- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments - Parishioners of St. Thomas (POST) is a non-profit group based in St. Thomas Parish, Fort Thomas, that provides opportunities to school families to reduce tuition costs or for parish members to meet personal tithing goals by working Reds and Bengals games. Any family member of a Diocese of Covington parish or school is eligible to participate. Training is necessary. Currently we are looking for anyone interested in working Reds games. Opening Day is April 1!! For more information, email Oak Martin at [poststthomas@gmail.com](mailto:poststthomas@gmail.com).
- 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.
- The Independence Police Department is pleased to report that they will be reinstating a K-9 Unit within the Department. A K-9 Unit is not traditionally funded by a police department's city government or taxpayers. The Independence Police Department is seeking assistance from the community to raise funds. Donations can be mailed directly to the Independence Police Department or made on venmo to @Independence-Canine.
- Xavier Athletics has announced the details for the 2020-21 Xavier Musketeers Reading Program presented by Kroger. The theme of this year's month-long virtual challenge is "March Madness." The program is free for all kids in grades 8 & under to participate and will run through March 31st. [Click Here for More information!](#)
- Thomas More University is happy to announce that they are hosting a Saints Family Movie Night on Friday, April 30 with doors opening at 8 p.m., and the movie "Sing" will start at 8:45 p.m.! Registration link:  
[https://form.jotform.com/210213567799059?blm\\_aid=0&blm\\_aid=0](https://form.jotform.com/210213567799059?blm_aid=0&blm_aid=0)





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