



"Tips for Today's Parents"

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Prepare children for a world with great diversity by teaching respect & tolerance.
Give them opportunities to make responsible decisions, to gain self-esteem.
Encourage & praise. But do not be afraid to discipline, to limit freedom of action.
Let your children know you are always ready to listen to their questions & problems.
Offer love that is unconditional but not over-indulgent.
Teach children to pray: strong faith will help them become mature adults.

+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

December 10, 2023

As I looked for a reflection this week, I saw this one. I think it was the word "PREPARE" that caught my eye! That was the message of the both the First Reading and the Gospel today.

The tips that were shared above can surely help our children prepare for Jesus, and prepare them to follow Jesus for life. These tips should not just be for our young people. They can help all of us, too. As we strive to prepare for the way of the Lord and make straight his paths, we "shall see the salvation of God."

Let us pray for each other as we travel through Advent that we are truly preparing our hearts and each other for the Lord. Let us pray that we will know and share the unconditional love of the Lord!

Have a great week! Happy Advent!
God bless you,
Sister Catherine

Construction update: Mrs. Mitchell moved her office, temporarily, to Sister Betty Ann's' office. The construction of the reception rooms began on Thursday. The framing was done, and the drywall was started in the reception room in the upper grade building! I will continue to keep you posted.

Upcoming Events

December 11	STRINGS CONCERT at 7:00 p.m. IN THE AUDITORIUM: See details below
December 12	School Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
December 13	BAND CONCERT at 7:00 p.m. IN THE AUDITORIUM! PLEASE JOIN US!!!
December 15	Buddy Day
December 17	Lunch with Santa
December 18	Pre-K Christmas Celebration – 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten Pageant – 1:30 p.m.
December 19	Christmas Pageant, Grades 1 to 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Church
December 20	Archbishop's Christmas Party: Student Council and Service Commission
December 22	Christmas Pageant: at 10:15 in church. 12:30 Dismissal – NO CARES – Please make plans for dismissal now



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Uniform Policy: We need your help with your children following the Uniform Policy:

- Sneakers are only worn to school on gym days with gym uniforms.
- Girls should be wearing KNEE socks. Some students have begun to wear Nike and other sport socks.
- Some boys need haircuts. The hair is in their eyes and too long.
- Polo shirts are NOT part of the winter uniform. Boys should be wearing collared shirts and a tie. They must either wear a sweater or vest as well. The girls in Grades 5 to 8 should be wearing collared shirts with either a sweater or a vest. The correct shirts must also be worn with the three-quarter zip jackets.
- In many grades, the girls are coming to school with nail polish and with bracelets/hair ties, etc., up their arms.

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Traffic Concerns: I still have concerns about the way students are dropped off and picked up in the school yard. Our goal is to eliminate the students walking in the school yard as cars are driving in. If you have to drop them off, you need to drive to the cones. Your child should exit the car and walk directly to the cones. If it is a longer distance, then please walk them to the cones. At dismissal, please do not pull out of the parking lot while the students are walking out to Rhawn Street. No one should enter Jeanes Street, nor should you park by the library. I feel that Stanwood is getting better at dismissal. We ask that our younger students stay with their parents as you wait for older siblings. Some of our young ones are throwing leaves in the mailbox on Stanwood. This just makes it more difficult for the mail carriers. Thank you so much for your assistance with arrival and dismissal!

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce our 2023 Christmas show. The show will be featuring the students from our school, along with the students from Saint Hillary School.

The children will be backed up by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, who play in a fabulous band called the Depue Brothers. Also, backing up the children will be Dave Noble, former lead singer with the Trammys, and Gloria Galante. Gloria is the harp professor at Westchester University.

It is our hope that by observing, and performing with these world class musicians, our students will be inspired to new heights on their musical Journey. This show should be the musical high point of the season.

The show starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at: <https://jesse-music-llc.ticketleap.com/2023> **Children under 18 are FREE!**

We are looking forward to a tremendous Christmas show that will be remembered for years to come.

Best holiday, and musical regards,
Michael Kraft
String Director



**Saint Cecilia School
Candy Grams**

It's time to spread holiday cheer at SCS!

Candy grams will be sold from December 11th through December 19th.

\$1 each, maximum of 5 candy grams per student
Each candy gram includes a note and a candy cane

Candy Grams will be distributed Thursday, December 21st

All students will receive one candy gram from their buddy and one candy gram from student council.	Merry Christmas!
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