



- ST. CECILIA SCHOOL - E-NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2019

We're Better Together!

A Note From Mrs. Garcia

As I compose this note, celebrations of Mardi Gras are reaching fever pitch or fading away, depending on the Time Zone. The traditions of Fat Tuesday can be traced backed to the very early days of Christianity. Time was set aside to savor all the favorite foods, music, and entertainment so that as Lent dawned, the heart could turn to Jesus' Desert Experience. Remember, Jesus spent 40 days in the Desert preparing for His Public Life, the 3 years in which He proclaimed the Good News of God's unconditional love for all people. As the Church grew up and countries identified themselves, the Lenten season reflected the culture and customs of a region. Ash Wednesday was preceded by a celebration of life's favorite moments. As you are reading this, Ashes are being placed on the foreheads of Believers who want to reflect on the journey that Jesus made. Lent is a personal journey, a time of private dedication to make some personal change that brings about a new good. The 6 weeks ahead are opportunities to reawaken a sense of personal, family, and community prayer, and an outreach to share in new ways. Perhaps this thought can inspire a Lenten direction for you: Be like Simon, Veronica or Joseph of Arimathea. Simon was a stranger to Jerusalem and answered a shout out to help carry the cross of a convicted criminal. Veronica was an elderly woman who wanted to help Jesus in some way, so she simply wiped the sweat and dirt from His face. Joseph was a prominent man who gave up a stunning symbol of his position - he offered his grave so that Jesus' body would not be left in the public for the Sabbath. There will be many times for us to be a Simon, a Veronica, or a Joseph. And, there will be many Simons, Veronicas, and Josephs who appear in our pathways. AMEN!

Joy,

Mrs. Kathleen M. Garcia

School News

DO NOT FORGET TO REMEMBER

- To return the Attendance Sheet that you have received for the mandatory Parent Meeting on March 27th..Thank you! We are looking forward to sharing this unique film with all of you.
- Drop Off Protocols: 1) Students are to enter school in the

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Dates

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

12:30pm Dismissal

March 27

Mandatory Parent Meeting 7pm

April 4

Reconciliation for Grades 2-8

morning on their own! Say good-bye as you reach the schoolyard 2.) The easiest entry for students into school in the morning is the Side Door to the left of the Vicente Street Gate 3.) Again...**Do not use** the Rectory Parking Lot for a Drop Off Point; *please* drive around and drop students off on Vicente Street

- As we model expectations, our children gain a better understanding of rules and procedures. Thank you for your understanding and support.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING



Parents and Guardians of all grades, K - 8, are asked to attend our Mandatory Parent Meeting for a screening of *Angst- Raising Awareness around Anxiety*. This film is very well done. It presents the viewer with a clear representation of anxiety through the experiences of teenagers, the

guidance of educators, and the wisdom of medical experts. The atmosphere is positive. Anxiety is the *most common* mental health concern for all ages across the United States, but also very treatable! A hard copy was sent home with your oldest child yesterday. Please return the RSVP portion.

Thank you!

Kathie Garcia
Principal

Mandatory Parent Meeting...

Screening of the Documentary
Angst, Raising Awareness around Anxiety

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 7:00 pm

A documentary that explores anxiety, its causes and effects, and what we can do about it.

WIN SAN JOSE SHARKS TICKETS

Watch the San Jose Sharks battle for the playoffs! Teams 2nd and 5th grade have partnered to bring you this special raffle for 4 tickets (Section 217, Row 13 at the Shark Tank). Winner chooses one (1) game from five (5) available dates. The prize drawing is on Sunday, March 10. [Get your raffle tickets now!](#)

Thank you 5th Grade parent Anthony Aguilar, for your fundraising donation!

BLAZE PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Join team 4th grade at Blaze Pizza in Stonestown Galleria on **Monday, March 11th** after school between 3:15-8 p.m. Blaze Pizza will donate **20%** of the proceeds from your meal back to St.

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



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!**

LIP SYNC BATTLE SPRING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 23, 2019

The Olympic Club

[Purchase Tickets](#)

It's the final countdown to SC Lip Sync Battle 2019! This year's event is a three-part ditty orchestrated around fun and community. Each part helps your student's grade [earn points](#) toward winning a grand prize pizza and movie party and free dress day, or ice cream social.

1. **Lip Sync Battle Kids video contest** - Now on SC(M)TV and online, watch the kids sync their hearts out with this fun competition. Love your favorite videos and vote for a winner to help your grade's team earn points! Please keep the videos and site password secret to protect student privacy (**do not** distribute on social media or public forums). Visit sclipsyncbattle2019.com and enter **password** better2gether.
2. **FUNdraising donation dollars** - Each grade is holding parties, dine-out opportunities, and other events to bring the SC community together while raising money for school programs and new science textbooks. Share your [grade's fundraising page](#) on social networks to ask friends and family to donate to your team. FUNdraising ends at 3 p.m. on March 22.
3. **Live competition voting** - Brave parents will take to the Lip Sync Battle stage on Saturday, March 23 at the Olympic Club. On show night, you'll be able to vote for your team on the auction website and in person until 9:30 p.m. Votes will be \$10 each. [Meet your team](#).

A few more ways you can help make Lip Sync Battle an epic success:

- [Donate to the auction](#). Deadline extended to March 8!
- [Get a company match](#) and make an even bigger impact with your donation.
- [Become a sponsor](#) to help offset event costs.
- [Buy raffle tickets](#) for chances to win free tuition for 3 months, free extended care for a year, principal for the day, or half the 50/50 pot.
- [Volunteer](#) to set up the silent auction or pitch in during the event.

Follow the [spring fundraiser on Facebook](#).

Still have questions? Email us: scspringfundraiser@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES: Upcoming SCMC Meetings

The next SCMC Board and General meetings will take place on May 2nd!

The SCMC Installation Mass and Brunch will be on May 19th, starting with the 9:30am mass and followed by a brunch in the lower church.

More to come on both events in April!

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.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: WEEK OF 3/6-3/12

Division	Home	Visitor	Date	Time	Location
6-7	SC-2	Waldorf	Friday	6pm	SC
6-1&2	SC-1	OLM	Friday	7pm	SC
8-2	SVDP	SC-1	Friday	7pm	SVDP
8-5	Holy Angels	SC-2	Friday	8pm	St. Stephen
7-6	SC-2	Father Sauer-2	Friday	8pm	SC
3rd Blue	STM	SC-1	Saturday	9am	STM
3rd Green	SC-2	Epiphany	Saturday	9am	SC
3rd Orange	SC-3	Salesian	Saturday	10am	SC
4-1	SC-1	St. Paul	Saturday	11am	SC
4-5	SC-3	St. Stephen-2	Saturday	12pm	SC
5-1	OLV	SC-1	Saturday	12:15pm	Bayview YMCA
5-6	SC-3	Jose Ortega	Saturday	1pm	SC
7-1&7-2	SC-1	St. Thomas Apostle	Saturday	2pm	SC

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**.