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St. Cecilia School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back from what I hope was a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we move into Advent this Sunday, we also approach a very busy season with Christmas and a New Year. With this in mind, please note all the information within this newsletter as we have much going on in the weeks ahead.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Goedde".

Mr. Michael Goedde
Principal

Upcoming Feasts

Advent - Begins Sunday, December 3rd

Lessons and Carols Vigil of the Immaculate Conception Athenaeum - Thursday, December 7th

- Many staff members and I will be attending Lessons and Carols at the Athenaeum of Ohio, located in Mt. Washington near McNicholas High School. If you want a family activity where you sense the true meaning of the season by experiencing beautiful singing and music, you would not regret attending Lessons and Carols. It begins at 7PM and is usually a packed crowd, so you would want to arrive early. It would be wonderful for staff to see some St. Cecilia school families in attendance as well.

Feast of Immaculate Conception, December 8th

- Parents are invited to join our school children as they attend 9AM Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday, December 12th

- We invite all school children who wish to present the blessed mother with flowers on this special feast day to bring those to school on Monday morning, and they will be presented during a procession for the 9AM Mass. Additionally, it is tradition throughout Latin America, but especially throughout Mexico, on this special day, to dress in traditional native garb, as Juan Diego, and or as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Any school children who would like to do so for our 9AM Mass are encouraged to do so.

Upcoming Events

December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Mass at 9AM

December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mass at 9AM
Chipotle Restaurant Night for Boosters

December 14

Winter Concert Grades 4-8 – 7PM at 20th Century

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

December 21-January 2

Christmas Break

January 3

Classes resume

Chipotle Restaurant Night

On Tuesday, December 12th St. Cecilia Athletic Boosters will be hosting a restaurant night at the Chipotle in Hyde Park (3725 Paxton Avenue). All you need to do is tell the cashier that you are there to support St. Cecilia, and we will receive 50% of the profits! Go Lions!



If you haven't heard through the grapevine, congratulations are in order for a number of our staff members! Miss Dewire, Miss Chawner, and Miss Gross all recently accepted marriage proposals from their now fiancée. Everyone is excited for them as they plan their upcoming weddings and marriages. If you see any of them, you may want to congratulate and wish them well!

More Important News

2018-2019 Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

Parents that have children presently attending St. Cecilia School may begin the Registration Process for Kindergarten and Preschool beginning Monday, December 11th. Our Preschool program is for children aged 4 and 5. There are Ohio grant opportunities and financial assistance for qualifying families for both grade levels. Parents are encouraged to invite any friends with school aged children to reach out to the front office as well, so they can learn more about our school at all grade levels. Please call the school office or email me at mgoedde@stceciliacincinnati.org with any questions.

Candy Cane Sale

Next week, our PTO and 8th grade students will be running our annual Candy Cane Sale, where students, teachers, and parents can purchase candy canes at 50¢ each for anyone within the St. Cecilia School Community. Parents of younger children are encouraged to send in their money in an envelope or baggie with the names of whom your child may be purchasing for. On Friday, December 8th all candy canes will be distributed with cards from the sender to receivers. Parents that would like to purchase candy canes for your children can stop by the main office. The best part of this sale is that **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT FAMILIES THAT MAY HAVE PARTICULAR HARDSHIPS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

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

Winter Concert (Grades 4-8) Thursday, December 14th, 7PM 20th Century

Brother Bob would like all students in grades 4-8 to report to school the evening of December 14th by 6:40PM and be dressed up (no jeans) in festive attire for his winter concert. Parents are reminded that this is a mandatory evening for students, and parents are encouraged to park in the school parking lot and walk to theater.

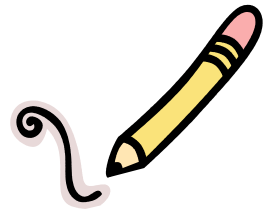
Candy Cane Lane Santa Shop



Not to be confused with our candy cane sale, which runs next week, our Candy Cane Lane Santa Shop will have its opening debut on Thursday, December 14th. Be on the lookout for a letter from our PTO explaining more about this 'shopping' day.

In the Classroom

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



Preschool

- In Preschool this week, we will be learning about “giving” and will be doing several projects that involve giving, including making cards for the children in the pediatric oncology unit at Children’s Hospital and other fulfilling giving activities, to demonstrate to the children that Christmas is a season of giving, since Jesus sacrificed his life to give us a life where we are forgiven for our sins. We will also continue practicing for our Christmas Concert on December 20, 2017 at 8:15 am. We will be studying the letter “Mm,” along with our Orton Gillingham small group work, and we will be learning about the number 11 and will continue exploring the sight word “the.”

Kindergarten

- In Kindergarten this week we will be preparing for the season of Advent. We will learn what it means to “joyfully wait” for Jesus’ arrival. In Language Arts, we will continue to work with our leveled readers in small groups. We will recognize features of print and answer comprehension questions about a text. In Math, we will work with ordering numbers and comparing two groups of numbers to find a sum. In Social Studies, we will begin our unit on “Christmas Around the World.” This week, we will study Christmas Traditions in the United States and complete writing activities to correlate. In Religion, we will prepare for the season of Advent. In Sign Language, we will prepare for the Pre K-2 Christmas Concert.

Grade 1

- In First Grade we will continue to explore Holidays Around the World with a “visit” to England, the Netherlands, Germany and Mexico. In math we will learn about ordinal numbers and positions. In reading we will read folktales and informational texts about Jungle Animals while focusing on sequence of events and lessons from the stories. The /ch/ and /tch/ sound will be learned as well. We will have a trip to the Oakley Library on Thursday the 7th. In religion we will continue to study the season of Advent and prepare for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday.

Grade 2

- **Religion** – We will learn about Advent, and how we can joyfully wait for the coming of baby Jesus!
- **Reading** – We will read fictional stories to practice comparing and contrasting characters
- **Phonics** – sounds -ee, and -ea
- **Math** – We will finish chapter 5 on multiplication and division, and begin chapter 6 to practice times tables of 2, 5, and 10
- **Social Studies** – Second Grade will continue to practice using maps by locating continents, oceans, and countries

Grade 3

- **Religion** - Students will be creating a Jesse Tree to begin the season of Advent.
- **English** - Students will learn to use your/you’re and they’re/their/there correctly in their writing.
- **Reading** – Students will practice sequencing events using the informational text *Technology Wins the Game*.
- **Science** – Students will continue learning about renewable and nonrenewable resources.
- **Math** - Students will continue multiplying multi-digit numbers.

Grade 4

- **Religion** –
- **English** – Students are focusing on descriptive words, and spelling words with a short U sound.
- **Reading** - Students are completing a brochure about their novel, *Sarah, Plain and Tall*.
- **Science** – Students will review unit 6 (matter) and take their unit 6 test.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will multiply multi-digit whole numbers.
- **Math (Musselman)** –
- **Social Studies** -
- **Art** – Students will continue to work on their Charlie Harper animals with symmetrical pieces of construction paper.

Grade 5

- **Religion** –
- **English** – Students will be spelling words with the long O sound.
- **Reading** – Students will continue to read, “Winn Dixie”, and focus on vocabulary and context clues as they read.
- **Science** – Students will finish take their Unit 3 test (space) and start learning about electricity.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will add and subtract mixed numbers.
- **Math (Musselman)** –
- **Social Studies** - Students will finish up their early civilization unit on the Mayans, Incas, Aztecs, and Mississippians.
- **Art** – Students will explore the concepts of shades and tints with an ice cream cone painting project.

Grade 6

- **Religion** – Students will take their chapter 6 test over Abraham and his descendants.
- **English** – Students will continue a grammar unit on verbs.
- **Reading (Tillery)** – Students will begin a new novel, *The Giver*.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – Students will continue reading “Christmas in Camelot”
- **Science** – Students will be learning about cell structure and function.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will relate percents to fractions and decimals.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will divide multi-digit whole numbers and decimals.
- **Social Studies** – Students will continue to study Ancient Egypt.
- **Art** – Students will paint their Egyptian masks.

Grade 7

- **Religion** - Students will continue to study the infancy narratives.
- **English** - Students will continue a grammar unit on complements.
- **Reading (Dorato)** - Students will begin reading *A Christmas Carol*.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – Students will continue reading “Flush.”
- **Science** - Students will be analyzing how humans impact the atmosphere.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will develop and solve equations, expressions, and inequalities with multiple constant and algebraic terms.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will evaluate order of operations problems with rational numbers.
- **Social Studies** – Students will be studying the Constitution of the United States.
- **Art** – Students will use acrylic paint to create a painting inspired by an art movement.

Grade 8

- **Religion** – Students will talk about Advent and learn about the marks of the Church.
- **English** – Students will work on possession.
- **Reading (Goedde)** – Students will read *A Christmas Carol*.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – Students will continue reading “The Giver.”
- **Science** – Students will finish their land feature presentations and begin designing an earthquake resistant building with their lab groups.
- **Math (Scheidel)** - Students will find the slope of linear equations.
- **Math (Poux)** – Students will be working on writing equations to solve real-world problems.
- **Social Studies** – Students will study World War 1 and the geography of Europe.
- **Art** – Students will build skyscrapers out of boxes and cardboard.