

November 17, 2017

St. Cecilia School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. Remember that next week, teachers will have two work days, but the students will not have any school. However, teachers may have assigned work to be completed over the break, so be sure to check with your child and our school website to ensure completion of any assignments.



Michael Goedde
Mr. Michael Goedde
Principal

Absent Notifications

Parents are reminded that when their child is sick and will be absent from school, they need to call the office to inform the school of the nature of the absence. Please make these calls by 8:30AM.

Thanksgiving Break

Please note that there is no school for students Thanksgiving week, November 20th to 24th. Teachers will have two work days on Monday and Tuesday of that week.



Important Reminder for Families of Eighth Grade Students

Students wishing to go to Catholic High School next year need to take the HSPT (High School Placement Test) TOMORROW at the high school where they have registered! Students must be registered for this test in advance of taking it.

Upcoming Events

November 18

High School Placement Test

November 20-24

Thanksgiving Holiday – No School!

November 29

All School Adoration at 2:15PM – all parents are invited

November 30

Student Confessions following 9AM mass

December 12

Chipotle Restaurant Night for Boosters

December 14

Winter Concert Grades 4-8

December 17

Misa en Español – 5PM at St. Cecilia Church

December 20

Early Dismissal at 1:00PM – there will be NO afternoon bus service or latchkey

Important Announcements

There is no school for students next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

More Important News

Santa's Workshop - Save the Date

Thanks to this year's PTO, a favorite Christmas tradition for our youngest students will be returning this year on Thursday, December 14th. More details will be shared in future newsletters. We are excited that parents have taken ownership of this project, and we look forward to watching our little ones shop for their loved ones on the 14th!



Concert Reminders for 2017-2018

This year to simplify preparation and be less intrusive on instructional time, Brother Bob will be preparing one concert for students in grades 4-8 and once concert for students PK-3. On December 14th at 20TH Century Theater, our 4-8 students will hosting a Christmas Concert, which will begin at 7PM. In the Spring on May 22nd, our students in grades PK-3 will be hosting a spring concert in our school gymnasium. Each year, we will rotate the nature of each performance so that students at all grade levels will have opportunities to perform in each seasonal show. We know parents and grandparents enjoy seeing their children on stage, and the entire staff does as well, but it was a consensus among all that with standardized testing in the spring as well as a number of additional school related activities, going the present route was our best option. We look forward to seeing Brother Bob highlight all of our students' talents!

Part Time Employment Opportunity

A former parent whose children I taught years ago reached out to me recently to see if I might know of any parents that would be interested in part time work. I told her I would pass the notice along!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WHILE YOUR CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL

We are currently looking to hire new, dependable team members for positions with a local web-based company.

- Onsite training - no experience necessary
- Perfect for those who pay great attention to detail
- Competitive pay

Duties include: product assembly, stocking, picking and packing orders. We can schedule hours to fit your daily routine.

If you are interested, please contact Julie at julie@papertreyink.com



Academic and Character Awards

Yesterday, we held our first monthly ceremony and reception where we recognize students that are performing well academically and setting good examples through their character. Thank you to parents and grandparents who came to celebrate with us yesterday, and congratulations to October's recipients!



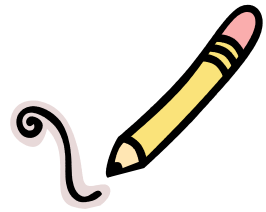
Washington DC Trips



Next week, students in 7th and 8th grade have the opportunity to raise funds to help offset the costs of their respective trips (8th - 2018, 7th - 2019) to our nation's capital through the sale of entertainment coupon books. The books will cost \$20, and for every book sold, students will secure \$10 towards their trip. The letter sent home with 7th and 8th graders is included in this newsletter.

In the Classroom

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



Preschool

- In preschool this week, we will be embracing and learning about the holiday season and Advent. In English Language Arts, we will be learning about the letter L. In Math, we will be learning about the number 10. In Religion, we will begin learning and practicing Christmas songs for our concert for parents, as well as continuing to learn about the things that God made.

Kindergarten

- In Kindergarten this week we will be embracing the holiday spirit, as we prepare to celebrate the season of Advent. In Language Arts, we will be continue to learn to read as we decode words and study the features of print. In Math, we will continue to study “making more” and “counting on” for numbers 0-10. In Religion we will prepare for the season of Advent. In Sign Language we will practice signing “Silent Night.”

Grade 1

- In First Grade we will be continuing in math with shapes. We will focus on making patterns with shapes and review plane shapes, solid shapes and fractions. We will keep doing our math facts daily so please continue to practice at home. In reading we will explore Marine Habitats through our informational texts “At Home in the Ocean” and “Water”. We will learn the /th/ sound and review proper nouns. Please continue to work at home on sight words. Advent begins on December 3rd and First Grade will begin to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We will discover how the rest of the world celebrates the holiday season through our “Christmas Around the World” unit.

Grade 2

- **Religion** – We will continue to practice the steps to making a confession
- **Math** – We will continue exploring and learning about multiplication.

Grade 3

- **Religion** - Students will learn about the season of Advent.
- **English** - Students will identify coordinating conjunctions and use them in their writing.
- **Reading** – Students will practice identifying the main idea of a story through reading a biography titled *Young Thomas Edison*.
- **Science** – Students will learn about Earth’s living and nonliving resources.
- **Math** - Students will begin multiplying multi-digit numbers.

Grade 4

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the First Commandment.
- **English** – Students will continue to practice their dictionary skills, focusing on using guide words and alphabetical order.
- **Reading** - Students will prepare to take their end of novel test over *Sarah, Plain and Tall*.
- **Science** – Students will continue to study the properties and states of matter and prepare for their Unit 6 test.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will multiply multi-digit whole numbers.
- **Math (Musselman)** – Students will learn how to multiply by two digit numbers.
- **Social Studies** - Students will work on Review and Assessment of Chapter 3, and begin learning about the Civil War.
- **Art** – Students will create a symmetrical animal design. This design will be based on Charlie Harper's artwork that has a minimal realist style.

Grade 5

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **English** – Students will continue to practice their dictionary skills, focusing on using guide words and alphabetical order.
- **Reading** – Students will continue to read, Winn Dixie, and prepare for their end of novel test. They will also be focusing on main idea and supporting details as they read.
- **Science** – Students will continue to study space with a focus on Earth, our moon, and the sun.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators.
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- **Social Studies** - Students will reflect on their Native American project.
- **Art** – Students will finish a still life drawing/painting of a pumpkin, squash, and corn by using watercolor pencils.

Grade 6

- **Religion** – Students will continue learning about Jacob's relationship with God and will take their chapter 7 test.
- **English** –
- **Reading (Tillery)** –
- **Reading (Thomas)** – Students will start reading “Christmas in Camelot”
- **Science** – Students will be analyzing how humans use renewable resources.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will use rates and unit rates in real world problems.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will multiply and divide decimals.
- **Social Studies** –
- **Art** – Students will paint paper maché Egyptian masks.

Grade 7

- **Religion** -
- **English** - Students will be starting a grammar unit on complements.
- **Reading (Dorato)** - Students will be analyzing and comparing poems.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – Students will start reading “Flush”.
- **Science** - Students will be learning how energy provided by the sun causes atmospheric movement.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will learn to solve algebraic equations and inequalities.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will evaluate operations with rational numbers.
- **Social Studies** –
- **Art** – Students will design a plan for a painting that is based on an art movement.

Grade 8

- **Religion** – Students will talk about the different types of prayer.
- **English** – Students will work on written responses to *Monster*.
- **Reading (Goedde)** – Students will finish the novel *Monster*.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – Students will start reading *The Giver*
- **Science** – Students will be studying the causes of earthquakes.
- **Math (Scheidel)** - Students will review evaluating linear equations and will take their chapter 3 test.
- **Math (Poux)** – Students will be working with one and two-step equations.
- **Social Studies** – Students will begin studying World War I.
- **Art** – Students will put the finishing touches on the skyscraper building drawings that are designed using two point perspective.

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Dear Parents:

November 10, 2017

Seventh, and 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in an Access to the City Coupon Book fundraiser to help offset their costs for upcoming Washington DC trips (8th - 2018, 7th -2019). Your child has expressed interest in participating in this sale. Below is information related to the sale, and a sign-off agreement that all parents must agree to in order to participate in this fundraiser.

- What - Sell City Access Coupon Books
- Cost - \$20 per book (to be collected at time of sale)
 - Students earn \$10 towards their DC trip for every book sold
 - Any Checks should be made out to St. Cecilia School
- Sale will run up until Christmas Break
- Students are responsible for keeping good care of savings book; all unsold books and orders must be returned to the school by Friday, December 15, 2017
 - **Parents are responsible for payment for any unreturned books or any books returned in poor condition**
- Students are responsible to ensure that customers receive coupon books

The cost savings within the coupon books pay for the book after only a few uses, so in many ways the sales pitch is not a difficult one. We hope that students are successful with this sale! To plan accordingly and in order for your child to begin selling, the bottom portion of this letter needs to be signed and returned to the school office.

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I agree to allow my child _____ to participate in the Access to

Student's Name

the City fundraiser. I understand that my child will earn \$10 (to be put in school account) for every book sold towards his/her Washington DC trip. **I also understand that I am ultimately responsible for any and all coupon books that are checked out.** With this understanding, I would like to check out

_____ books at this time. I understand that the sale ends on

of Books

Friday, December 15, 2017, and that money (\$20 for each sale) and order forms can be turned in at any time from now up until that date.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____