



# ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

*Plant your roots in Christ, and let Him be the foundation for your life.*

*--Colossians 2:6-7*

June 9, 2010

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that school is coming to a close in just a week and a half. It seems the days fly by, the children get taller and more grown up, and we all long for the more relaxed pace of summer! We thank you for a wonderful year.

### **Attendance – we need your help!**

Keeping accurate attendance records is extremely important for every school. The last week of school is often the most difficult to track because of all the activities and closing of the year procedures. We are asking our parents to help us out with this – if your child is not going to be in school any day next week, will you please send an e-mail or note to the homeroom teacher advising him/her of the date of the anticipated absence. This will be a great help to us as we need to complete the cumulative record cards before we leave school on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### **Medications**

If your child has medication in the health room, please stop by and pick it up before the close of the school year. We cannot give the medication to any student to take home; it must be given to a parent. Any medication left after June 18<sup>th</sup> will be discarded.

### **Summer Reading Lists/Reading Fundraiser**

Enclosed in today's envelope is the required summer reading list for all students entering grades pre-kindergarten through eight. The teachers spend much time selecting a book that will appeal to both boys and girls and is appropriate to the particular grade level of the child. Lessons and activities during the first weeks of school will be based on the summer reading which is why it is required to be completed prior to the first day of school. Also, Ms. Chun, our school librarian, has composed a Suggested Summer Reading list to guide you in selecting additional books for your children. Ms. Chun has spent a good deal of time writing up brief summaries and noting titles that should first be previewed by parents. Every book is not for every child; parents are expected to assist children in selecting books for their children and Ms. Chun has made every effort to help you in this process. Both the Required Reading List and the Suggested Reading List will be posted on the school's website for your convenience.

Enclosed in today's envelope is also a flyer/order form for a reading fundraiser sponsored by the Orange County Register. If you are interested, please complete the form and return it with your two pennies. We will mail in all of the order forms on the last day of school. Proceeds will go directly to the tuition assistance fund.

### **Gradelink Closing**

*Gradelink*, our web-based grade book for students in grades four through eight will be closed down on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm and will not be available for viewing again until September. Please take a moment to review your child's grades before this Friday afternoon. Thank you.



### ***Simple Solutions Summer Math***

We had 92 orders for the *Simple Solutions Math* workbooks! Parents, the order has been placed and should arrive next week. We will distribute the books to the homerooms when they arrive. If you missed the ordering deadline, you may purchase the books directly through Simple Solutions. Contact information is [www.SimpleSolutions.org](http://www.SimpleSolutions.org). The price is slightly higher and shipping and handling will also be charged for individual orders.

### **Important Dates for Next Week**

- Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Grades Five through Seven Picnics
- Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten through Grade Four Picnics
- Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Grades Five through Seven Awards @ 2:00 pm
- Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> Free Dress; Field Day; dismissal @ 12:00 noon
- Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> Formal Uniform; Mass @ 8:30 am; dismissal @ 11:00 am

### **Field Day Information**

Our annual Field Day will be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-11:45 am. This year's theme is "Passport to the World" and will involve all students in grades kindergarten through seven. Students will be organized into teams with representatives from every grade level. There will be a variety of field games for the students, bottled water and granola bars for snacks, and an ice pop treat provided by PTG. This is one of the students' favorite days of the year and we are looking forward to it as well. Detailed information about Field Day and team colors will be sent home in each child's Friday folder this week. Please take a moment to review this information over the weekend.

### **Extended Care Reminder**

Please note that the last day for afternoon Extended Care is Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> dismissal will be at noon and Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> dismissal will be at 11:00 am.

### **A gentle reminder...**

All tuition and fees, including extended care fees and un-worked service hour fees, must be paid in full prior to the end of the school year. Report cards are withheld when an account has an outstanding balance. This is a difficult situation for parents, children, and the school and it is best to avoid this from happening. If for some reason you have not cleared your account, please contact Glenn Closson at [gclosson@stcecilia8.org](mailto:gclosson@stcecilia8.org) or stop by the Business Office to speak directly with Mr. Closson regarding your account. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

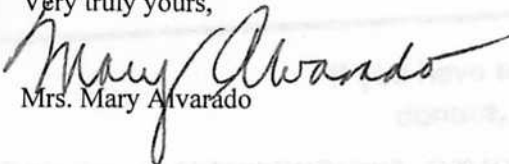
### **Message from Michelle Lawrence of American First Credit Union**

Everyone is faced with economic challenges today; American First Credit Union is no different. We as well must look at our financials to continue a successful business, and due to the minimal participation of the CU @ School Program we will be discontinuing it for the 2010/ 2011 school year. We hope you continue to have your children save, and any deposits can be mailed in or brought into our branch located at 13265 Jamboree Road, Tustin, Ca. / Tustin Market Place, in the Ralph's shopping center. The last deposit will be Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>

It has been a pleasure visiting St. Cecilia School weekly, teaching your students the importance of saving money and picking up their deposits. St. Cecilia is a wonderful school. Have happy and safe summer!

Thank you parents for your ongoing support of our wonderful school community. You make the difference!

Very truly yours,

  
Mrs. Mary Arvarado