



– ST. CECILIA SCHOOL – E-NEWSLETTER

January 30, 2019

We're Better Together!

A Note From Mrs. Garcia

Catholic Schools Week is moving along at quite a clip here at St. Cecilia School. Our Sunday Family Mass opened our recognition of Catholic education here in The Parkside. On Monday we welcomed over 350 Grandparents, Great Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and Godparents to share some class time with our students! The turnout was overwhelming! Bless you all for coming! Thank you to those who traveled from all parts of California, Arizona, Nevada, and even New York! Our special time delighted the students and I believe it impressed all of our visitors! Moments like these teach far more than a written lesson plan: pride in learning, conversational skills, delightful intergenerational gatherings, sharing of stories, extending community, and living out traditions and legacy! Thank you so much for filling these hallways with compliments for the teachers, laughter with each other, and memories for our students.

Thursday is Multicultural Day and will be our grand finale for Catholic Schools Week 2019! The Talent Program begins at 8:30 am in the Pavilion. School Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by the International Table. Through our diversity we have the opportunity to see the beauty of the world that God creates around us!

I do hope that everyone got to view the Lit Pix displays! There is so much talent blossoming here at St. Cecilia School.

Remember that the kiddos go home Thursday and do not return until Tuesday morning, February 5th. The Teachers will be busy both days with in-services.

Just a small inspiration from Walt Whitman as we celebrate diversity and pray for world peace: *Peace is always beautiful.* And from St. Cecilia School Student Council: *We're Better Together!*

Joy,
Mrs. Kathleen M. Garcia

School News

LOOKING AHEAD

- February 1 & February 4 ~ No School for Students:

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Dates

January 31

Multicultural Day

February 1

No School for Students

February 4

No School for Students

February 8

Teacher Appreciation Day

February 10

Confirmation Meeting 10:30am

February 14

School Mass

February 15

No School

February 18

No School

February 25

12:30pm Dismissal

March 2

St. Patrick's Dinner

March 6

Ash Wednesday Mass 11am

March 7

First Communion Parent Meeting
7pm, Lower Church

Teacher In-Service Days

- All completed Stickergrams should be returned no later than February 7th (sooner if possible!)
- Friday, February 8th will be Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day here at St. Cecilia School. Send a family-created note to your classroom teacher and a hardworking staff member! There will be a State of the School Presentation at 2:15 in the Pavilion.
- February 15th - 18th is a long weekend for everyone to enjoy!

PLEASE NOTE

The snack bar will be open for the Friday night basketball games this Friday, February 1st. We have a 7th grade game at 5:00pm and then the 8th grade games are 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm.

There will be a special presentation before the 8:00pm A-team game vs St. Thomas More honoring Xavier Echon '09.

Snack bar proceeds will be donated to UCSF children's cancer research fund in Xavier's name.

Come join us to see the final 8th grade games of the regular season and to honor Xavier by supporting a wonderful cause.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the moms who helped make Grandparents/ Special Person Day very special

Thank you to all the parents that helped make it a special event, most especially: Andreliz McGlade, Cassandra Cheng, Gene Bytof, Jennifer Lyons, Krista Plato, Maureen Maguire, Monica Loos, Natasha Fernandez-del-Campo, Paola Uang, Regan Stuart-Killion, and Robyn Lee. You each made it a very special day for so many.

MOTHERS CLUB SPONSORED MASS - FEB 3

The St. Cecilia Mothers Club is hosting the Family Mass this Sunday, February 3rd at 9:30am. We are looking for volunteers to participate in mass, help with set-up of coffee and donuts, greet parishioners at the door, and help clean-up after the social hour. [Sign-up to volunteer!](#)

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.

March 10

Confirmation Meeting 10:30am

March 12

Spring Concert 7pm, Church

March 13

8th Grade Parent Meeting 7pm, Lower Church

March 15

St. Patrick's Mass 11am

March 18

No School - Pastor's Holiday

March 23

Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser

March 25

12:30pm Dismissal



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**.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

[St. Cecilia Lip Sync Battle](#)

Saturday, March 23, 2019

The Olympic Club

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Let's keep the FUN in fundraising!

We're having a fun and friendly competition between our grades for this year's annual spring fundraiser, Lip Sync Battle. There are three ways to FUNdraise prior to the event.

Goal \$1,500 per grade-it's OK to exceed that goal!

1. **Grade Lip Sync Competition** - Each grade will create a high-energy lip sync video at school. Parents, friends, and family will be able to watch the videos and donate online.

- o 1st place: Pizza and movie party
- o 2nd & 3rd place: Ice cream party

2. **Grade FUNdraiser** - Volunteers are organizing fun get-togethers for parents. Communications will come from the volunteers for each grade.

3. **Parent Performances** - Parents representing each grade are already hard at work putting together 3-minute lip sync routines to perform at the main event on March 23rd.

Want to give your grade an early lead? Make a [cash donation on the Lip Sync Battle website](#).

Cash or check donations are gladly accepted at the school office. Send envelopes Attn: Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser. Checks can be made out to St. Cecilia Mothers Club. Please specify the grade for each donation.

Best of luck to all!