

Saint Cecilia Catholic School Mid-Year Report Card



2018-2019 School Year

Dear Parents:

This report card contains important information about our school. It includes information about our academic performance, the learning environment, teacher qualifications, our faith, and much more.

About Our School:

St. Cecilia Catholic School has a long and rich tradition of high quality education and faith development that began in 1921. To this day, we strive to live out our Catholic beliefs in everything we do. This means that all of our work and efforts are for the glory of God. He is the reason for our school and without Him this school would not exist.

NWEA MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress) Scores:

MAP	MATH	MATH	READING	READING	LANGUAGE	LANGUAGE
	St. Cecilia	National	St. Cecilia	National	St. Cecilia	National
K	147	140	145	141	-	-
1	165	162	166	161	-	-
2	191	177	189	175	-	-
3	199	190	197	188	200	189
4	208	202	206	198	206	199
5	216	211	212	206	213	206
6	218	218	214	211	215	211
7	229	223	219	214	225	214
8	232	226	227	217	227	216

The above scores are St. Cecilia School MAP scores compared to the National Norms for the same MAP tests. What is incredible is that St. Cecilia Catholic School students scored at or better than the National Norms on all 24 tests taken. These tests were taken September 4, through September 27, 2018. MAP testing is done three times throughout the year and will be taken again in the winter and in the spring.

Further Testing

NCEA ACRE Test: Each year, students in each diocese throughout the U.S. take the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education test otherwise known as ACRE. The ACRE test is given in the 5th and 8th grade to students in both Catholic schools and in parish religious education programs. St. Cecilia will take this test in February.

Faith Development:

St. Cecilia School's mission is to provide an engaging, high quality education guided by the teachings of our Catholic faith. At St. Cecilia we don't just learn about our faith, we live it. We learn to give our time, talents and treasures to the Lord through the following means:

Prayer Opportunities – Students are encouraged to pray often. We attend mass as a school every Monday and Friday. Each day we begin with a prayer and reflection, recite a decade of the rosary, reflect on the saint of the day, pray the Angelus and our lunch prayer, and have a closing prayer. We also participate in the Spiritual Adoption Program.

Sacraments – Students in the second grade are prepared in school for the sacraments of Penance and First Communion. In the eighth grade, students are prepared during school for the sacrament of Confirmation. Reconciliation is offered to students during Advent and Lent. Students attend Mass every Monday and Friday.

Service – St. Cecilia School has been involved in Service Learning for 7 years. Each grade level leads a service project that serves our local parish, the local community, or even other parts of the world. Students in grades 4-8 also perform service work independently.

Faith Opportunities – Throughout the school year, St. Cecilia School has a variety of faith-building activities. These include the Saint Parade, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Christmas Program, Days of Prayer and Penance for Life, Eucharistic Adoration, and May Crowning. We also apply our faith to current events and will pray additional prayers or the rosary as needed.

Technology at St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia has installed wireless technology throughout the building. We are now 1:1 with chromebooks for grades 5-8 and have 2 chromebook carts for grades 1-4. We have a computer lab and have updated all of our computers to Windows 10. This is part of St. Cecilia's long range plan to remain up-to-date with technology bringing 21st century skills to our students.

Students in grades K-8 have a computer class once a week to learn essential computer skills and programs, safety, and typing. Classroom teachers also incorporate technology into their classes through collaborative activities with the computer teacher and by using computer lab time to enhance lessons.

Each classroom K-8 is equipped with a Smartboard, which is used in a multitude of ways to provide both stimulating and interactive lessons. We have also purchased two new Bright Link Boards.

St. Cecilia has purchased the rights to the MobyMax program, which is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. It is the only completely integrated K-8 curriculum covering reading, writing, vocabulary, language, math, fact fluency, number sense, social studies, and science. MobyMax can benefit students who are accelerated and need new challenges, but it also identifies learning gaps and then automatically assigns lessons to address missing skills.

Extracurricular Activities:

St. Cecilia School provides a variety of experiences outside of the classroom to enrich students' learning. We offer the following activities: Academic Team, Future Problem Solving, Book Club, Chess Club, Creative Crafters, Drama, Imagination Builders, Computer Club, 4H Leadership, Running Club, Yearbook, Pokémon Club, and Student Government. St. Cecilia also provides athletic opportunities in basketball, soccer, volleyball, and cheerleading.

School Safety and Behavior:

St. Cecilia has a single entry point to the school that is monitored by a staff member and there is video surveillance on all exterior doors. All visitors are required to sign-in. The Independence Police Department provides assistance in providing a safe environment. The school maintains a faith-based code of conduct. All faculty, staff, and volunteers are required to help maintain a safe environment by completing routine background checks and participating in Virtus training. The staff is also trained in CPR and in active shooter training. Drills for fires, earthquakes, tornadoes, and lockdowns are practiced throughout the year.

Awards and Recognition:

On November 8, 2018, St. Cecilia School was awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award for Academic Excellence by the United States Department of Education!

Florence Elks Student of the Month:

September – Madison Hurtt and Alex Bunton
October – Jordyn Finke and Gabe Reed
December – Alli Holakowski and Brendan Riley

November – Jack Noll and Bethany Wood
January – Sean Cranley and Ella Ryan

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Jenna Saalfeld – Bella Saalfeld – Addison Saalfeld – Lauren Crowley – Sydney Weibel – Leah Donnelon

BOTCE Writing and Poster Contest Winners:

K-2 Visual category: TJ Goods
Writing: Oscar Deavy

3-5 Visual category: Piper Patterson
Writing: Brooke Saalfeld

6-8 Visual category: Josie Roberts
Writing: Leah Donnellon

Christ Hospital Northern Kentucky Junior Fire Marshall Poster Contest Winners:

Darby McDonald, Regan Shelton, Brendan Riley (Dept. Choice Award), and
Kierstin Suedkamp (Best Artwork Award)

Accelerated Reader – 75% of our students reached their goal for the 1st trimester!

Honors Students – Over 73% of our students were named as Honor Students for the 1st trimester!

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest - Classroom Winners - K1: Maxwell Boots, Nile Hoffman

K2: Elaina Hamilton, Paizley Russell - 1: Adriana Gubser, Reagan Naïve

2A: Michael King, Jenna Pennington 2B: Karsyn Kreidenweis, Molly Porada

3: Ava Pennington, Brooke Saalfeld 4A: Julia Lachmann, Paola Spicuzza

4B: Christopher Coutinho, Kathleen Williams 5: Nora Deavy, Kierstin Suedkamp

6: Gretchen Phelps, Rylie Shelton 7: Jordyn Finke, Jenna Saalfeld 8: Matthew Coutinho,
Madison Hurtt

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest – School Finalists

K-2: Michael King, Reagan Naïve, Molly Porada, Paizley Russell

3-5: Christopher Coutinho, Nora Deavy, Julia Lachmann, Kierstin Suedkamp

6-8: Jordyn Finke, Madison Hurtt, Gretchen Phelps, Jenna Saalfeld

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest – School Winners

Grade K-2. Winner: Paizley Russell - Runner Up: Michael King

Grade 3-5. Winner: Kierstin Suedkamp - Runner Up: Christopher Coutinho

Grade 6-8 Winner: Madison Hurtt - Runner Up: Jordyn Finke