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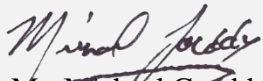



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy 2018 to all of you! I hope that you all had wonderful Christmas breaks and were able to spend quality time with your families. Today marks the midpoint of trimester II. Midterms will be sent home for children in the primary grades while only deficiency reports will be sent home with students in grades 4-8. Additionally, parent, student, teacher conferences will be held next Thursday evening. This round of conferences is teacher requested, with hopes to focus meeting on students most in need of a parent check-in. As always, should any parent wish to request a conference, they are free to do so by calling the school office and we can work you into our schedule. We have half of trimester II remaining. This presents an opportunity for parents to set some goals for the remainder of the grading period.

The second half of the school year is upon us, and we look ahead to Catholic Schools Week at the end of January as well as what is always a busy enrollment period.

Please remember that on Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King Jr. is commemorated, and there is no school. Be safe, stay warm, and have a wonderful weekend!


 Mr. Michael Goedde
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students on their art awards from Aglamesis Bro's Ice Cream and Candy Shop coordinated by art teacher Mrs. Bernhart.

- Grand prize \$25 gift card to 7th grader Marlene Gonzalez-Garcia
- Sub-winner K-4th \$15 gift card to 3rd grader Zoey Barfels
- Sub-winner 5-8th \$15 gift card to 7th grader Lillian Smith
- All of the students who entered also received a cone card for free ice cream.



Upcoming Events

January 15

No School – MLK Day

January 18

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

January 28

Catholic Schools Week Open House

February 1

Current Family Priority Registration begins

February 2

Candles Mass / Blessing of Throats – 9AM at Church

February 15

Field Trip to Children's Theatre (Grades K-3)
End of Trimester 2

February 16

Teacher Work Day – No School for Students

February 19

No School – President's Day

Important Announcement

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 15th in Celebration of Martin Luther King Holiday

More Important News

NWEA MAP Testing

Over the course of the next two weeks, students grades K-8 will be administered the NWEA MAP test for reading and math. These tests will provide data on students growth from the start of the year (September MAP Test) to the present. This is an important assessment for students, particularly for our 3rd grade students as this score is included in the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. We hope that all parents can ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and words encouragement, so students can feel confident and prepared for these tests.

Martin Luther King Day

Teachers in many classes have touched upon Monday's upcoming holiday, and Brother Bob was even heard singing some songs to honor Martin Luther King Jr. I am always struck by the impressiveness of the MLK Memorial in Washington D.C. and I think it is such a valuable experience for our 8th graders during their annual trip. We certainly hope that they see it as an honor. One of the best reasons to have your children at St. Cecilia is that ideas that King espoused: fairness, equal justice, racial harmony, the content of character, the need for respect and love for our fellow human beings are part of who we are as a community daily. I have no doubt that if he were alive today and Martin Luther King Jr. walked through the halls of St. Cecilia, visited our classrooms, observed our students and teachers, he would know much more needs to be done in society, but he would be pretty impressed with what he saw. St. Cecilia is a wonderfully rich school, it's accepting and nurturing, and it celebrates it diversity!

2018-2019 Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

The Registration Process for Kindergarten and Preschool is now open. 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, 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.



Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week January 28 - February 2

- Any parents that would like service hours and can volunteer to assist our PTO with a reception following the 10AM Mass on Sunday, January 28th should call the school office.

St. Cecilia Olympics January 26 - February 3

- More on these fun activities in future newsletters! Be sure to come to Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 11AM-1PM to see all that we have planned for students at every grade level!

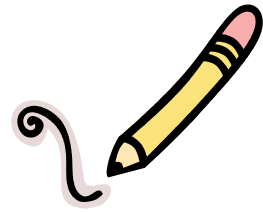
Dance Grades 6-8 February 9th

- A flyer with details will be sent home with students in these grades at the end of January - Students don't know about this yet, but they will be excited when they find out.



In the Classroom

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



Preschool

- In Preschool, we will continue our clothing study, where we will study what the features of clothes are. This will be a study that lasts several weeks and we are so excited about it! Our letter of the week is "Q" and our number of the week is 15. In addition, we will be reviewing all prior letters and numbers. In religion, we will continue learning about the different treasures and gifts that God made for us. We are looking forward to a fun full week with your children!

Kindergarten

- In Kindergarten next week we will continue to study word families in language arts. We will cover the -ub, -up, -uck and -ut spelling patterns and complete writing activities that utilize words from these families. In math we will be working with addition concepts, understanding that putting two numbers together makes a number that is greater. In religion we will be continuing our study of Jesus' early life here on Earth. In science we will continue our study of animal habitats.

Grade 1

- In math we will take an assessment on counting, comparing and ordering numbers to 20 then we will move onto addition and subtraction facts to 20. In reading we will read a fantasy story and informational texts about citizenship and following rules. In phonics we will learn the *long a* sound in consonant, vowel, consonant, silent e words. On Wednesday morning we will take the MAP Test in Reading on the computers. Let's all have a good night's sleep Tuesday and a healthy breakfast Wednesday morning!

Grade 2

- **Religion** – We will continue to study the Eucharist, and learn about the Church as the people of God. We will understand the hierarchical structure of the Church.
- **ELA** – In reading we will be understanding the sequence of events by reading realistic fiction and information text. Phonics we will be practicing the long I spellings and sounds. In writing, we will continue to write story paragraphs. In grammar we will practice subject-verb agreement.
- **Math** – We will finish chapter 7 on measurement this week.
- **Science** – We will be studying animal life cycles, and fossils.

Grade 3

- **Religion** - Students will learn about their place in creation.
- **English** - Students will learn how to use commas correctly.
- **Reading** – Students will continue their novel study on *Charlotte's Web*.
- **Social Studies** – Students will begin learning about the continent of Antarctica.
- **Math** - Students will continue learning how to divide multi-digit numbers.

Grade 4

- **Religion** – Students will take a Unit 3 test, and begin the fourth commandment.
- **English** – Students will be working with nouns and pronouns.
- **Reading** - Students will be reading “Mr. Popper’s Penguins” and working on summarizing text.
- **Science** – *Not Submitted*
- **Math (Wispé)** – *Not Submitted*
- **Math (Musselman)** – Students will be working on word problems in multiplication and division.
- **Social Studies** - Students will learn about Ohio Inventors.
- **Art** – Students will be working on a weaving project.

Grade 5

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
- **English** – Students will be working with singular and plural nouns.
- **Reading** – Students will be reading “The Hundred Dresses” and working on point of view.
- **Science** – *Not Submitted*
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will be tested on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.
- **Math (Musselman)** – Students will continue on adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators.
- **Social Studies** - Students will be learning about the writing of the constitution.
- **Art** - Students will be using a wide variety of lines (an element of art) to create patterns (a principle of design).

Grade 6

- **Religion** – Students will be tested on Joseph’s journey to Egypt and will complete a unit review on chapters 1-8.
- **English** – Students will continue a unit on nouns.
- **Reading (Tillery)** – Students will be determining theme in different short stories.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – *Not Submitted*
- **Science** – The students will continue a unit on cell structure and function.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – *Not Submitted*
- **Math (Wispé)** – *Not Submitted*
- **Social Studies** – Students will continue learning about Ancient India.
- **Art** - Students will be planning out a design for a Chinese banner.

Grade 7

- **Religion** - Students will continue to learn about the 12 Apostles
- **English** - Students will continue a grammar unit on modifiers.
- **Reading (Dorato)** - Students will continue to read and analyze short stories from *Collections*.
- **Reading (Thomas)** – *Not Submitted*
- **Science** - Students will continue a unit on weather and climate.
- **Math (Wispé)** – *Not Submitted*
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will use the distributive property to expand algebraic expressions.
- **Social Studies** – Students will continue to analyze the Constitution of the United States.
- **Art** – Students will be using clay to create a pottery piece that combines the techniques of pinch pots and coil pots.

Grade 8

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the persecution of the early Christians.
- **English** – Students will work with adjectives and adverb phrases
- **Reading (Goedde)** – Students will be reading autobiographical pieces and preparing to write a personal narrative
- **Reading (Thomas)** – *Not Submitted*
- **Science** – Students will continue a unit on Earth’s history.
- **Math (Scheidel)** – Students will be introduced to systems of linear equations.
- **Math (Poux)** – Students will solve equations that have two variables.
- **Social Studies** – Students will begin to examine the Roaring 20s.
- **Art** - Students will be painting the details onto their 3D skyscrapers that are inspired by famous skyscrapers from various cities.