



- ST. CECILIA SCHOOL - E-NEWSLETTER

December 12, 2018

We're Better Together!

A Note From Mrs. Garcia

It is the Second Week of Advent. Two candles begin to brighten our journey to the Stable in Bethlehem! Last week I offered the story of the Christmas Candle. Today I am retelling the Legend of the Christmas Tree. It is widely known and accepted that the use of an evergreen tree at Christmas began in the mid-sixteenth century. As a young boy, Martin Luther often roamed the forests near his village. The legend recounts an experience that Martin had one winter night. Using the starlight to make his way through the snow, Martin was struck by the beauty of starlight shining through the branches of a tall evergreen tree. Martin compared the glow of the starlight to Heaven on the night of the Savior's Birth. It is said that he identified the twinkling stars as the Choirs of Angels that must have filled the skies the night that Jesus was born. Gazing longer at the tree, Martin realized that the tree was pointing upward, directing him to look toward God, the very source of light, hope, and love. It was then he decided to find a smaller tree to bring to his home. Once inside, he decorated the tree with candles, bows and ribbons. He admired his Christmas tree as he noted that Jesus was sent to us as a Gift from the God Who created us and loves us.

As you decorate your tree, remember the tale of its first inspiration - a beacon of starlight and Angel glow pointing out hearts and hopes toward the heavens!

Joy,
Mrs. Kathie Garcia

School News

GOOD NEWS!

- Welcome to Keanu, Liza Cimino's brand new grandson! He weighed in at 8 pounds and measures 18.5"! Blessings to Liza's daughter and son-in-law and the entire family!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Emily Murphy, Ms. Tina Balistreri and Ms. Mary Beth McLean! They are prizewinners in a recent Walking Challenge sponsored by the Wellness Program of the Archdiocese of San Francisco! Nice work

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Dates

December 12

Book Club - Grades 7 & 8

December 13

Christmas Boutique
First Reconciliation 7:30pm

December 14

Primary Advent Mass 11am

December 16

Primary Advent Mass 9:30am
MOSC Pancake Breakfast
10:30am

December 18

Christmas Concerts

December 21

Spirit of Christmas Prayer Service
11:30am
Red, Green & Christmas Theme
Free Dress

December 24

Children's Choir Mass 7pm

December 24 - January 4

Christmas Break

January 7

Back to School!

January 17

Mothers Club Meeting

January 25 - January 27
Confirmation Retreat

January 29
Open House Gr.1-6

January 31
Multicultural Day

NOTES & REMINDERS

- Don't forget to remember that: Jaywalking is dangerous and illegal! There have been several near misses on Vicente Street, Seventeenth & Eighteenth Avenues at Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-Up. Students and their Parents must cross the street in a marked crosswalk or at the corner! ***The Parking Lot next to the Rectory is exactly that - a Parking Lot. Do not use this as Pick-Up point at Dismissal or a Drop-Off in the morning. Thank you!***
- **Morning Announcements:** It is winter in San Francisco and that means the weather is simply unpredictable, especially in the morning. We are grateful for the much needed rain and we need to appreciate how mild our climate is! The location of Outside Morning Prayer Assemblies will be determined based on the immediate weather conditions. We cannot predetermine; we will just react to the current weather and conduct the Assembly inside the School. Parents are welcome to come into the Main Hallway to pray with us and listen to the announcements.
- **Primary Advent Mass & Pancake Breakfast:** Sunday, December 16th at 9:30 am Mass, the Primary Grades will host An Advent Mass. MOSC will host a delicious Pancake Breakfast following this Mass.
- Enjoy **Red, Green & Christmas Theme Free Dress** on Friday, December 21st courtesy of St. Cecilia Student Council.
- **FALL SPORTS PLAYERS AND FANS:** Players need to return all their Uniforms and borrowed equipment! Please bring your items to the School Office. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter!

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Christmas Boutique is tomorrow! A reminder sheet went home earlier this week. Please remember to send a large bag, the completed Student Shopping List, and some funds with your child.

And don't forget to send in your Raffle tickets! The raffle is a great way to contribute to the Christmas Boutique and a chance to win some great items for the whole family. **Christmas Boutique Family Raffle Basket** includes a 2-in-1 notebook/tablet, \$100 Target Gift Card, \$100 Home Depot Gift Card, a remote control drone, Star Wars LEGO set, memory challenge game, and 2 FREE DRESS passes. A lucky student will be chosen as the winner of the Family Basket at the end of the Boutique. Place completed tickets in an envelop marked "Christmas Boutique Raffle" and turn it into the office. Make checks payable to: St. Cecilia Mother's Club.

Tomorrow at 2:45pm, the Boutique will open to family and friends for SCRIP LIVE and School Spirit sales. Come and kick off your

Parish News

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas at Saint Cecilia

Seventeenth Avenue and Vicente Street
The Parkside District in San Francisco



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5:00 p.m. - Fr. Michael Lilledahl
with music by Frances Peterson

7:00 p.m. - Fr. Sebastine Bula, VC
with our Children's Choir

11:15 p.m. - Carol Concert

Midnight Mass - Msgr. Romulo Vergara
with our Adult Choir and Orchestra

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Contact: Jean Roland at jmroland@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE SHOPPING TIMES:

8:20 - 8:50 K Gold and Grade 8 Room 15
9:00 - 9:30 K Blue and Grade 8 Room 14
9:35 - 10:05 Grade 7 Room 24 and Grade 7 Room 23
10:10 -10:40 Grade 2 Room 1 and Grade 2 Room 3
10:45 -11:15 Grade 1 Room 4 and Grade 1 Room 8
11:20 -11:50 Grade 3 Room 2 and Grade 3 Room 9
11:55-12:25 Grade 6 Room 16 and Grade 6 Room 22

Lunch for Volunteers

1:00-1:30 TK
1:35-2:05 Grade 4 Room 17 and Grade 4 Room 20
2:10-2:40 Grade 5 Room 18 and Grade 5 Room 19

MOSC Pancake Breakfast - Sunday Dec. 16th!

Advent is a time of giving. The Men of St. Cecilia are giving the parish a special gift. You are invited to a **FREE** Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, December 16, after the 9:30 am Family Mass.

St. Cecilia School Students will host this special Advent Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate as the St. Cecilia Parish Family. Children are always welcome, as St. Nicholas always visits us!

CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTS

Tuesday, December 18th in the Auditorium.

8:30AM: K Blue, 2 4, 7, 8
10:35AM: K Gold, 1, 3, 5, 6

Dress Code for performers:

Boys - shirt with a collar, dress pants, belt, and dress shoes.
Girls - dress (shoulders must be covered) or dressy skirt/pants and blouse or sweater, and dress shoes (no high heels)

SPRING MUSICAL



Auditions are Around the Corner! St Cecilia Drama Club is proud to announce that we have decided on Shrek the Musical as our show for Spring 2019. The St. Cecilia drama program is open to St Cecilia students in 4th-8th grade. Interested Families are encouraged to volunteer!

Auditions will be held in January, exact date TBD. Keep checking the E-newsletter for further updates. (*Students do not need to be familiar with this show or memorize any songs ahead of time if they plan to audition.) Thank you and have a happy holiday season!

