



- ST. CECILIA SCHOOL - E-NEWSLETTER

February 20, 2019

We're Better Together!

A Note From Mrs. Garcia

Take note of the date ~ February 20, 2019! Is anyone still struggling with 2018 when writing 2019? In a moment's reflection, it seems as though the New Year was just, well very recent! Now, February is moving right along and right into March.

There are four (4) weeks left in the Third Quarter! Alas! It isn't the passing of time that calls our attention. Rather, let's focus on the events that will allow us to pass the time in very special ways with very special company! The Chinese Club is hosting their annual New Year Dinner on Saturday; Sunday, St. Cecilia School is hosting the Family Mass at 9:30 am. On the evening of March 2nd, everyone is Irish for the evening at St. Cecilia's annual St. Patrick's Dinner. Sunday, March 3rd is Fr. Rene's Installation celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone at the 11:30 Mass. Are you keeping up? Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday; the School will host a special Mass at 11:00 am. March 18 is a NO SCHOOL DAY; March 21st, the 4th Graders will perform at the annual Choral Festival sponsored by the Archdiocese. Saturday, March 23rd, is the Mothers' Club Fundraiser at The Olympic Club on Skyline Drive! If you are not out breath, you should be! Amid all these places to be, our teachers are still working hard challenging the curious minds of your students and the students are accomplishing more than they realize!

All of this happens because of the spirit of community, the energy of positive attitudes, and the hard work of believers!

Thank you from the Principal's Office - I do have the best seat in the house because I get to learn about all the excitement on the way! Hooray for St. Cecilia School!

Joy,
Mrs. Kathleen M. Garcia

School News

DO NOT FORGET TO REMEMBER

- *Thursday, February 21st*- all "Cookie Dough" Fundraiser Orders are due back to School. This fundraiser is sponsored by our CYO Athletic Program
- *Monday, February 25th* - Minimum School Day for Teacher In-Service

Follow St. Cecilia!



Dates

February 21

"Cookie Dough" Fundraiser Orders Due

February 25

12:30pm Dismissal
Lemonade Fundraiser

March 2

St. Patrick's Dinner

March 3

Fr. Rene's Installation Mass & Reception 11:30am Mass

March 6

Ash Wednesday Mass 11am
5th & 6th Grade Book Club

March 7

First Communion Parent Meeting
7pm, Lower Church

March 10

Confirmation Meeting 10:30am

March 13

8th Grade Parent Meeting 7pm,
Lower Church
7th & 8th Grade Book Club

March 15

St. Patrick's Mass 11am

March 18

No School - Pastor's Holiday

- *Sunday, March 3rd- Fr. Rene's Installation as Pastor at the 11:30 Mass; Reception follows in the Pavilion*
- *Wednesday, March 6th - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins*

SAINT CECILIA CHINESE CLUB

The SAINT CECILIA'S CHINESE CLUB will have its annual Lunar New Year Dinner Celebration on Saturday, Feb 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Lower Church. ALL ARE WELCOME! Cost is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children ages 5 to 12 years old. Children 4 years old and under are free. Payment can be made via PayPal at tontiveros06@gmail.com or via Venmo at tweety_tu@yahoo.com.

Capacity is limited, only guests with reservations will be seated. No walk-in tickets are sold. Please [RSVP HERE](#) or via phone at (415) 570-3876.

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!

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.

39TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICKS DINNER



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

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

MARCH STUDENT BOOK CLUB DATES & PICKS

5th Grade Book Club:

Wednesday, March 6th

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

-or-

The Third Mushroom by Jennifer Holm

March 23

Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser

March 24

Musical Merit Certificate Program

March 25

12:30pm Dismissal

Community News

MERCY B SUMMER PROGRAM



Summer is just around the corner! Mercy High School Burlingame hosts Tools for School, a unique summer program tailored for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls. With a long tradition of excellence in girls education, Mercy offers a balanced mix of visual and performing arts classes, academic skills-building, and weekly educational field trips.

Students will experience new activities, explore new topics, and visit exciting Bay Area attractions. Tools for School helps to build a foundation of inquiry and love of learning, preparing students to develop their passions in high school. Interested families can learn more about classes, field trips, dates and cost on our [website!](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

SI SUMMER PROGRAMS

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.

6th Grade Book Club:

Wednesday, March 6th

The Diary of Young Girl by Anne Frank

-or-

Poison Most Vial: A Mystery by Benedict Carey

7th Grade Book Club:

Wednesday, March 13th

Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh

8th Grade Book Club:

Wednesday, March 13th

Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh

If you have any questions contact Mimi Pratt

mpratt@stceciliaschool.org

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.

2019 SC TRACK SEASON

RUN Don't Walk..... It's TRACK Season!

Hello Track Fans,

Yes, its that time of year. Track season is just around the corner. I will be coming around to the classrooms February TBD (tentatively) to talk to the students about the upcoming track season.

Last years dramatic 2nd place finish in the championships is still being talked about!!

Our goal is to get the athletes excited and RUNNING before the season even starts. Many of the other SF parish schools have running clubs which is why they dominated the long-distance events at the CYO meets. We need to work on this. CYO is working on a track league and I want our athletes to be prepared. We are currently in the PPSL for the track program.

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS:

Email: sctracksf@gmail.com we will be using the Team Snap app for best communication. It is free.

First practice: Friday, March 1st, 4:00-5:30 p.m.(tentatively) at the St. Ignatius track field. Practice time may be adjusted at the request of the SI Coaches.

Registration Deadline March 19

First meet March 24

High School/College Volunteers (service hours)

We are looking for high school volunteers (alumni) to be assistant coaches. This will qualify as service hours for those that need them. Please contact us at the above email. We need everything from data entry, record keeping, leading exercises and drills, setup and breakdown at the meets. We are also seeking parent volunteers to help organize, guide and corral the athletes. We anticipate 80-90 athletes participating in the track season. If every parent/guardian volunteered just one hour, we would have all the help we need. A special thank you to those of you who have volunteered much more than that. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have. WITHOUT THE STUDENT AND PARENTS VOLUNTEERS THE TRACK PROGRAM WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

See you on the field.
Coach Maryo and the track staff

LIP SYNC BATTLE SPRING FUNDRAISER

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

Due to overwhelming demand, remaining seats may have a partial stage view. You'll enjoy the same fabulous food, amazing performances, and music and dancing for a night to remember.

[Leaderboard Update](#) The FUNdraising competition is on and Team 8th Grade has taken the lead! But which grade will win a free dress day and pizza and movie party is still anyone's guess. Good luck to all!

[Volunteers Needed](#) We're looking for rockstar volunteers to help set up, welcome guests, sell drink tickets, and manage performers. Time slots are short so you can still party like it's 1999.

[Program Ad Submission Deadline, March 5!](#) 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. Print-ready ads must be submitted by March 5.

[Sponsors Wanted](#) DJ, decor, and cocktail sponsorships are still available. Sponsorships help offset event costs so more money raised at Lip Sync Battle can go directly to St. Cecilia School programs. Sponsors get website and social media recognition.

Can't make it to Lip Sync Battle? There are still many ways to get involved, from attending a class FUNdraiser to [donating an auction item](#) to buying a [raffle ticket](#) or [wine square](#). Many employers will also [match your financial contribution](#).

Thank you for all you're doing to support our educational programs and fundraise for new science textbooks for every student!

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**.