



St. Cecilia PTG Newsletter

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A Message from the President...

Hello St. Cecilia families!

As you read this month's PTG newsletter we will be getting feverishly close to a much needed and well-deserved Spring Break. Thank you to Fr. Al for extending our vacation to include a full day off on Holy Thursday.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Kristine Linares and her friends for their incredibly entertaining and beautiful presentation of *Songs for a New Haiti* benefit. This was an amazing evening of Broadway music and performances that left the audience awestruck!

With Spring Break comes a lot of spring anticipation at St. Cecilia School. The classes are preparing their "Class Acts" for this year's Spring Show, World Tour. You can feel their excitement both in the classroom and at home. Our second graders are preparing for their First Holy Communion on April 24. Please keep them in your prayers. We also have our Auction Wine Tasting Party in April! Be sure to watch for reminders of other upcoming events like Mom's Night Out and the St. Cecilia Golf Tournament.

Finally, I ask you all to consider how you may be able to help St. Cecilia School next year. Our school is able to provide the outstanding experience for our children that we have all come to expect not only because of the teachers and staff, but because of the gifts of our volunteering parents. The day to day function of St. Cecilia School depends on your involvement. This past week, you all received your Volunteer Service form. There are countless ways that you can lend a helping hand. Please take time to consider your individual talents and how you can put them to work for our children. Many of the volunteer activities can be done from home. On the same note, we have five openings on the PTG Board for next year: Vice President-Fundraising, Vice-President-Volunteers, Vice President-Community Events, Secretary and President. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact Mrs. Alvarado or myself.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Cecilia School.

Randy Fiorentino

Last Soup and Salad Friday of the 2010 Lenten Season

Please join the St. Cecilia parish community this Friday, March 26th for the last Soup and Salad Friday of the 2010 Lenten Season. Enjoy a delicious Soup and Salad meal, provided by Soup Plantation, followed immediately by the Stations of the Cross. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

Second Annual St. Cecilia Tiki Cruise Setting Sail Soon!

Join us on Friday, June 11th for a seafaring good time aboard the Second Annual St. Cecilia Tiki Cruise. Busses will take you to and from St. Cecilia's to the Tiki Boat. Appetizers will be included. Watch for your invitation. For more information, please contact Kathy Ayuyao at (949) 721-0100 or Nancy Walz at (949) 857-0144.

Important Dates

March 26th

Soup & Salad Night
St. Cecilia Hall
6:00 p.m.

March 28th

Palm Sunday

April 1st

Holy Thursday
No School!

April 1st

\$200 Registration Fee
Due (\$250 After April
1st)

April 2nd

Good Friday
No School

April 5th -9th

Spring Break

April 12th

School Resumes

April 13th

PTG Meeting

See you There!

April 27th & 29th

Spring Show Auditions

May 7th

Golf Tournament

PTG Newsletter

If you have any information you would like placed in our PTG newsletter, including information about a "Superstar Kid," Please contact Jen Gourde at: tjgourde@cox.net.

Deadline for inclusion of information in the newsletter is the second Wednesday of each month.

Save the Date -- Mom's Night Out is Returning!

Mom's Night Out is Back! On April 22, 2010, leave the kids at home and join other St. Cecilia moms for an evening of friendship and fun at Zov's Bistro in Irvine. Additional information about this event coming soon.

Spring Break Plans? Hotel, Resort and Transportation SCRIP Available!

Are you traveling this spring break? Use scrip, available in various denominations, for your travel costs. Simply purchase scrip (gift) cards **at their face values** and a percentage of every scrip card purchased will come back to the St. Cecilia School Choir. Proceeds will be used to purchase choir robes for all choir participants and to help offset the cost of travel for St. Cecilia School students participating in Pueri Cantores in January, 2011. Here are just a few of the travel options:

12% Payback: Best Western, Fairmont Hotels

9% Payback: Hyatt Hotels, Marcus Resorts, Marriott Hotels

8% Payback: American Airlines, Avis Car Rental, Budget Car Rental, Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield Inn, Omni Hotels, Residence Inn

4% Payback: Clarion Hotels, Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality Inn

Also: American Express - pays back 1.25%

Disney - pays back 2% (See DisneyGiftCard.com for details)

Visa - pays back 2%

Please visit the Great Lakes Scrip website at glscrip.com for details. Scrip forms are also available on the school website and in the office. Turn in your order by Friday, March 26 and you'll have scrip by Spring Break!

Questions about the SCRIP? Please contact Carla Neff at carla.neff@cox.net. Thank you for supporting the choir!

Save the Date -- "High Seas" Vacation Bible Camp

Mark your calendars because the date for this summer's Vacation Bible Camp has been set! This summer, say "bon voyage" to your kids the week of July 26th through 30th as they set sail on the "High Seas" to experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love. Details on the camp and registration to follow soon.

Family Matters

Our deepest sympathies go out to Matthew Rodriguez (8th) and Jonathan Rodriguez (5th) on the passing of their maternal great-grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family.

St. Cecilia Superstar Kids

Academic Decathlon Success! Congratulations to our Decathlon Team for their outstanding participation in the diocesan decathlon. St. Cecilia School placed 4th in the Super Quiz and 4th in the overall competition. Additionally, team member Emily Guirgis placed first in English and Geoffrey Curran placed first in Current Events. Way to go Decathlon members!

St. Cecilia Student Qualifies for State Level Geography Bee. Eighth grader, Geoffrey Curran, recently qualified to represent St. Cecilia School at the state level of the National Geographic Bee. The Bee will be held on Friday, April 9 in Sacramento. Great work Geoffrey and good luck!

Super Sports! Congratulations to the 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball team for their outstanding performance this season. The girls placed second in the Diocese! Way to shoot those hoops!

Commanding Creativity! Congratulations to 7th graders Sarah Rapp, Megan Bartyczak and Elise Letrondo. All three girls were semifinalists in the Chapman University Holocaust Art and Writing Contest. Fantastic work!