



In the Midst of Winter

- Cal Wick

Lord: In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak, remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/winter-prayers>

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+Dear St. Cecilia Families,

January 17, 2024

I hope that you enjoyed your snow day. I know that it wasn't the best of days, but I did get a picture of some of our students out on their sleds! I have a feeling that we will have a few more this winter. I have to say that I do enjoy two-hour delays, too.

I found this prayer and I thought it was good for this time of this year. I like how this prayer reminds of us this and of the Resurrection. So, in the midst of the challenges and the crosses that we all have to bear, let us pray: *"Lord, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul."*

Have a great week! Stay warm! Be careful in the cold and in the snow!

God bless you,
Sister Catherine Irene, IHM

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Winter Weather Notifications: As you know from this week, if we have a change of schedule due to the weather (no school, delayed opening, or early dismissal), you will be notified by TEXT, PHONE CALL, AND EMAIL. If you did not receive a text or phone call these last two days, please email me with your cell phone number. I will make sure that we update your FACTS account and our records. Again, I apologize for the multiple texts and phone calls late Monday. There were issues with FACTS but they were corrected by Tuesday. Thank you!

Wear gym uniforms from Wed. to Fri.,
January 17 – 19.

Looking Ahead:

- January 17 Fitness Club meets today
- January 18 Sister Mary Sue Carwile, IHM, visits today;
Sister Margaret Rose, IHM, from OCE,
SPAT Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- January 20 Quizzo: Proceeds to benefit scholarship fund
- January 22 Walnut Street Assembly: How A Star Gets Made: The Bessie Coleman Story
- January 23 Service Clubs Meet after school
- January 24 School Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
NO BAND TODAY – MOVED TO FRIDAY, 1/26
- January 25 District Principals’ Meeting
- January 26 BAND LESSONS TODAY, including band practice after school
- January 28 – February 2 Catholic Schools Week: Ideas and schedule are attached
- January 28 Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11:00 am. Followed by Open House: See Flyer
- February 5 Principal Zoom Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Pre-K Parent-Teacher Conferences: No School for Pre-K Children only
- February 6 – 9 Progress Reports Distributed
- February 9 Sweethearts’ Dance
- February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY: Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m.
- February 16 FACULTY MEETING: No School for Students
- February 19 PRESIDENTS’ DAY HOLIDAY– NO SCHOOL
- March 1 – 8 Terra Nova NEXT testing: Grades 2 -7; it’s also the end of the trimester**
Please do not schedule trips or appointments during Terra Nova. Thank you!

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Snow Days in the Future: As we move through the winter, we will have to plan for virtual snow days. We don’t want to have to make up any days or take away holidays. We are working on plans that will include a mix of virtual classes, assignments on Google classrooms, and worksheets. We will also have shortened days. Children (and adults) should have time to enjoy snow days. We hope to share our plan before we have to use it. Who knows what will happen on Friday? Thank you!

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HEALTH REMINDERS: There are a few different sicknesses going around. Some students have had Covid. A few students have had the flu and a couple have had RSV. There have been quite a few students with coughs, runny noses, and sniffles. While these could be allergies, they could also be signs of colds, strep throat, etc. We ask that if your child is not feeling good, please keep him or her at home. Everyone must be fever free for 24 hours, without taking medicine, before they return to school. Thank you for your

assistance in keeping everyone healthy.

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PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER CYO EVENTS: This morning, Mr. George showed me a picture of the gym following basketball on Sunday and Monday. There were water bottles in the bleachers and where teams sit. The chairs were still up following games. This not the first time it’s happened. The bathrooms were a mess, too, with paper towels on the floor, etc. I ask that all CYO players, coaches, and parents to please take care of our gym and clean up after all practices and games. I also ask you to follow the rules of the gym which are posted throughout. There are classes in there every day and it should be clean and clear for our students and Mrs. Weiler. Thank you!



St. Cecilia School students participated in the MLK Service Project at the Rec Center on Monday. It was their chance to give back to our community. We thank our students and their teachers, Ms. Roney and Mrs. Weiler! We thank all those who planned this wonderful and successful community event!



***Forensics Tournament at
St. Joseph's Prep on Saturday, January
13***

We congratulate the following students for their great success in the first in-person Forensics Tournament since COVID:

Presley Porretta & Maeve King -1st Place Duo.
 Lillian Knox & Mary Klepesky – 2nd Place Duo.
 Fiona Donnelly & Ellie Felipe – 5th Place Duo.
 Cassidy Keenan 5th Place Prose

We congratulate and thank their moderator, Mrs. Brewster, for her dedication and leadership!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Cecilia School



*A Christ-Centered Community
Committed to Academic Excellence*

Celebrating
Catholic Schools Week

SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

Join us for 11:00am Mass
followed by an Open House!

Open to current, incoming,
and prospective students and
families.

Tours and enrollment
information available.

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Until 2:00pm

525 Rhawn Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111



PLAN AHEAD!

**SAINT
CECILIA
PARISH**

Protecting God's Children Classes

Register Online

Interested in serving our parish and school as a volunteer? We will be hosting a class that is needed in order to obtain clearances as a volunteer. To register, scan the QR code below.

Contact Kristin Weiler for information

safe@stceciliafc.com

March 5, 2024

6:00 - 9:00pm

March 6, 2024

9:00a - 12:00pm

