

Sister Catherine's

WEEKLY WORD

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen. - Henri J.M. Nouwen

Retrieved from <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/advent-prayers-on-11/27/2024>



+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

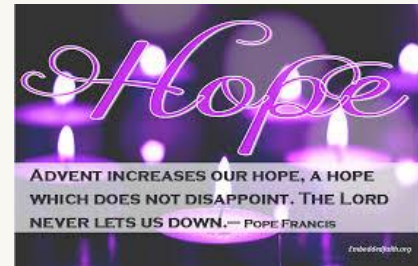
I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We move right into the season of Advent. I think this prayer is very appropriate during this busy time.

Let us try to slow down, to reflect on this holy season, and to look forward in hope to the coming of Jesus.

Have a great 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent!

God bless you,  
Sister Catherine

December 2, 2024



REMINDER

FIRST LOTTERY DRAWING: TUESDAY,  
DEC. 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Auditorium



Lottery Reminders

When returning lottery tickets and money, please only include 25 tickets in an envelope. The returns are put into a safe and the slots are narrow. Thank you for your great support!



LOOKING AHEAD

- December 2 Classes Resume
- December 3 First Drawing of the Lucky Notes Lottery!
- December 3-4 Secret Santa Shop
- December 9 Immaculate Conception: School Mass, 10 am
- December 11 Band Concert – Chorus performs: 7:00 pm
- December 15 Lunch with Santa
- December 16 Strings Concert, 7:00 pm  
Report Cards will be posted
- December 18 Archbishop Christmas Party
- December 19 Christmas Pageants:  
Pre-K @9:00, K@ 1:30 pm  
6:30 pm, Grades 1-4 and Grade 8 Tableau
- December 20 Christmas Pageant, School, 1:30 pm.  
Christmas Vacation begins: Full Day
- December 25 Merry Christmas
- December 27 Happy Birthday Baby Jesus, 9 am to 1 pm
- December 31 Lucky Notes Lottery drawing at NOON today
- January 1 Happy New Year!
- January 6 Classes resume



SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL  
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**Secret Santa Workshop  
December 3 and 4**

Our Secret Santa Workshop is quickly approaching! We need all the help we can get to make this event a huge success for our children. Please sign up for as many spots as you can, we will need help with both days. If all spots are already filled for your child's class, please email the Home and School at [hands@stceciliafc.com](mailto:hands@stceciliafc.com).

[Secret Santa Workshop Sign-Up](#)

All help is welcome and appreciated! Don't forget to wear your Christmas best!

**Neumann Scholarship Announcement**

We received word from the Connelly Foundation that at least one student from St. Cecilia School has won a Neumann Scholarship. (Last year, we had three winners but we did not know until the day of the announcement.) The Connelly Foundation will sponsor the 2025 Virtual Neumann Scholarship Award Announcement on **Friday, December 6 at 10:30am**. We invite you to join us using the Zoom link below to hear the names of the students who will earn full, four-year tuition to the Archdiocesan high school of their choice for the 2025-2026 school year. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85057883537>

**Upcoming Events**

**School Mass:** All are invited to our **School Mass on Monday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m. for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. This is the feast day of the Sisters of IHM. At our mass, our IHM Sisters will renew their vows. We are excited to do so for our school children and we hope many of their families will be able to join us.

**Band and Choir Concert:** Please join us for concert on **Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium. This year, both the St. Cecilia School Band and Choir will perform in the same concert. We hope that many of you will be able to enjoy the talents of our musicians and their directors!

**Lunch with Santa:** Please look for the flyers for Lunch with Santa. It sells out every year! We will send the flyer home soon! It will be on **Sunday, December 15**. When you receive the flyer, buy your tickets as soon as possible!

**Strings Concert:** Please join us for our String Concert on **Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium. Students from St. Hillary School and from Mr. Kraft's studio will also perform. See you on the 16<sup>th</sup>

**Financial Aid Reminders**

It is now time to apply for Financial Aid for the 2025-2026 school year. We ask that EVERY family complete the financial aid packet with **FACTS GRANT AND AID**. This is required if you want to apply for the OLPH Scholarship and for the Parish Scholarships for both St. Cecilia and St. William Parishes.

To apply, you can go to your **FACTS FAMILY PORTAL** and begin there. We are looking to have a night where you can come and ask for help. Details will be sent home soon! Thank you!

**Help Needed for Lunch and Recess: [Please sign up here to volunteer](#)**

# ST. CECILIA SCHOOL MERCHANDISE



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## School Merchandise Sale

Check out the new merchandise on the SCS Store on the school website. The link is above. Great time to purchase gifts for Christmas! There is something for everyone – including our Alumni!!!

What can the students wear to school? Here are some of the permissible options to the school uniform.

- SCS Embroidered Sweatshirt (3/4 Zip) may be worn in place of the sweater or sweater vest
- Crewneck Sweatshirt (Gray with Green *Saint Cecilia*) may be worn for GYM uniform.
- Long sleeve T-shirts may also be worn for GYM uniform.

Remember: NO HOODED SWEATSHIRTS may be worn in school as part of the uniforms.

Check out all of the items at the SCS Store!

## Christmas Schedule

Confession (additional priests available)  
Mondays ~ Dec. 16 & 23 (6:00-7:00pm)

### Masses

Christmas Eve ~ 4 & 7pm

Christmas Day  
6:30am, 8am,  
9:30am, 11am



## SAVE THE DATE!

100th Anniversary of Saint Cecilia School  
will be in 2025.

We are in the planning stages for an  
All Class Reunion and Celebration  
**November 22, 2025**

*Mark your calendar now!*



Find us on Facebook—St. Cecilia Grade School Alumni—  
Fox Chase, PA  
The Alumni Committee is looking for any grade school pictures—please share them with us and send them via email to [alumni@stceciliafc.com](mailto:alumni@stceciliafc.com) and include your name and the year you graduated.