

December 7, 2018

# St. Cecilia School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Advent to all of you! This is a special time of the year in the church as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus on December 25. Some of the Church's most prominent Feast Days lead the way to Christmas. On Thursday, students were visited by St. Nick, learning the story of 4th century bishop. This Sunday, St. Cecilia will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All of our school children have been learning about Juan Diego and how the Blessed Virgin appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, on the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be presiding this Sunday's 10AM Mass; our school children are invited to participate, and all are welcomed to join in a reception following Mass. We hope to see many of you there.

Have a great weekend!



*Michael Goedde*  
Mr. Michael Goedde  
Principal

## Candy Cane Lane - December 14<sup>th</sup>

Next Friday, students will have the opportunity to shop for loved ones. All gifts will be reasonably priced; a friendly reminder will be sent home next week outlining the schedule for the day. Thank you to many parents who have volunteered to assist with wrapping, shopping, set-up and tear down on this day!

## Christmas Break

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is an early dismissal day (1:00PM), and there is NO afternoon Bus Service or child care available. Breakfast and lunch will be served and students are permitted to come dressed out of uniform in holiday, festive attire. Please arrange to have your child picked up on time this day as staff will be enjoying a Christmas party during the afternoon.

## Upcoming Events

### December 12

Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – 9AM in church

### December 13

First Reconciliation for Second Grade Students – 7PM in church

### December 14

Candy Cane Lane

### December 17

Santa Cop visits grades PK-2

### December 18-19

Third Grade Iowa Test

### December 20

Christmas Program PK-4 at 1:30 in the gymnasium

### December 21

Early Dismissal – 1:00PM  
*No afternoon bus service or latchkey*

### December 24-January 4

Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL

### January 6

Confirmation Class – 7PM in Commons (cafeteria)

## December 21

is an early dismissal day  
**There will be NO afternoon bus service or latchkey**

## More Important News



### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The all school weekly Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9AM; families are invited to attend.

### Successful Candy Cane Sale

The annual candy cane sale, coupled with our out of uniform and additional donations, raised over a \$1000 this past week. These proceeds will go to financially support families this Christmas Season. Thanks you to our PTO for coordinating and Amanda Saunders, Becca Lechko, and Tricia Klco for selling canes to children during lunch throughout the week.

### Christmas Concert – 1:30 on December 20<sup>th</sup>

Parents and grandparents of children in grades PK-4 are invited to attend 1:30PM Christmas concert in the school gymnasium on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please enter the school through the primary wing doors (where morning drop off is); the doors will be open beginning at 1:15PM. Students in grades PK-4 ONLY may dress up (festive and seasonal) and out of uniform on this day!

### Inclement Weather

Parents are reminded that their contact information should be updated in the school office if any information has changed since prior to the start of the year. Should we need to delay or cancel school, families will be notified through our One Call Now robocall system.

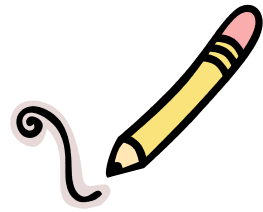
### Enrollment/Registration for PK and K

We are starting to get phone calls regarding registration for next year. We even have some upper grade shadow days scheduled prior to the start of Christmas Break! Parents of any PK or K aged children are encouraged to contact the school office if they are planning on enrolling a child or if they know of any families that have 4 or 5 year olds that might be interested in enrolling their child. Our office staff will take all contact information and upon our return from Christmas Break, registration for 2019-2020 will begin.



# In the Classroom

What's coming in the next weeks...



## Preschool

- **Religion** – We will continue to learn about the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas and Jesus' birthday.
- **Language Arts** – We will be learning the letters Ll and Mm and their sounds. We will also continue practicing our handwriting with these letters and our names.
- **Math** – We will be learning and counting to the numbers 12 and 13.
- **Science** – We will be doing some fun and hands on experiments with candy canes!
- **Social Studies** – We will continue to learn about Christmas and share about different Christmas Traditions.

## Kindergarten

- **Religion** – Students will learn to thank God for everything. They will continue learning about Advent and prepare for Jesus' birth.
- **Language Arts** – Students will continue to study the short /a/ vowel sound and the many word families that it has. Students will also be attending "Santa Claus: The Musical" at Taft Theater on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Math** – Students will wrap up chapter 5, which covers size and position.
- **Science** - Students will describe habitats and how they enable living things to survive.
- **Social Studies** – Students will continue to study Christmases around the world!

## Grade 1

- **Religion** – Students will learn about St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe as we continue to learn the story of the birth of Jesus.
- **Language Arts** - Students will be attending "Santa Claus: The Musical" at Taft Theater on December 13<sup>th</sup>. They will learn the final blend -ck and sight words "get", "or", and "they".
- **Math** – Students will continue our unit on shapes by learn our solid shapes. We will explore where we see shapes in our world and in patterns.
- **Science** – Students will describe habitats and how they enable living things to survive.
- **Social Studies** - We will conclude our "Holidays Around the World" unit where we explore how different countries celebrate in winter.

## Grade 2

- **Religion** - This week is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade's First Confession! We will be preparing for this, as well as celebrate Christmas.
- **Language Arts** - Students will be attending "Santa Claus: The Musical" at Taft Theater on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will end this month reviewing cause and effect, understanding characters, and fact v. opinion by reading stories and informational texts.
- **Writing** - Students will continue to practice our skills at writing fictional narratives by writing our very own Christmas fictional narrative.
- **Grammar** – Students will review verb tenses and how to break words into syllables.
- **Math** - Students will end this month by completing a chapter on fractions.
- **Science** – Students continue to study various environments and how changes can affect living things.

- **Social Studies** – Students will continue to talk about needs and wants, and well and goods and services, and supply and demand.

### Grade 3

Students will be attending “Santa Claus: The Musical” at Taft Theater on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

- **Religion** - Students will continue learning about Advent and prepare for Jesus’ birth. They will continue learning The Apostles Creed.
- **Reading** – Students will focus on summarizing story events using the story *Young Thomas Edison*.
- **English** – Students will learn about abstract nouns.
- **Writing** – Students will write character descriptions about Thomas Edison.
- **Math** – Students will take a test on multi-digit multiplication.
- **Science** – Students continue to describe energy sources and ways to conserve energy.
- **Social Studies** – Students will do a group research project on model citizens in U.S. history and present their findings to the class.

### Grade 4

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Commandments.
- **Language Arts** – Students will finish final Chocolate Touch work; work on character traits, and fact and opinion.
- **Math** – Students will continue to practice multi-digit multiplication and learn long division. Students will take a test on chapter 3.
- **Science** – Students will learn about Earth’s surface and how it changes over time. Students will take a test on unit 3.
- **Social Studies** – Students will learn about Ohio cities and inventors. We will also begin learning our Eastern states and capitals.
- **Art** - Students will finish designing an animal out of paper that has been inspired by the Cincinnati artist Charlie Harper.

### Grade 5

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, and Reconciliation.
- **Language Arts** – Students will finish final *Frindle* work and begin work on non-fiction text features.
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will add, subtract and multiply fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators.
- **Math (Musselman)** – Students will be dividing fractions by whole numbers, and taking a chapter test on Chapter 4.
- **Science** – *Not Submitted*
- **Social Studies** – Students will learn about the Civil War and about reading a double bar graph.
- **Art** - Students will create a painting that incorporates both tints and shades.

### Grade 6

- **Religion** – Students will begin chapter 6, which is the study of Abraham.
- **English** – Students will be working with all types of pronouns (reflexive, intensive, vague, relative) as well as Latin roots and idioms.
- **Reading** – Students will continue to work with the short story, “The Lottery”. They will study mood, tone, foreshadowing and symbolism in the story. They will also take a test on “The Lottery” and complete the unit by writing an essay.
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will take their chapter 6 test on percents and will begin writing and evaluating algebraic expressions.

- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will test on chapter 4, ratios. Students will begin work on chapter 5, rates, and test before Christmas break.
- **Science** – Students will describe how energy moves through an ecosystem.
- **Social Studies** – Students will finish the chapter on Ancient India and take a chapter test. We will then begin our study on Ancient China.
- **Art** - Students will plan a design for Chinese scrolls.

## Grade 7

- **Religion** – Students will study the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- **English** – Students will continue a grammar unit on verbs.
- **Reading** – Students will be reading and analyzing *Sorry Wrong Number*. They will also be reading and analyzing an excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will interpret and solve algebraic inequalities and equations. Students will take a chapter 4 test before Christmas break.
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will take a test on algebraic equations and inequalities and will begin talking about proportions.
- **Science** – Students will complete a unit on the atmosphere and begin a unit on climate and weather.
- **Social Studies** – Students will take a chapter 6 test and begin learning about our first President, George Washington.
- **Art** - Students will each select an art movement and plan out a design using the style selected for an upcoming painting.

## Grade 8

- **Religion** – Students will continue talking about what life was like for the Apostles of the Early Church.
- **English** – Students will work on descriptive writing.
- **Reading** – Students will learn about imagery and figurative language.
- **Math (Poux)** – Students will work with and graph linear equations.
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will solve systems of linear equations.
- **Science** – Students will continue studying how scientists describe the age of rocks by relative and absolute dating.
- **Social Studies** – Students will study the second Industrial Revolution.
- **Art** - Students will finish making a sign. The sign project was inspired by a field trip to the American Sign Museum. The students each created his or her own fictional company. The sign promotes the merchandise for the company.