

October 20, 2017

St. Cecilia School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have a busy stretch over the next couple of weeks with a lot of activities as we march to the end of Trimester 1, which officially ends, November 3rd. More information on each of these is included in the newsletter.

I write all of you from Wilmington, Delaware where I am attending a three day conference run by the National Academy of Advanced Teacher Education (NAATE). This past July, two other staff members, Miss Julie Poux and Mrs. Jessica Wilcox, dedicated ten days at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut working with NAATE and teachers throughout the country. Like them, I am finding this professional development challenging and thought provoking. Upon my return to Cincinnati on Sunday, the three of us have will have completed phase I of what will be three phases of coursework with NAATE. Hopefully, two additional staff members will be eligible to attend NAATE with a new cohort of teachers this summer. These opportunities are an extension of the Seton Education Partnership and our Blended Learning initiative implemented last year.

My time at NAATE has tremendously worthwhile, I look forward to returning and putting some ideas into practice, and I am thankful that our partnership with Seton has afforded our school this opportunity!

I look forward to returning to school on Sunday and seeing staff and students! Enjoy your weekends!



Michael Goedde

Mr. Michael Goedde
Principal

Walk-a-thon - Important Notes

- Students are out of uniform on this day; please have your child wear appropriate attire for walking - athletic shoes and appropriate attire for the forecasted weather
- All pledge money envelopes can be turned in any day next week, including Friday - Please see the walk-a-thon letter for details regarding fund designation and other details for this year's walk-a-thon
- The walk-a-thon will begin at 10AM, with students walking for about 60 minutes for students K-3 and 90 minutes for students 4-8; PK students will walk prior to the older students, completing a couple of laps with the assistance of some older students.



Upcoming Events

October 26

Field Trip to Children's Theatre (K-4)

October 27

Walkathon
Halloween Parade

October 29

Parade of Saints – 10AM
Mass at St. Cecilia Church

November 1

Feast of All Saints – School Mass at 9AM with Parade of Saints.

November 2

Feast of All Souls – School Mass at 9AM

November 3

End of First Trimester

November 14

Picture Retake Day

November 18

High School Placement Test

November 20-24

Thanksgiving Holiday – No School!

Important Announcements

All School Adoration/Rosary - Next Wednesday at 2:15 in St. Cecilia Church - All families are invited to join us in prayer

Halloween Parade

Next Friday afternoon students in grades PK-4 will participate in our annual Halloween Costume Parade. Students should bring their costumes to change into, with the parade taking place at 2:15PM. Parents, please ensure that your child's costume is both age and school appropriate. Parents, please know that our school PTO has planned a fun craft activity for homerooms PK-3 and snack bags to be passed out to all students PK-8. With this in mind, we ask that parents *not* plan on sending additional treats in with your child so that we have some consistency and are equitable across all grade levels. Please also keep in mind that our students, particularly in the upper grades will mix the fun of walk-a-thon and the viewing of the parade with academic work on this day. We invite all families to join us for the much anticipated Parade of Costumes Friday afternoon

All Saints Procession

At this time of the year, when our culture focuses on scary costumes, ghouls, and jack-o'-lanterns, it is often easy to forget that the history of Halloween is one rooted in deep Christian beliefs. We should certainly enjoy the yearly autumnal march towards October 31st, ghosts and all, but we should also know and pass on to our children that Halloween, or All Hallows Eve, was and still is the vigil for All Saints Day and All Souls Day, two days when the Church remembers that we are part of the Communion of Saints, memorializing those who have passed away, but also recognizing those who have reached their heavenly home, those in purgatory, purifying themselves before seeing the face of God, and those still on earth waiting for their day of judgement. To help keep this religious connection, St. Cecilia parish invites our youngest children PK-4 to dress up for an All Saints procession, this year's taking place at this 10AM Mass on Sunday, October 29th and again on the Feast of All Saints on November 1st at the All School 9AM Mass. Although Father Jamie is sure to join in the fun at next week's parade of costumes, I know that he is moreso looking forward to seeing our youngest dressing up as a favorite saint!

SMSJ Ball Field

At 10:00AM on Sunday October 29th the Athletic Department will be hosting another field day at St. Margaret St. John. Mr. Weisenborn extends an invitation for all families to attend and help out! **Trucks, chainsaws, weed-eaters, and loppers will all be needed.** If you are able to attend, please email me at mweisenborn@stceciliacincinnati.org and specify how many people will be coming and what equipment you will bring. The backstop will be complete by then! The goal is to host home games at SMSJ this year!

Catholic High School Open Houses

Below is a list of each of the Catholic high schools in this area and the date(s) of their open house. For more information about the high schools and to get a list of websites, please visit our new school website school.stceciliacincinnati.org and click on the link in the Newsflash box.

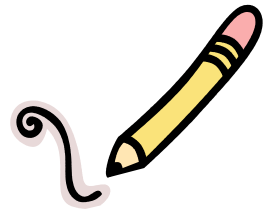
- 10/26 DePaul Cristo Rey (4-8PM)
- 10/29 Purcell Marian (1-4PM)
Roger Bacon (1-3PM)
St. Ursula (1-3PM)
- 11/2 Seton (5:30-8:00PM)
- 11/5 LaSalle (1-4PM)
Moeller (2-5PM)
Mount Notre Dame (1-4PM)
Ursuline Academy (1PM)
- 11/9 Elder (5-8PM)
- 11/12 Mercy McAuley (1-3:30PM)
St. Xavier (1-4PM)

Eighth Grade Parent Reminder - HSPT

All students planning on attending a Catholic high school must take the HSPT on Saturday, November 18th. All parents are responsible for registering their child at one of the school test sites. Please call the admissions department at the high school to register your child. The only role that St. Cecilia School plays in the testing registration is ensuring that any special accommodations are documented and provided for qualifying students. Finally, all parents are encouraged to explore several school options for their child. School shadow days should be scheduled within the next month with area schools.

In the Classroom

What's coming in the next week....



Preschool

- In preschool next week, we will continue to explore all things Fall and will conduct several experiments and learning activities, using fall items! After completing a comprehensive review of letters and their sounds that we have previously learned this week, we will begin a comprehensive review next week of all of the numbers and shapes that we have previously learned. In Religion, we are continuing to learn about all of the wonderful gifts that God has made for us and will be preparing and practicing for our attendance at our first Mass on November 1, 2017!

Kindergarten

- In Language Arts next week, the kindergarteners will be continuing our study of sight words. We will be learning about the sight words FOR, AM, I, TO and A. In Math, we will be continuing to work with “one more” and “one less” as related to numbers 0-15. In Science, we will review why our teeth are important and how we can keep them healthy. In Religion, we will learn about characters God used in the bible to do BIG things! In Sign Language, we will learn some spooky signs!

Grade 1

- Next week in First Grade we will go on our first field trip to see Peter Pan Jr.! In math we will complete our chapter on Subtraction Facts to 10. Please continue to work with your child at home on math facts to 10. In reading we will explore stories about animal communication through informational texts like, “How Animals Communicate”, “Insect Messages” and “Animals at Night.” We will be focusing again on the short /i/ sound and introducing the use of commas in a series. We will also be preparing for our exploration of pumpkins in science and math with many experiments.

Grade 2

- **Religion:** We will continue to study the Life Christ by discussing forgiveness and healing. We will also begin to look at what it means to make a confession.
- **Reading:** We will learn how to retell a story in our own words
- **Phonics:** Base words ending in -ed, -ing, and cvc syllable patterns.
- **Math:** We will conclude our study of subtraction with regrouping. We will begin to use bar models to add and subtract.
- **Science:** We will study how air can lift and press through hands-on experiments.

Grade 3

- **Religion** - Students will continue learning about the gifts and talents God gave them.
- **English** - Students will identify linking verbs and use them in their writing.
- **Reading** – Students will learn how text and graphic features can help them better understand and locate information in a text.
- **Science** – Students will continue to explore the 3 states of matter.
- **Math** - Students will review concepts learned from chapters three through five. They will also explore several math concepts using pumpkins!

Grade 4

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the Laws that God gave us.
- **English** - Next week we will continue our work with types of sentences.
- **Reading** - Next week we will focus on comprehension as we begin our novel, *Sarah Plain and Tall*.
- **Science** - Students will explore the states of matter.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will estimate and round whole numbers.
- **Math (Musselman)** – Students will multiply a 2 digit number by 1 digit.
- **Social Studies** - Students will learn about the War of 1812.
- **Art** - Students will finish artwork using positive and negative space. Please send in a clean plastic bottle (water, pop, or juice bottles) for an upcoming weaving project.

Grade 5

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the Liturgy of the Word in mass.
- **English** – Students will work with topic sentences.
- **Reading** - Students will focus on characterization in the novel, *Because of Winn Dixie*.
- **Science** - Students will discover how the Earth moves in the solar system.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will multiply and divide whole numbers in real world situations.
- **Math (Musselman)** – Students will learn to divide by 10's, 100's, and 1,000's.
- **Social Studies** - Students will continue studying maps, and they will focus on political climate maps.
- **Art** - Students will use color theory for paintings.

Grade 6

- **Religion** – Students will learn about Abraham, our father in faith.
- **English** – Students will continue learning about different root words, prefixes and suffixes
- **Reading (Tillery)** – Students will continue to work on their *Freak the Mighty* essay
- **Reading (Thomas)** – We will finish reading *Freak, The Mighty*.
- **Science** – Students will continue learning about the three classes of rock.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will multiply and divide decimals in real world situations.
- **Math (Wispé)** - Students will discover negative integers and order them using a number line.
- **Social Studies** - Students will finish up a unit on Ancient Mesopotamia.
- **Art** - Students will continue to explore Egyptian art.

Grade 7

- **Religion** - Students will continue to work on their portraits of Jesus.
- **English** - Students will continue working with root words and have a test on Friday. They will also continue a grammar unit on verbs.
- **Reading (Dorato)** - Students will wrap up a unit on figurative language and start reading the novel *The Shakespeare Stealer*.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – We will finish reading *Bud, Not Buddy*.
- **Science** - Students will analyze the impact humans have on water resources.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will use order of operations to solve math problems containing rational number.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will add, subtract, multiply and divide integers.
- **Social Studies** - Students will finish up a unit on the American Revolution.
- **Art** - Students will create their own one-point perspective landscape drawings.

Grade 8

- **Religion** – Students will be doing a saint research activity.
- **English** – Students will begin to examine sentence structures: simple, compound, compound-complex.
- **Reading (Goedde)** – Students will complete a theme essay over *Of Mice and Men* and write a compare contrast in-class essay over the short story “Lost Hearts”
- **Reading (Thomas)** – We will finish reading *The Revealers*.
- **Science** – Students will start unit 3 on Earth’s interior.
- **Math (Scheidel)** - Students will solve linear equations.
- **Math (Poux)** – Students will work with Scientific Notation.
- **Social Studies** – Students will be studying chapter 22
- **Art** - Students will draw buildings using two-point perspective.

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October 17, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Friday, October 27th is our annual walk-a-thon, an important fundraiser each year that helps to support students' education! Last year, proceeds went to assist in purchasing Clevertouch interactive boards for classrooms. Presently, every classroom now has a state of the art interactive board within their rooms in part, because of the efforts of our school families.

This year, all funds raised will be earmarked to assist in beginning the process of getting the entire building air conditioned. We know that air conditioning the entire school will be a great expense, but like updating the rooms, working towards having the entire building comfortable for learning during the hottest days is a must as well. In the upcoming weeks, I will be meeting with HVAC representatives to determine the best course of action with respects to addressing our air conditioning needs.

We are setting as a goal for each student to raise \$30 and or each family with two or more children in the school to raise \$50. Pledges can be turned in anytime starting Tuesday, October 20th up until Friday, October 27th, the day of Walk-a-thon!

Please return all raised funds in the Walk-a-Thon Envelopes (1 per family). We look forward to a fun day on the 27th! Further details regarding the day will be included in future newsletters.

Thank You!

Mr. Goedde, St. Cecilia PTO



Wednesday, October 25th anytime between 4PM to 10PM!

St. Cecilia Restaurant Night at Mac's Pizza Pub... on the Pike!

Support St. Cecilia Athletics! Present this coupon on this night, and St. Cecilia will be reimbursed 20% of the total food sales of your group. Invite friends and family, enjoy a night out, and show your **School Pride!**

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