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February 3, 2021

St. Cecilia Community:

It is Catholic Schools' Week and thank you to everyone for making the sacrifices to choose a Catholic education. The students "attended" a virtual mass with the Bishop this morning and he spoke on this year's CSW themes of Faith, Excellence, and Service stressing that it all starts with Faith. Our primary purpose as a Catholic institution is to help your children find heaven. Everything else like the community support, academic excellence, and character development is a byproduct of our focus on Faith.

Our teachers and staff are on the front lines of this mission and today we showed appreciation for all they do. Thank you to the SCPTO for providing a Texas Roadhouse lunch for us and to the students who dressed up as a teacher. They say that imitation is the highest form of flattery and we were humbled, especially Mrs. Henn.

Further thanks to all who helped with Open House. From cleaning the building to volunteering as tour guides; but most importantly for the everyday efforts of students, parents and staff that make our school a desirable place to send students for a great Catholic education.

God Bless!

Gratefully,
Kenny Collopy - Principal

Quote of the Week:

"There are alternatives to Catholic schools, but there is no substitute." -Bishop Roger Foys

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://saintceciliaschool.net/>
- Friday, February 5th originally planned NTI day will now be in-person at school.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- January 31- February 6 - Catholic Schools Week (Details below)
- February 5 - In Person Instruction - Changed from previously planned NTI Day
 - 8th Graders Day Off
- February 9 - Grades 6-8 - Personal Safety Presentation by COCA
- February 17 - Grades K-5 - Bullying Prevention Presentation by Kids on the Block
- February 25 - Grades 6-8 - Digital Citizenship Presentation by Mr. Voight
- February 26 - End of 2nd Trimester
- March 1 - Beginning of 3rd Trimester
- March 5 - 2nd Trimester Grades Due
- March 12 - 2nd Trimester Academic Awards (Details to follow)

Catholic Schools' Week Plans

This year's themes:

Faith, Excellence, & Service

All week:



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- Nursing Home Item Drive - During the week, classes are to collect donations of small items for residents of nursing homes. Ex: non-sugary snacks, crackers, granola bars, fuzzy socks, puzzle books, activity books, lotion, packs of tissues, make cards for residents. At the beginning of each day, these can be brought to the classroom across from the office.

Thursday--Celebrate our Students

- Students are permitted to be out of uniform and even wear pajamas to school this day if they wish.
- We will play music randomly throughout the day through the PA for students to Get up and Move
- From 1-2pm, students will have fun/ free time in class.

Friday--Celebrate our Community and Nation

- Father Harry Settle Mass will celebrate mass with Grades K-4.
- Grades 5-8 will say a Rosary for our nation at 12:45pm in the church.
- Students are permitted to wear Red, White, and Blue accent features such as hats, scarves, socks, glasses, etc. These must be removed when in church for mass and the rosary.

School Improvement Updates:

- Thank you to Mrs. Eilerman for adding our core values/ pillars of Faith Formation, Academic Excellence, Character Development and Community Support to the literal pillars in the school cafeteria.

Extra-curriculars & More:

- Congratulations to Joseph Coutinho & Savannah Weibel for testing in the top 4 of the Holy Cross High School Placement Test & being awarded Scholarship funds!
- We still have just a few yearbooks leftover from last 2019-20 school year if anyone still needs one. They are \$20 and can be purchased in the office.

St. Cecilia Community Information & Opportunities

- 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.
- Our annual HEARTGRAMS sale is on! Print as many as you need, fill them out, and send them back to school by Tuesday, Feb. 9th. Each is 50 cents and all money donated goes towards the 7th graders who are raising money for their 8th grade trip next year. A sheet of 4 will be sent in each family folder on Wed. If you are unable to print your own and need more, contact your child's teacher. These are an awesome way for parents to send a special candy heartgram to their child, students to their best friends or teachers, or teachers to their students. These will be distributed on Friday, Feb. 12th.
- 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. Thank you for your service.



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- 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

- FREE drive thru testing locations are offered in Northern Kentucky per Gov Beshear's request until March 31st of this year. The testing is operated by St. Elizabeth and is available by online appointment for both Erlanger and Alexandria locations. Allowable with & without insurance, they are just asking that you create an account with 'MyChart' to review testing results. For more details, visit <https://www.stelizabeth.com/covid-testing>
- 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.](#)
- Yamaha organ to be an answer to a prayer. Contact Mrs. Wells at rwells@stcindependence.org.

