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November 20, 2020

St. Cecilia Community:

It saddened me to see the kids leave school under today's circumstances. I am well aware of the impact that moving kids to at-home learning can have. We have made tremendous efforts of giving the opportunity for the students to be here as long as possible. We have all (students, parents, and staff) worked so hard to make the best of our situation and though it has not been perfect, our school has been successful. Such is the case with the majority of the schools throughout the Diocese. For this reason, our Diocese had every intention of continuing in-person learning under proper health procedures as we have from the start of the year. Unfortunately, the Executive Order made to move schools to NTI on Monday is something we cannot control. The Diocese looked into continuing despite this Executive Order, but going against this ruling could result in criminal consequences or the loss of certification to operate as a school.

So, we are now left with the opportunity again to make the best of the situation and focus on the things we can control. NTI will not be perfect, but we are going to make it the best version of our school possible. Our staff is here to help. The adage *It takes a village* has never been more true in our circumstance. Thank you to all who are going to make the best of this.

Stay healthy!

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" -John 8:12

School Improvement Updates:

- There are few new faces here at St. Cecilia.
 - Mrs. Erin Kramer will be working the front desk as our Monday receptionist. Erin should be a familiar face to most as a long time parishioner. She has a background in the medical field and has three children here at St. Cecilia.
 - Mrs. Kaycee Mihaljevic has joined our staff as an aide working primarily with Mrs. McElfresh's 3rd grade class. Her background and experience is in the educational field. She also has three children here at St. Cecilia.

Reminders:

- Physical Report Cards for the 1st Trimester were sent home today with each student. If your child was not at school today, report Cards can be accessed on Sycamore.
- Academic Awards will be announced next Tuesday online.



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- November 19 - 7pm - SCPTO Meeting - Postponed
- November 24th - 1st Trimester Academic Awards - VIRTUAL
- December 1 - Picture Retake day rescheduled for January 19
- December 1 - Safe Environment K-5 Presentation - POSTPONED
- December 3 - 5-7pm - Parent/ Teacher Conferences - VIRTUAL
- December 4 - 9am-2:30pm - Parent/ Teacher Conferences - VIRTUAL
- December 8 - NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Student Government continues to run a food drive for Thanksgiving to benefit the Rose Garden Mission. Donations can still be dropped off to school by noon on Monday. Items per class are specifically located below. Thank you for your support!
 - K1- green beans (canned)
 - K2- sweet potatoes (canned)
 - 1A- stuffing mix
 - 1B- corn (canned)
 - 2A- mashed potatoes (instant potatoes)
 - 2B- mac n cheese (box kind)
 - 3- cranberry sauce (canned)
 - 4A- rolls
 - 4B- cornbread
 - 5- cookies
 - 6- gravy
 - 7- pumpkin pie/pecan pie/ just pies
 - 8- apple cider/ sparkling juices/ hot chocolate/ coffee/ drink
- The CARENET baby bottle drive collected a total of \$639 to support the pregnancy center. CARENET is overjoyed with our enthusiasm to support them and they are extremely grateful.
- The Out of uniform day this week generated \$488 for learning tablets. These will be primarily used by the 1st graders upon their return. Thank you to all for helping with this cause!
- At the beginning of the year, we sold Crusader Masks and the royalty incentive from Cincy Shirts generated \$206 for our school. This will also go into our technology fund. Thank you to all who purchased masks and to Cincy Shirts!
- Congratulations to 7th grader Piper Patterson, on being crowned the 2020 Miss Kentucky Festivals Princess over the weekend! Piper will travel to the National pageant in July to compete onstage in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition to her win (out of the 60+ contestants in her session), Piper was named the A.L.I.C.E. award recipient which stands for A Life In Community service Empowers and she will be an ambassador to inspiring others to join in a life of selfless service and community commitment. We wish you the best of luck Piper on your continued Journey to the Crown!



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St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- **CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES** Both St. Cecilia Catholic School and CCD students are being provided a box of offering envelopes for the upcoming calendar year. The purpose of these envelopes is to teach our children the fundamental obligation of the Faith – that of being responsible to the Lord for the gifts that He has given them (stewardship). As they utilize these envelopes throughout their youth, with you as their example, our children learn a valuable lesson in stewardship; a responsibility they will carry on into adulthood as they, themselves on day, will provide for the needs of their local Parish – and ultimately teach their own children this vital responsibility. Please work with your children in learning the gift and responsibility of stewardship. From their allowances and/or gifts they receive through good grades, etc., it would be good that they learn to return to the Lord as He calls them to do so in the Sacred Scriptures. This is an important lesson for them to understand and learn. Thank you for assisting in this important process for our Children. Their lives as faith-filled believers truly begins in their childhood in their home. -Fr. Mario Joseph Tizziani
- **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.
 - 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



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Extended Community Information & Opportunities



**November 16 -
December 31, 2020**

**JOIN THE MAYOR'S WINTER READING CHALLENGE & BE
THE NEXT READ READY COVINGTON SUPER READER!**

Mayor's Challenge

**COVINGTON FAMILIES: YOUR PREK-3RD GRADE
CHILDREN CAN WIN PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING IN
THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE!**

**THE TOP STUDENT IN EACH GRADE (CITY-WIDE)
WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE!**

**RANDOM DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT
THE CHALLENGE FOR PARTICIPANTS COMPLETING
AT LEAST 75 MINUTES OF STORIES AND SKILL
GAMES WEEKLY!**

Prize award selections are subject to demonstration
of student performance and at the discretion of the
City of Covington/Read Ready Covington.

**\$500 TO THE TOP
STUDENT IN EACH GRADE!
YES, \$500!**

Contest Participation Rules:

1. Log on to www.f2b.com at least 15 minutes daily.
2. Complete all activities connected with each story in Footsteps2Brilliance (Book Buddies, Skill Games). Children ages 3-6 can use Clever Kids University (complete each train's set of activities).
3. No internet at home? Where WiFi is available, download just one level at a time on your device. You can also upload your progress.
4. To be eligible, children must live or attend school in Covington, KY.

Questions? Email us at info@readreadycov.com.

