



- ST. CECILIA SCHOOL - E-NEWSLETTER

February 13, 2019

We're Better Together!

A Note From Mrs. Garcia

Last Friday afternoon St. Cecilia School's Student Council Leader, Luke Wachowitz, pronounced a great State of the School speech. He recalled the opening of school following the completion of construction and highlighted all the amazing events that have brought us to mid-February! It is a good thing to make time for a quiet moment and reflect on all that has been accomplished this school year. Now that the 100th Day has passed, reflection becomes an encouragement to carry on and bring this school year to a five-star conclusion full of WOW moments! Our students have grown up - socially, physically, and academically! Classroom lessons are resulting in clever, creative, and successful achievements. Our Teachers and Instructional Aides are planning diligently every week to provide learning opportunities as well as lessons that allow students to demonstrate their particular skills. Kindergarteners are ready to take over First Grade; Eight Graders have their eyes on being members of the Class of 2023 at their high school of choice! Seventh Graders are assessing their roles as school leaders; Second Graders are anxious to receive First Holy Communion. All our students are excited about promotion, sports, drama's new musical, and Easter vacation! St. Cecilia School thrives on the enthusiasm of our learners and the perseverance of our entire staff! Amazing and note-worthy accomplishments happen every day! Thank you for your support and encouragement! Together, here we go into the final 80 days of the 2018-2019 school year!

Joy,
Mrs. Kathleen M. Garcia

School News

DO NOT FORGET TO REMEMBER

- First Communion Dresses and Veils are collected in the Lower Church tomorrow morning
- This is a long-weekend! Friday and Monday are NO SCHOOL DAYS in honor of the Presidents of our country, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
- Classes resume Tuesday, February 19th at 8:00 am with Morning Prayer Assembly

Follow St. Cecilia!



Dates

February 14

School Mass 11am
Red, Pink or Valentine Free Dress

February 15

No School

February 18

No School

February 25

12:30pm Dismissal
Lemonade Fundraiser

March 2

St. Patrick's Dinner

March 6

Ash Wednesday Mass 11am

March 7

First Communion Parent Meeting
7pm, Lower Church

March 10

Confirmation Meeting 10:30am

March 13

8th Grade Parent Meeting 7pm,
Lower Church

March 15

St. Patrick's Mass 11am

March 18

No School - Pastor's Holiday

- The Spring Choral Concert has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. All students in Grades 2, 4, 6, and 7 are required to participate

A VALENTINE WISH ~ May lots of love swirl around your heart today and each tomorrow!

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FR. RENE RAMOSO

The Saint Cecilia School faculty and staff are delighted with the news that Chris Uskert '95 has been appointed as the new principal of our parish school beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year (July 2019). The search for a new principal was thorough with many excellent candidates, After much consideration, the search committee all wholeheartedly agreed that Mr. Uskert would be the best choice for the position.

I am grateful to each member of the search committee who spent many hours working to ensure that our school would be served by the best possible person for years to come. Their competence, integrity, and dedication to our school in the search process was a blessing.

I know that you will join me in welcoming Mr. Uskert, who graciously and enthusiastically accepted our offer to become principal. Under his leadership, Saint Cecilia School will continue to be committed to faith and excellence in the education of its students.

My sincere thanks to all of you who have been keeping the search committee and the process in your prayers. I do believe that the Holy Spirit has guided us to the right person at the right time in our history to lead our school into the future.

Fr. Rene Ramosa
Pastor

SPECIAL LETTER

Dear St. Cecilia Parents and Guardians,

We are reaching out to you to assure you that all of our school safety protocols are current and sound. It is our responsibility and our obligation to take seriously and to investigate any concerns that are brought to our attention. Recently, an incident occurred off-campus that required St. Cecilia School to make use of our protocols. We can assure you that the School is not in danger; no one is in an unsafe position.

Our protocol includes notifying the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the Department of Catholic Schools, and the San Francisco Police Department when appropriate. The Police Department handles concerns and safety with high priority. All matters of an ongoing investigation cannot be discussed.

Confidentiality is of the utmost concern. Any questions should be directed only to the School's Administration.

We stay closely united to the Archdiocese of San Francisco along with the San Francisco Police Department for their

March 23

Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser

March 25

12:30pm Dismissal

Community News

NCEA PARENT FLYER

Check out NCEA's February Parent Engagement flyer (in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)). Previous flyers have been [archived](#) for your convenience.

SI SUMMER PROGRAMS



St. Ignace College Preparatory
SUMMER PROGRAMS 2019

ONLINE REGISTRATION
OPENS FEBRUARY 4, 2019 at 10 am
Morning Extended Care 8-9 am & Afternoon Care Available 4-5 pm

JUNE 17-JULY 19, 2019 Academic Program for rising 6th, 7th, 8th graders	JUNE 10-JULY 19, 2019 Sports Camps of all types for rising 1st-9th graders
JUNE 17-JULY 19, 2019 Academic Program for incoming SI 9th graders only	JUNE 17-JULY 19, 2019 Camps: Cooking, Photography, Robotics, Studio Arts, Technology, Soccer, Yoga and more!

CONTACT US AT
summerprograms@siprep.org • 415-731-7500 ext 5289 • www.sisprep.org/summer

SI has a wide variety of classes, camps and workshops organized for children and youth who will be in grades 1-9 in the fall of 2019.

[Register Here](#)

For registration, billing and website questions, please contact US Sports Camps at 800-433-6060 ext. 8 or siprograms@ussportscamps.com

If you have any other questions about the camps being offered, please visit the SI website or email us atsummerprograms@siprep.org.

leadership, direction, and support. St. Cecilia School continues to be a safe environment for our students, faculty, and staff and our mission.

We are a community of faith and as always, ask for your prayers and respectful support for all the members of our St. Cecilia's School and Parish community - priests, students, families, faculty, staff, and volunteers.

In appreciation and in confidence of the God Who calls us to love one another as He loves us.

Reverend Rene Ramoso Pastor Kathleen M. Garcia Interim
Principal

RED, PINK, OR VALENTINE THEME FREE DRESS

Tomorrow, ***Thursday, February 14th*** students may enjoy a Red, Pink or Valentine theme free dress day in celebration of Valentines Day! All students must follow the directions for Free Dress found in the Parent/Student Handbook.

LEMONADE FUNDRAISER

On, ***Monday February 25th*** head on over to Lemonade on West Portal for lunch or dinner and Lemonade will donate 15% of the proceeds from your food and beverage purchases to St. Cecilia School. Take advantage of our 12:30pm dismissal day and grab some refreshing lemonade and some tasty food!

39TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICKS DINNER



The 39th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner is coming up on Saturday, March 2nd!

For tickets contact:
Liam and Stephanie Reidy
Phone: 415-425-0202
Email: stephreidy@gmail.com

CALLING ALL IRISH DANCERS

If you would like to dance at the Saint Patrick's Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd, please email Ann Baglin at dancingbags@earthlink.net We will have a practice on ***Monday, February 25th*** from 12:30-2:00pm in the Pavilion (This is a minimum day). This will be our only practice, so if your child wants to participate in the show, they **MUST** be at this practice.

Please make sure your child brings a lunch and his/her dance shoes to the practice. If your child attends extended care, please send a note excusing him/her to go to this practice.

LIP SYNC BATTLE SPRING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 23, 2019
The Olympic Club
[Purchase Tickets](#)

There are still a few tickets left for the Lip Sync Battle FUNdraiser. [Buy your tickets now](#) before they sell out!

Our main goal is to purchase a new science textbook for every student for the 2019-2020 school year. Last week, an information packet was sent home with students. Be sure to check out the raffle tickets, auction donation form, and sponsorship form. You can also get involved online! Here's how:

[Sign up to volunteer](#) We're looking for rockstar volunteers to help set up, welcome guests, sell drink tickets, and manage performers. Yes, you need to have a ticket to volunteer during the event, but time slots are short so you can still party like it's 1999.

[Visit the team leaderboard](#) The FUNdraising competition is on! Third grade is in first place, taking an early lead, but there's still plenty of time for other grades to pull ahead to win free dress and a pizza and movie party. Lip Sync Battle team bios are coming soon!

[Buy Raffle Tickets](#) Enter for your chances to win three months of free St. Cecilia School tuition for one child, free SC extended care for a year, principal for the day, or half the 50/50 pot! For each raffle, one ticket is \$25 or get five tickets for \$100.

[Donate an auction item](#) Consider donating a gift certificate or item to be auctioned. All donations are tax deductible (Tax ID: 94-1156785).

[Ask about employer matching](#) Many companies will match their employee's financial contributions, so be sure to ask about matching and get ready to make an even bigger impact!

[Become a sponsor](#) Sponsorships really help offset event costs. Sponsors get website and social media recognition.

[Purchase a program ad](#) Looking for a fun yet personal way to celebrate, thank, or congratulate someone who has made a difference in your life? Consider buying a program ad.

[Purchase a wine square](#) Everyone's a winner! Simply pick a number between 1 and 100. Each numbered square has a bottle of wine associated with that number. You will receive notification of your prize and we will arrange delivery/pick-up at that time. Still have questions? Email us: scspringfundraiser@gmail.com

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Haven't ordered your SC yearbook yet?

Log in to your TreeRing account at treering.com/signin to order! If you are new, create an account by going to TreeRing.com/validate and entering our school's passcode: 1013442885293677.

Did you know you can also choose to design custom pages for your child's individual yearbook? Two free custom pages are included with your order, with the option of purchasing more for a low price! Custom page designs are due **March 29th!** Make sure to mark "Print Ready" when you are done!

Yearbooks will be distributed to students in May. Please contact yearbook moderator Ms. Mary Beth McLean at mbmclean@stceciliaschool.org with any questions.

BASIC FUND 2019-20: Tuition Assistance Program

[CLICK HERE for information regarding the BASIC Fund 2019-20 Program.](#)

Applications are for new students attending private school for the first time only. Siblings already attending St. Cecilia School and not receiving the BASIC Fund can be included as long as one student in the family is attending St. Cecilia School for the first time.

Please note that there is one deadline for new applications: **March 15th**. The earlier families apply for a scholarship the better the chance they will be awarded one.

Renewal packets will be distributed to the schools during March 2019 for all renewing students. Renewing families do not fill out a new application unless they are adding a new child in the fall. Renewing families adding a new child in the fall must complete a new application for the new child. If you have any questions, please contact the BASIC Fund at 415-986-5650 or visit www.basicfund.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY GRANTS

The Archdiocese has chosen TADS to process applications for the Archdiocesan Family Grant tuition assistance program. To apply for an Archdiocesan Family Grant, parents should go to the TADS website, www.tads.com. Once on their homepage click the link "Apply for Financial Aid" on the right side of the page which is under the "Parents & Families" heading. Once you have completed filling out the online form, submit it and your application will be processed. The deadline for completing the application for elementary school assistance is **April 15, 2019**.