



# - ST. CECILIA SCHOOL - E-NEWSLETTER

February 27, 2019

## *We're Better Together!*

### A Note From Mrs. Garcia

Friday is the first day of March. If ever there was a month with an identity crisis, it is March! Consider its history: March was once the first month of the year; March is supposed to be the blossoming of spring and new life; March is named after the Roman god of war - Mars; in ancient times, armies began their journeys to or from battle in March! Today, in America, March has a new focus! Yea! March has been dubbed *National Reading Month!* The push is to recover family reading times, rediscover classics that were read together, and to share favorite reading materials! It is believed that the simple act of reading from a book is becoming a lost art and a discarded pastime. However, current research encourages us to pick up a book, read quietly or read aloud, read alone or with a group, read pages in sequence or random order! So, here is a challenge, Lent begins in March - next Wednesday as a matter of fact - decide to choose reading as a family Lenten activity. Decide as a family the type of reading, the day or days for reading sessions, the length of the session, and then a time to share what was read. Choose from all the literary genres, from all types of print, and above all find some spiritual choices, i.e. stories with a moral or lesson. This could be fun!

\*Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Read Aloud Day. This could be good practice to set up the family reading session. Take turns reading aloud - oldest to youngest, tallest to shortest, draw numbers, or accept volunteers. Have fun with it! Honor Dr. Seuss, whose literary genius inspired this national designation!

***Today a Reader ~ Tomorrow a Leader***

Joy,  
Mrs. Kathleen M. Garcia

### School News

#### DO NOT FORGET TO REMEMBER

- Every Thursday morning just before the First Bell, Reilly Moriarty and her Mom are in the Lower Church waiting for donations of First Communion Dresses and Veils. This is a special project that Reilly has initiated in hopes of making First Holy Communion a beautiful day for young girls who may not have the opportunity to have a beautiful dress! Look around and ask friends, neighbors, and family if there is a First Communion dress somewhere that could

### Follow St. Cecilia!



### Dates

#### **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

#### **March 23**

Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser

#### **March 24**

Musical Merit Certificate Program

#### **March 25**

be just the one for a special little girl. We do ask that the dresses are cleaned and do not need repair! Thank you!

- The St. Vincent DePaul Society is ever so grateful with the increase in the Friday Sandwich Donations. Hooray for all of us! Please, let's continue to challenge ourselves to make one more sandwich each week. We have been filling 3 - 4 medium sized boxes. Let's aim to fill 5!
- OOPS! Students are being dropped off again in the Rectory Parking Lot. We did ask that this practice stop. It is inconvenient for the staff members trying to park in the morning to have cars drive through and then allow children to dart through the lot to go down the stairs. The Gate on Vicente is opened by 7:10 am. A car can pull up to the entrance of the driveway and off load passengers safely. Students can then come directly down the ramp and go into the Auditorium or take their place in class lines. Let's all work together to keep our children safe!

## 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](mailto:stephreidy@gmail.com)

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## MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA FUNDRAISER



On **Tuesday, March 5th** get ready for Mardi Gras with lunch or dinner at Mozzarella di Bufala in West Portal. Mention St. Cecilia for dine-in or phone orders (not online) and Mozzarella di Bufala will donate 20% of proceeds from your food and beverage purchases to St. Cecilia School.

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## MILLBRAE PANCAKE HOUSE FUNDRAISER



Millbrae Pancake House has generously offered to donate 20% of sales back to St. Cecilia when you [bring your flyer](#) (digital or print). Eat as often as you can **through March 17th!**

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## LIP SYNC BATTLE SPRING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 23, 2019  
The Olympic Club  
[Get your tickets before they sell out!](#)

[Auction Donations Needed By March 1!](#) We're still accepting donations for our silent and live auctions, including vacation experiences, pay-to-play parties, event and sports tickets,

12:30pm Dismissal

**April 4**  
Reconciliation for Grades 2-8

**April 6**  
Confirmation 10am

**April 11**  
6th Grade Math Night

**April 12**  
Student Body Mass 11am

**April 18**  
Holy Thursday  
12:30pm Dismissal  
Egg Hunt in Larsen Park

**April 19**  
Good Friday  
Start of Easter Vacation

**April 22-26**  
Easter Vacation

**April 29**  
Classes Resume  
12:30pm Dismissal

summer camps, restaurant gift certificates, and custom jewelry. The auctions are the main focus of our fundraising efforts this year, so please help make them great!

[Program Ads Due by 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.

[Rockstar Volunteers Needed](#) We need your help to make the Lip Sync Battle gala and auction this year's party to remember. Come connect with other parents and show we're stronger, together.

[Wine Sponsorship Just Added](#) Sponsorships help offset event costs so more money raised at Lip Sync Battle can go directly to St. Cecilia School programs. We welcome individuals and local businesses to buy sponsorships.

[Have You Bought Your Raffle Tickets Yet?](#) Don't miss out on your chances to win free tuition for 3 months, free extended care for a year, principal for the day, or half the 50/50 pot.

[Get Friends and Family in on the FUNdraising](#) Which grade will win the first place free dress day and pizza and movie party? The second and third place ice cream social? Share your team's donation page with friends and family to help put them in the lead!

Still have questions? Email us: [scspringfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:scspringfundraiser@gmail.com)

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## 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](mailto: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

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## YEARBOOK ORDERS

Haven't ordered your SC yearbook yet?

Log in to your TreeRing account at [treering.com/signin](http://treering.com/signin) to order! If you are new, create an account by going to [TreeRing.com/validate](http://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](mailto:mbmclean@stceciliaschool.org) with any questions.

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## 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](http://www.basicfund.org).

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## 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](http://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**.