



*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation for your life.
--Colossians 2:6-7*

January 6, 2010

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families all enjoyed a blessed Christmas season and that the New Year brings good health and happiness to our St. Cecilia School community.

Letter of Intent:

Included in today's envelope is a Letter of Intent for each family. This information is necessary as we move into the budgeting process for the next school year. Please kindly fill out the information as best as you can at this time and return to school no later than Friday, January 15th. Also, if you are intending to enroll a sibling next year, please complete and return that form as well. Thank you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

- The second trimester Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, January 26 through Thursday, January 28 for all students in grades kindergarten through eight. The focus of these conferences is to update parents on their child's progress and to review and discuss the student's ITBS results (Grades 2-8.) *These conferences will be teacher-led and therefore students will not be attending these conferences.*
- Extended Care is available for St. Cecilia School students at no charge while parents are attending conferences.
- Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten conferences will be held on Wednesday, January 27. There are no preschool or pre-k classes on this day.
- Sign up sheets for conferences will be posted on tables located in the grotto next week on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:00 am and Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 am, and all three afternoons from 2:30-3:00 pm. Conferences are scheduled for fifteen minutes and time cannot be extended to you if you arrive late as that interrupts the schedule of other parents, students, and teachers. If at all possible, please leave a fifteen minute break between your conferences to ensure you receive the full conference time allotted for your children. Thank you for your courtesy and understanding in this matter.
- Please stop by the grotto next week to sign up for your conferences. If you are unable to come to campus to sign up for your conference, please contact Mrs. Jezowski at tjezowski@stceciliak8.org and she will make every effort to schedule your conference for you.



This year, a group of St. Cecilia School parents have formed a Booster Club to raise spirit and support for our after-school sports program. Included in today's envelope are two flyers: one flyer explains the purpose and role of the Booster Club; the other announces "Game Day" t-shirts.

Game Day/Spirit Shirts: Students, staff, and parents are invited to show their school spirit and support of our after school sports team by wearing Game Day/Spirit shirts. These shirts may be worn on the Student of the Month Assembly Mondays throughout the year and any other designated "Spirit Days" to be announced. Additionally, members of our after-school sports teams may wear the "Game Day" shirt on any day when their team is playing a Home Game. For sizing and pricing details, please consult the flyer in today's envelope.

Homecoming Games: The St. Cecilia Trojans will be hosting their first Homecoming Games on Friday, January 22nd @ 3:30 pm. More details will be forthcoming. This will be an event for the entire family – hope to see you there as we cheer on our mighty Trojans to victory!

Catholic Schools Week January 29th through February 5th:

Next week an envelope will be sent home that contains all information regarding our plans for celebrating Catholic Schools Week including invitations for Grandparents and Special Friends Day. In the meantime, please note the following:

Catholic Schools Week

- Friday, January 29 @ 10:00 am Kick off Mass planned by Student Council
- Sunday, January 31 @ 9:00 am – 12:30 pm St. Cecilia School Annual Open House
 - 9:00 am Mass followed by coffee and donuts and classroom visits
- Monday, February 1 @ 8:30 am: School Tours for Prospective Families
- Tuesday, February 2 @ 8:00 am Thank you breakfasts in classrooms for ACT Sponsors
- Wednesday, February 3 @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm Parent Night
 - 6:30 pm Hospitality
 - 7:00 pm *Positive Parenting*, Robert Lento, Presenter
- Friday, February 5 @ 8:00 – 11:45 am: Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Parent Gathering Opportunities

- **Dad's of St. Cecilia School:** Do you know that St. Cecilia has a Men's Group? Benny Saputo leads the Men's Group of Faith at St. Cecilia Church. Benny is hosting a Football Party on January 23, 2010 for all Dads' of St. Cecilia School.

This party is to learn more about the Men's Group of Faith and enjoy a Football game with fellow Dads and current group members. *Men's Group of Faith mission is to grow in faith as Catholic men, husbands and fathers through fellowship and prayer with other men in a confidential setting sharing meaningful discussion about challenges we men face today to more fully live, love and experience our faith at home and work.*

If you're interested in attending the Football Party please contact Benny Saputo by January 10th for more information. He can be reach at bsaputo@marathonbusiness.com or his cell number is 562-883-32316. Time of event depends on the start of the play off game that day. See you there!

• **Moms Night Out--Calling All Moms!**

We are looking for moms to host MNO in 2010. The next one up is January 28th. If you have a fun idea for the ladies, let us know. You can either plan a location or host at your house.

28-Jan-10
25-Feb-10
25-Mar-10
22-Apr-10
27-May-10 Teri Schulist
5-Aug-10

If you can host any of the above dates, please contact me via email at jdemahy@yahoo.com or call me at 714-417-7609.

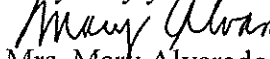
Mater Dei Info Night

Mater Dei High School will host its second Information Night on Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m. for those who missed the event in October. This event is highly recommended for families exploring options for high school and/or those interested in admission into Mater Dei's 2010-11 freshman class. Come and hear about MD's tradition of excellence and see all that the school community has to offer. The application deadline is Friday, January 22. The Entrance Exam takes place Saturday, January 30. For more information visit www.materdeiadmissions.org or call (714) 850-9501.

Words of Gratitude

The faculty and staff of St. Cecilia School send our school families sincere thanks for all of the many gifts and kindnesses extended to us during the Christmas season. May God bless you for your generosity.

Very truly yours,


Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal

*Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier.
-- Mother Teresa*

