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St Cecilia's Mini Alumni E-Newsletter

Finest *greatest* BEST

Summer 2018

The fog of our San Francisco Sunset / Parkside summers may be thick, but September and the promise of an Indian Summer-style heatwave is just around the corner! With that, will come a brand new school year jam packed with ways to stay connected!

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**August 29**

Registration Day

**August 30**

First Day of School

**September 18**

Alumni Board Meeting

## Welcome to our New Principal



St. Cecilia welcomes Interim Principal, Mrs. Kathleen Garcia. Born in Massachusetts and in raised Western Pennsylvania, Mrs. Garcia first ventured out to California in 1968 and never left! She and her husband, a SoCal native, raised

their family in Ventura. (Don't worry Giants fans - she's assured us she's no fan of the Dodgers!)

In 2010 and back in the Bay Area, Mrs Garcia was appointed as principal at Our Lady of Mercy. She led the OLM community for five years before retiring and returning to Southern California. We are happy to have Mrs. Garcia back in the Bay and with us for the 2018-2019 school year!

**FUN FACT:** Mrs. Garcia is grandmother to two current St. Cecilia students - Sylas Garcia '24 & Brock Garcia '22!

## Congratulations Class of 2018



In May, St. Cecilia welcomed a new class of alumni. Congratulations Class of 2018! As you begin high school in the coming weeks, remember that you

**October 12, 13, 14**  
St. Cecilia's Annual Festival:  
State Fair

always have a home here at St. Cecilia. Don't forget to come by to visit!

## Alumni Scholarship Fund

Please consider giving a gift to future generations of SC students. All donations directly benefit those students in need of tuition assistance.

### To send donations:

ATTN: Alumni Association  
St. Cecilia School  
660 Vicente Street  
San Francisco, CA 94116

All checks can be made payable to St. Cecilia School.

## Alumni Board

The St. Cecilia Alumni Board meets three times a year on campus. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Alumni Director, Veronica Granucci '04, [vgranucci@stceciliaschool.org](mailto:vgranucci@stceciliaschool.org), 415.753.3917

## Adventure Awaits!



After a combined 65 years of service to St. Cecilia School, Mrs. Donohoe (Kindergarten) & Sr. Margaret (2nd Grade & Learning Specialist) have 'graduated'! Both of these extraordinary educators touched so many lives throughout the years and we are forever grateful for the kindness, love and compassion each of them shared every single day. We bid them a very fond farewell and luck on their next big adventure - retirement!

Were you welcomed into SC as a kindergartner in Mrs. Donohoe's class? Or perhaps were you second grader lucky enough to have Sr. Margaret?

We'd love to hear from you. [Share your favorite memories from your time as their student here!](#)

## St. Cecilia's Seismic Retrofit

If you've passed by campus this summer you might have noticed we're having a bit of work done - far more than a facelift! In October of 2014, San Francisco passed an ordinance requiring private schools to conduct seismic studies. Evaluation of our school building, constructed in 1930 and extended in 1948, revealed structural weaknesses that required our attention. Last summer (2017), preliminary work took place inside the school building, which included bringing restrooms up to ADA code.



With the beginning of Summer 2018 came the beginning of Phase I of our seismic retrofit. Major work has been underway to secure the interior walls of the southern end of the school building. This southern end is the original school building and was constructed in 1930 using hollow clay tile walls. The seismic study revealed that these hollow clay tile walls would not be safe in the event of a major, local earthquake. Therefore, the walls in these rooms have either being replaced or reinforced to

improve the safety of our building. The flat roof is also being replaced and secured to the building.

Next summer (2019), Phase II begins. At this time we will secure the exterior walls of the school building as well as make necessary updates to adhere to ADA requirements. Careful planning has taken place in order to preserve the original character of our historic school building both inside and out. We thank everyone for their support and patience during this critical project that will ensure the safety of our students for the next generation.

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## Annual Parish Festival News



Preparations for the 2018-2019 Parish Festival are already underway. Get ready for St. Cecilia's State Fair! Think tasty treats, ferris wheels and pie eating contests!

Friday, October 12: 6-10pm  
Saturday, October 13: 12-4pm, 6-10pm  
Sunday, October 14: 1-5pm

Connect on [Facebook](#) for all the updates!

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## Reunions News

### **Golden Diploma - 50 Year: Class of 1968**

The Class of 1968 will hold their Golden Diploma - 50 Year Reunion at the Irish Cultural Center on **Saturday, September 29, 2018**. The planning committee includes Terry McHugh, Maureen Mylett Torres, Renee Broussal Katches, Mike Gonzales and Marian Murphy Sullivan.

Check out the "[St. Cecilia San Francisco Class of 1968](#)" Facebook page to connect with your classmates and receive reunion updates. For questions, please contact [scclassof68@gmail.com](mailto:scclassof68@gmail.com).

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The Alumni Office has received *interest* from the following classes regarding a reunion:

- **Class of 1951**
- **Class of 1984**
  - It's been 35 years and we are calling all graduates from the Class of '84! Reunion planning is underway for the Spring of 2019. We are trying to gather all classmates for this fun-filled occasion! Please spread the word and update your info with the SC Alumni Office.
  - Contact *Said Shawwa* for more information at [saidshawwa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:saidshawwa@sbcglobal.net)

### ***Looking for:***

Class of 1969 - 50 Year Golden Diploma Reunion

We are also currently looking for reunion coordinators for the following milestone years: 1988, 1989, 1998, 1999, 2008, 2009

If you or your classmates are interested in coordinating a reunion or would like to know

if one is being planned for your year, please contact, Veronica Granucci '04, Alumni Director, at [alumni@stceciliaschool.org](mailto:alumni@stceciliaschool.org) or 415.753.3917

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## **Update Your Information**

Have you moved? Switched emails? Received this newsletter as a forwarded message? We want to make sure you stay connected and up to date! Please take a moment to fill out our new **[Alumni Contact Information Form](#)**.

Looking for specific information or have a question? Contact Veronica Granucci '04, Alumni Director, at [alumni@stceciliaschool.org](mailto:alumni@stceciliaschool.org) or 415.753.3917