

March 15, 2019

St. Cecilia School

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Upcoming Events

Monday, March 18

Teacher Work Day – No School for Students

Tuesday, March 19

Feast of St. Joseph - School Mass 9:00AM

Friday, March 22

Stations of the Cross – 2:15 in church

Saturday, March 23

Confirmation Retreat for 7th & 8th Grade Confirmandi

Sunday, March 24

Confirmation Mass – 10AM at St. Cecilia Church

Monday, March 25

Feast of the Annunciation – School Mass at 9AM in church

Tuesday, March 26

Spring Picture Day

Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross – 2:15 in church

School Fish Fry – School Gym
Midterm for Trimester 3

NO SCHOOL MONDAY

Monday is a teacher work day. There will be no school for students.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Throughout the past two years, St. Cecilia School has been working on accreditation for the State of Ohio. Part of the process requires an external validation team of Catholic School administrators and a state accreditation chair to visit St. Cecilia. During their two days here, team members reviewed school policies, visited classrooms, interviewed staff, worked with the accreditation steering committee, and ultimately assessed and made suggestions on ways that St. Cecilia could continue to improve its academic and overall religious programs. Team members were impressed with our students and staff and our proposed plan. Once revisions are made to the plan and a final draft is sent to the State of Ohio and it gets validated, we will share our goals with school families. It has been a long process that entails a lot of work behind the scenes, but we are excited to be nearing the end!

Just one reminder to all parents as we approach the weekend - there is **NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, March 18th**. Following IOWA testing, intense preparation for the EVT visit, and staff 3 Friday nights for the 8th grade DC Dinner, a Parish only Open House, and last week's 6,7, 8 Dance, not to mention upcoming Fish Fry dates, Monday will serve as teacher work day!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! Have a great weekend!



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

Mr. Michael Goedde
Principal

NOTE FROM SCHOOL NURSE

Attention all 6th grade parents! All 7th grade students are required to have a Tetanus booster and Meningococcal vaccine to attend school. Please have your children receive these two immunizations and provide the office with an updated immunization record.

More Important News

Registration / Enrollment

We continue to schedule shadow days for prospective students. Some grade levels are very close to reaching capacity. Please note the following registration deadline dates.

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| March 1 | Open Registration (<i>all unreserved spots are open to be filled</i>); any new student to St. Cecilia must be screened and records shared |
| April 30 | Deadline for ALL EdChoice (including Income Verification Forms) |

Upcoming Fish Frydays!

Mark your calendars for St. Cecilia's Fish Frydays: March 29th, April 5th, and April 12th. Next week, Volunteer sign ups will go home to all families to help make each Fish Fry a success!

Feast of St. Joseph

Mass next week will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 9AM, the Feast of St. Joseph. Parents are invited to attend. There will be no school mass on Thursday.

Annunciation Mass

On Monday, March 25th, The Feast of The Annunciation, students will be attending Mass at 9AM. Parents are invited to attend. There will be no Mass on Thursday of this week.

Weekly Stations

Parents are invited to join students praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 2:15PM in the church.

Confirmation Reminders

A reminder to those 7th/8th grade families of confirmandi, the retreat is on Saturday, March 23 at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center from 9 AM - 3 PM. Breakfast and Lunch provided. Parents and Sponsors are expected to return to the Holy Spirit Center for the Rehearsal in the main chapel at 2:15 PM.

Spring Pictures

Lifetouch order forms for spring pictures have been sent home. If you need a new form, please contact the school office. **This will be an out of uniform day for those students getting spring pictures only.**

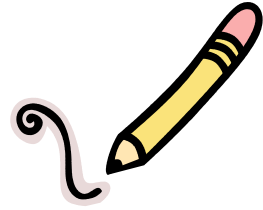
Jr. High Dance

Sixth, 7th, and 8th graders had a great time last Friday at their dance. Thank you to our school PTO and staff who coordinated and chaperoned the festivities. A picture order form was sent home with all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students so any photos from the evening could be purchased. If your child did not share this form, call the school office early next week to access the photos and place an order.



In the Classroom

What's coming in the next weeks...



Preschool

- **Religion** – Students will be learning about the life of St. Patrick and continue to learn about Lent.
- **Language Arts** – Students will be learning the letters Y and Z.
- **Math** – Students will be learning how to measure the length of different objects using cubes.
- **Science** – Students will be learning about Spring and all of the changes that take place in Spring.
- **Social Studies** – Students will be learning about Needs vs. Wants

Kindergarten

- **Religion** – Students will continue working on their Lenten Journey. They will be introduced to the Stations of the Cross.
- **Language Arts** – Students will study word families to help learn short vowel cvc words. They will also practice with comprehension and fluency as they relate to oral reading
- **Math** – Students will complete their chapter on numbers to 100 and skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's.
- **Science** - Students will explore forces that change the motion of an object.
- **Social Studies** – Students will continue to study strong female leaders from our country and beyond to honor Women's History Month

Grade 1

- **Religion** – Students will continue in our Lenten journey by learning the Stations of the Cross as we participate with the older students in Stations each Friday. We will also learn about what happened to Jesus in the days leading up to Easter.
- **Language Arts** - Students will be learning more Bossy R rules with “or” and begin to explore the ending “nk”. We will continue to work on reading comprehension with informational texts.
- **Math** – Students will conclude our measurement unit and continue into picture and bar graphs. Please keep practicing math facts at home as we will do our 2 minute math facts every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Science** – Students will explore forces that change the motion of an object.
- **Social Studies** - Students will continue to practice the use of our calendar with months, days of the week and holiday identification and ordering. Keep practicing with our puzzles!

Grade 2

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the parts of the Mass, learn the Apostles Creed, and continue to understand the Eucharist.
- **Reading** - Students will read fictional stories to practice understanding story structure and drawing conclusions, we will also read non-fiction stories to understand author's purpose.
- **Writing** - In writing students will continue our practice writing 3- paragraph essays by completing small research projects using books from the library.
- **Grammar** – Students will practice forming contractions, as well as using adjectives and adverbs.
- **Math** - Students will move into a study on multiplication tables of 3 and 4.
- **Science** – Students will learn about important women in the history of the Church, as well as learn about how the history of the Church is the passing of Traditions.
- **Social Studies** – Students will explore forces that change the motion of an object.

Grade 3

- **Religion** - Students will continue their Lenten Journey. They will learn the Stations of the Cross. They will continue to practice The Apostles Creed.
- **Reading** – Students are continuing to read the novel *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. Students will learn vocabulary words found in the text, and answer comprehension questions about the text as well.
- **Writing** – Students are writing compare/contrast essays where they compare and contrast themselves with a character found in the novel *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. Students will use graphic organizers to plan their writing pieces, and then use the graphic organizers to compose paragraphs of text.
- **Math** – Students will continue studying lines, line segments, angles, and rays. Students will also continue to identify types of angles (acute, right, and obtuse).
- **Science** – Students will explore forces that change the motion of an object.

Grade 4

- **Religion** – Students will continue to learn about the Beatitudes
- **Language Arts** – Students are reading *Fourth Grade Rats* and working on author's point of view. Students are writing about an invention they would like to make.
- **Math** – Students will use fractional line plots and learn to read, interpret, create, and answer questions requiring written responses.
- **Science** – Students will learn how organisms have specific adaptations that allow them to survive in their environment.
- **Social Studies** – Students will learn about the Southeast Region of the United States.
- **Art** – Students will draw inventions inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci.

Grade 5

- **Religion** – Students will learn about the 8th Commandment and telling the truth.
- **Language Arts** – Students are reading *The True Story of Harriet Tubman*. Students are writing an autobiography and learning about nonfiction
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will read, write, compare, and round decimals.
- **Math (Musselman)** – Students will learn how to multiply decimals.
- **Science** – Students will explore light and sound as forms of energy.
- **Social Studies** – Students will learn about Economics
- **Art** – Students will continue designs for a repousse project.

Grade 6

- **Religion** – Students are learning about how God protected the Israelites and made a covenant with them.
- **English** – Students are learning how to punctuate a sentence with parenthetical elements.
- **Reading** – Students are writing an argumentative essay.
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will find the area of circles and polygons.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will use algebra to write, interpret, and solve expressions and equations containing variables.
- **Science** – Students will continue a unit on the classification of living things.
- **Social Studies** – Students will take a test on Ancient Greece, and start a new unit on Ancient Rome.
- **Art** – Students will work on a grid drawing.

Grade 7

- **Religion** – Students will learn about Jesus' message of choosing life.
- **English** – Students will continue a grammar unit on complements.
- **Reading** – Students will be reading and analyzing short stories from *Collections*.
- **Math (Wispé)** – Students will learn about complementary, supplementary, adjacent, alternate interior, alternate exterior, and corresponding angles.
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will construct triangles and quadrilaterals and will create scale drawings.
- **Science** – Students will finish a unit on the Earth-Moon-Sun system and begin a unit on ecosystems.
- **Social Studies** – Students are starting a new chapter about Westward expansion, the Mexican-American war, and the gold rush.
- **Art** – Students will continue to draw saints with symbols.

Grade 8

- **Religion** – Students are learning about many of the men and women who are considered Fathers and Doctors of the Church. They have a paragraph that is due Monday. Next they will learn about how Christianity continued to spread despite the fall of the Roman Empire.
- **English** –
- **Reading** –
- **Math (Poux)** – Blue group students will continue working with the Pythagorean Theorem. Gold group students will finish chapter 5 (Systems of Equations), have a test and start working with Pythagorean Theorem.
- **Math (Selzer)** – Students will identify and draw geometric transformations.
- **Science** – Students will finish a unit on evolution and begin a unit on forces.
- **Social Studies** –
- **Art** – Students will continue to draw saints with symbols.