

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you to all those parents who volunteered to help make this year's festival another success! Your time and willingness to assist are greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to Patty Donnelly, Lilia Bucio, and Tricia Klco who helped coordinate the school volunteers, ensuring that all shifts were covered. Countless calls and emails were sent, and their efforts are greatly appreciated! Like the past few summers at St. Cecilia, much activity and building improvements have been ongoing. Upon students' return they will find a new cool space within the building, as the school cafeteria has had air conditioning installed. Additionally, room 1, Mrs. Wispe's 4th grade homeroom and the science lab, Miss Dorato's 8th grade homeroom will have been entirely remodeled into first rate learning environments. We are excited and look forward the 2017-2018 school year and continued growth and improvements throughout the building!

Speaking of growth, our school community should be proud of the accomplishments of our students from last year as well as the faculty for year I implementation of blended learning, a school initiative offered through a Seton Education Partners grant. In early July, we learned that out of the 12 Seton schools found in California, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana, St. Cecilia students on comparative average had the most academic growth in math and reading based upon fall, winter, and spring NWEA Map scores than all other schools. The first year of implementation was not easy, particularly for staff, as changes to routines, teaching methods, data analysis, etc. often came with glitches in software and inevitable year 1 hardships. However, it is because of their hard work and commitment to the program coupled with students' buy-in and diligent efforts that led to St. Cecilia's recognition in this area! We are proud of the students and we are proud of the staff. Most encouraging were the responses from staff pleased with the results and even more excited to see continued growth in our students next year!

Office Hours

The school office will officially open on Monday, August 7th; office hours will be 8AM to 3PM until the first day of school, Tuesday, August 22nd, at which time, office hours will be 7AM to 3:30PM on school days. The office will be closed on Monday, August 22nd.

Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation Date - Sunday, August 13th

All PK and K families are required to attend a Family Orientation session on **Sunday, August 13th, 11AM; attendance for parents and students is mandatory.** The day will be informative as you will get an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, and we will help to prepare you and your child for the upcoming school year as well as answer any questions that you may have.

Meet the Teacher Sunday (Grades 1-8) Open House - Sunday, August 20th

All parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers on Sunday, August 20. The school building and classrooms will be open from 9AM to 1PM during which time, parents and students may visit their child's classrooms and meet teachers. Parents should enter the school building through the primary wing where student schedules and all first day forms will be located.

***Parents are encouraged to bring their child's school supplies to their child's homeroom and pay any supply fees on this date.**

**Assistance completing first day forms and paperwork will be available in the school office during between 9AM to 1PM.

Supply Lists

Lists are included within this letter, and these can also be found on our school website. Parents are responsible for purchasing your child's supplies and paying the required supply fee, which aids in offsetting costs for assignment notebooks, science lab fees, religion textbooks, supplemental reading materials, copy paper, etc. If there is any family whose purchase of school supplies is an excessive financial burden, please contact me at 533-6060 ext. 130 or email me at mgoedde@stceciliacincinnati.org **Ohio Tax Free Weekend on school supplies and some clothing starts Friday August 4th and ends Sunday, August 6th.**

School Hours - 7:40AM - 3PM

- Students will be permitted in the building beginning at 7AM
- All students not in **homeroom** by 7:40AM will be considered tardy
- Breakfast will be served 7:00AM to 7:30AM
- Lunch - Preschool 11:00AM, K-3 11:30AM, 4-8 12:20PM
- Dismissal - 3PM; buses will pick up on Madison Rd. in front of church; cars are expected to follow traffic pattern established along fence and cones.

2017-2018 School Calendar Included

Please note our school calendar for the upcoming year; please use this and the school calendar on our school website and *disregard any previous hard copies* as changes have taken place.

Cafeteria Services

Sycamore Child Nutrition Services is pleased to offer both breakfast and lunch daily to students and staff at St. Cecilia. All meals are in accordance with the National School Lunch Program and a la carte items and beverages meet the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition guidelines. Feel free to contact cafeteria staff by email if you have questions or concerns regarding our child's meal account.

School Breakfast and Lunch Program

We are pleased to announce that for the 2017-2018 school year, breakfast and lunch will be provided to *all* St. Cecilia students free of charge. Please read the very important letter and parental requirements in order for your child to participate in this program. Like in year's past, students who wish, may purchase snacks in addition to lunch. Students must pay for all snacks.

If you choose to pack your student's lunch,** snacks and beverages are available for purchase. ***Please note: Fast food and canned soft drinks are NOT permitted in the cafeteria during lunch

Latchkey After School Child Care

Our child care service runs from 3-6PM and is available to students grades K-8 Monday through Friday. A \$25 Registration fee is required, which allows parents to utilize Latchkey on an as needed basis. The cost for Latchkey is \$8 per child/day or \$35 per child/week for the 1st child, \$7 per child/day or \$30 per child/week for each additional child. All forms to register for latchkey can be downloaded from our school website, found under Important First Day Forms. Registration can take place on Meet the Teacher Sunday as well. **Please note that parents who regularly pick up their child late will be required to register their child for latchkey so that proper supervision can take place after school hours.**

Immunization

Seventh grade families are reminded that it is Ohio Law (ORC 3313.671) that all incoming 7th graders must have written documentation from a health care provider of a Tdap booster (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) and one dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y). Please obtain a complete updated immunization record from your primary care physician, and send a copy of this record to school. **This must be done by September 30, 2017.**

Ohio EdChoice Acceptance Letters

Parents must sign and return all acceptance forms for the Ohio EdChoice Voucher; the state of Ohio has or will be mailing these to all applicable parents. These forms can be dropped off on Meet the Teacher Sunday or be turned in the first day of school. Should you receive a denial letter, please inform the school office so the reconsideration process can take place.

Summer Work

Parents are reminded that students that were assigned summer work are required to have all of this completed by the first day of school. The only exceptions would be students that have registered late or over the summer.

2017 - 2018 School Staffing Assignments

Please take the opportunity to attend the upcoming PK and K Orientation (8-13-17) and Grades 1 to 8 Meet the Teacher Sunday (8-20-17), as many new staff will be joining the St. Cecilia team this year!

Administrative Team

Mr. Michael Goedde - Principal, 8th LA/SS

Miss Julie Poux - Assistant Principal, Technology Coordinator, K/8 Math; 8 Religion

Mrs. Jessica Wilcox - Assistant Principal, Grade 3

Miss Stephanie Gross - Office Manager

Mrs. Maribel Bastidas - McGonagle - Office Assistant, Hispanic Parent Liaison

Mrs. Joanne Thomas - Office Assistant

Athletics

Mr. Matthew Weisenborn - Athletic Director

Maintenance

Mr. Don Franer - Regional Facilities Manager

Mr. Al Daniels - St. Cecilia Janitor

Mr. Ken Carpenter - St. Cecilia Janitor

Parish

Father Jamie Weber - Pastor

Father Jason Williams - Parochial Vicar

Mr. Matthew Springer - Regional Director of Finance and Operations

Mr. Cody Egner - Regional Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Colleen Donovan - Tuition Manager

Mrs. Marta Misleh - Assistant to the Pastor

Miss Sarah Rose Sperduto - Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Teaching Staff

Homerooms:

Mrs. Heather Schisler - PK
Mrs. Jackie Regis-Bacerra - PK
Miss Laura Dewire - K
Miss Colleen Bosche - Grade 1
Miss Elizabeth Pearson - Grade 2
Mrs. Jessica Wilcox - Grade 3
Mrs. Lauren Wispe - Grade 4
Miss Shannon Regan - Grade 5
Miss Jessie Tillery - Grade 6
Miss Colleen Sheidel - Grade 7
Miss Meghan Dorato - Grade 8

Additional Staff:

Ms. Betsy Jackson (1-3 Math)
Ms. Jan Musselman (Math/Religion/SS)
Mrs. Lori Bernhardt (Art)
Brother Bob Dubzinski (Music)
Ms. Perry Ratto (4-5 LA)
Mrs. Lisa Imbus (2-3 LA)
Miss Madeline Chawner (K-1 LA)
Miss Amanda Zingone (Blended Learning)
Dr. Karen Titsworth (Title I)
Mrs. Elaine Bishop (Speech and Language)
Mrs. Amy Parker (CPS Intervention)
Ms. Betty Simpson (Latchkey Director)
Ms. Jenny Hampton (Latchkey Assistant)

We look forward to seeing you in August!!



Michael Goedde
Principal