



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

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

February 10, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you to our school families for your support during Catholic Schools Week. It was a week full of activities for students and parents. Your participation was most appreciated and it is always wonderful to have our parents, grandparents, and special friends visit our school.

Liturgy Information

We will not be attending 10:00 am Mass this Friday because of a scheduling conflict with a funeral Mass. We will be attending 10:00 am Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. The children will be receiving ashes during that Mass.

First Reconciliation for our second graders will be on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 pm in the Church. Babysitting is provided for St. Cecilia School siblings. Please check the siblings into the preschool classroom for babysitting.

Fish Bakes

The annual parish Fish Bake, followed by the Stations of the Cross, will be held each Friday during Lent, except on Good Friday. The school families host the first Fish Bake on Friday, February 19th. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Rosemarie Bako at rbako@stceciliak8.org. Thank you!

Haiti News

Thank you to our school families for your generous support of our collections to support Haiti. We raised \$1273.15 from our *Cash and Coin Drive*, \$177 from our *Morning Coffee/Hot Chocolate* and \$1715.52 from our *Pajama Day* for a total of \$3165.67. All of these donations will be sent this week to Father Marc's Orphanage in Haiti. Again, thank you for your generosity and willingness to help those in desperate need.

- **Save The Date**

St. Cecilia School will be hosting a benefit concert for Haiti on Saturday, March 13th at 8:00 pm. The concert will feature Broadway performers, Kristine Remigio Linares, Liza B. Domingo, and Evan D'Angeles, and will include a video montage from our St. Cecilia School alumnus, Allison DePasquale, who is living and working in Haiti, and from the children of Father Marc's Orphanage. Please mark your calendar for this special event. More information will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Frank Gorback, father of school parent Nadzia Lopez and grandfather of 6th grader, Jacob Lopez. May he rest in peace.

Boxtops for Education

Please send your *Boxtops for Education* into the school office. This is an easy way to support your school without incurring any additional expense. Thank you!



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Volunteers/Service Hours

Every family has an annual service hour requirement that may be fulfilled through volunteering at school or on school projects. Our service hour program enables the school to provide a quality program for our students. We especially need volunteers to help with lunch duty supervision. If you need to complete your service hours, please contact Mrs. Warren in the Front Office or Mrs. Rosemarie Bako, our volunteer coordinator, to sign up to volunteer. Also, please remember to record your hours in the service hour book in the Front Office.

Knights of Columbus News

Congratulations to the following students who placed first in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held at St. Cecilia School:

10 Boy	Keegan Beres	12 Girl	Katelyn Bako
10 Girl	Grace Witting	13 Boy	Justin Pearson
11 Boy	Jed Smith	13 Girl	Charlotte Woolfolk
11 Girl	Annabelle Saavedra	14 Boy	Geoffrey Curran
12 Boy	Patrick Gatcliffe		

The top boy shooter was Patrick Gatcliffe with 12 out of 15 and the top girl shooter was Katelyn Bako with 7 out of 15. Congratulations, Trojans!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for generously supporting our school throughout the year. We recently received a \$200 check from the Knights of Columbus to support our school choir.


Booster Club News

Congratulations to our newly formed Booster Club for their amazing efforts in organizing the first St. Cecilia School Annual Homecoming. The club raised over \$900 through the sale of t-shirts, pom poms, and refreshments. These funds support our after-school sports program. Would you like to know more about St. Cecilia School's Booster Club? The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 pm in the Science Lab. Hope to see you there!

Valentines' Day

This weekend we celebrate Valentine's Day – a time to send expressions of love to those closest to our heart. This is the perfect opportunity to remind our children and ourselves that every day God sends us His message of love through His Son, Jesus, and through one another. Happy Valentine's Day—may it be a day filled with love! The children may wear red, pink, and/or white free dress this Friday in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Very truly yours,


Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal

“Open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest.”
--Mother Teresa