



- ST. CECILIA SCHOOL - E-NEWSLETTER

December 5, 2018

We're Better Together!

A Note From Mrs. Garcia

The Church or Liturgical Season of Advent has begun. The Advent Wreath is perhaps the first of many traditions that you will surround your families with during the Christmas season. I hope to share with you the origins of a few of our beloved traditions. Let's begin with the simplest and most obvious ~ The Christmas Candle:

Many years ago, a cobbler and his wife lived in a cottage on the edge of a village in Austria. They had only a few possessions, but whatever they had, they shared with others. The most symbolic act of their constant generosity was the lighted candle that always shined in their window. Over time, the tragedy of war fell upon their little village. Yet, throughout the destruction, the cobbler and his wife suffered far less than their neighbors. Other villages were sure that there was something special about them; they agreed that it was the candle in the window. That evening, the villagers placed lighted candles in their windows, hoping that was the mysterious charm. It happened that the night was Christmas Eve. As the first rays of morning began to appear, a messenger rode through the village announcing that peace had finally come! On that Christmas morning, the villages came together to thank God for the gift of peace. They decided then and there to always place lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve so as to proclaim the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Each time we light a candle during Advent and Christmas, we welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes. Let us welcome hope, good cheer, and peace.

Joy,
Mrs. Kathie Garcia

School News

PRAYER CORNER

As part of our Advent TO DO List, let us take a moment to remember in prayer:

- The survivors of the Camp Fire as they begin to rebuild

Follow St. Cecilia!



Dates

December 5

Book Club - Grades 5 & 6

December 6

First Reconciliation 7:30pm

December 7

Mothers Club Jingle & Mingle

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 21

Spirit of Christmas Mass
11:30am

December 24

Children's Choir Mass 7pm

December 24 - January 4

Christmas Break

January 7

Back to School!

their homes and lives

- The people of Anchorage has they recover from the earthquake
- President George H. W. Bush, our 41st President ~ May he rest in peace
- Mrs. Karen Lee Wu, mother of Joshua Ling ~ May she rest in peace

January 17

Mothers Club Meeting

January 19

MOSC Crab Feed

January 25 - January 27

Confirmation Retreat

January 29

Open House Gr.1-6

January 31

Multicultural Day

NOTES & REMINDERS

- **Next St. Cecilia Mothers Club Meeting: January 17th.** In case there is any confusion, there is NO NOT an SCMC meeting on December 14th. Our next SCMC Board will be on Thursday, January 17th at 6:30pm.
- **UNIFORM EXCHANGE:** This week we have collection boxes set up in the front hallway for uniform exchange drop off. We will accept any clean uniforms in good condition that are no longer needed. Thank you!
- **HOUR OF CODE:** Between Dec. 3-9, students around the world will celebrate Computer Science Education Week by doing one hour of code. Although the world increasingly depends on technology, only a fraction of people understand how they work! Let's bridge this gap by giving every child an opportunity to learn! Join in on the fun with various activities provided by: <https://hourofcode.com/us/> learn. No prior experience required!
- **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!
- **TOYS FOR TOTS:** Remember to bring in new, unopened toys for our annual Toys for Tots Drive this week!

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in volunteering? Hot lunch is an easy way to contribute. For hot lunch to be successful, we need 3 volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have volunteers who are able to train you how to perform the duties of lead, set up, and distribution. If you are interested in signing up please follow this [LINK](#).

If you have any questions, you can email Marleysq@yahoo.com and vigilj@outlook.com. Remember for every 6 shifts worked, you earn a free dress pass for your child. Thank you!

PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Deck the Halls! Those who placed evergreen orders with the school, your items will be available for pick-up this Friday, December 7th from 2:30pm to 4pm in the hallway near the front office.



If you are unable to do so at that time,
please contact Nicole Mullen
nicolemullen10@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all of those who supported SC
thru this fundraiser!

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Thank you to all the crafty moms who came to Craft Night last week, we ended up with close 20 knit scarves and hats. These will be wonderful items to sell at the Boutique. Please feel free to continue your work on your projects and send them into the Boutique by December 10!

The response for volunteers and wish list were overwhelming. Thank you for helping out the Boutique. Please continue your support of this event by sending in your raffle tickets for the Christmas Family Basket!

You should have received a flyer home this week with information on the raffle basket and 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. For \$2 each ticket your child will be entered into the raffle. The winner of the raffle will be announced at the end of school on December 13. Place completed tickets in an envelop marked "Christmas Boutique Raffle" and turn it into the office by December 12. Make checks payable to: St. Cecilia Mother's Club.

If you still want to volunteer, check the sign up for slots that can open up. [Sign Up HERE](#)

Contact: Jean Roland at jmroland@gmail.com

SCRIP NEWS

Thank you to our generous students, we raised \$2400 to send gift cards to families in need after the Camp Fire in Butte Co.

Our donations of Walmart gift cards are making their way to Chico today. Hand delivered with beautiful and thoughtful cards made by grade 3 room 9.

Our donations are going to the North Valley Catholic Social Services. If you would like to continue to give, please visit their website <https://nvcss.org/>

YOUR SCRIP ORDERS WILL BE FILLED THIS WEEK! If we do not have what you need we will call you. Please be advised that Guerra's card machine is out of order, they are not taking cards at this time and cannot provide new cards either! We will update everyone here when they are back in service! Thank you for your patience.

COME SEE US LIVE AT THE CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE!!! *While supplies last!

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!

MULTICULTURAL DAY

SAVE THE DATE!
January 31, 2019

Every year St. Cecilia School celebrates the many cultures that make up our community with a Multicultural Talent Showcase and a Food Fair. This year, Multicultural Day will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Students will share their unique cultural traditions on stage at the Multicultural Talent Showcase. Help your children reflect on their cultural traditions as they share a song, dance, poem, or other talent to showcase their culture. Rehearsal schedule will be announced soon. Please contact Denise Hammond at mrsdham@gmail.com for information on the Multicultural Show.

A Food Fair is arranged for the students to try food from all over the world for lunch. Start pulling out your recipes now and get ready to bring in a dish that represents your culture at this delicious event. More details to come, including a sign up before Christmas break. For questions on the Food Fair, please contact Sheila Engel at sdanabar@sbcglobal.net, Catherine Cashin at catcashin3@gmail.com, or Jean Roland at jmroland@gmail.com.