

WEEKLY WORD



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

+Dear St. Cecilia School Community,

Pope Francis has called all Catholics to celebrate 2025 as a Jubilee of Hope. "Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year. It is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of Creation. Jubilees happen every 25 years.

We are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis said, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Let us help each other to be people of hope and may we bring this hope to all we meet each day!

God bless you,
Sister Catherine



February 17, 2025 REMINDER

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. Thank you!



NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:
TUESDAY, February 18, 2025,
7:00 p.m., Auditorium.
Jackpot: \$15,000



LOOKING AHEAD

- 18 Presentation with Sara Martin, 8:30 am, Auditorium
- 27 Sacrament Information Meeting for Parents with Children Receiving Eucharist or Confirmation, 7:00 pm. Church

March

- 1 Duelling Pianos: For details and tickets: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/duelling-pianos-6823/items?cart>
- 4 Musicopia Final Assembly with Pre-K – 10:00 am –
- 5 Ash Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Service
- 7 FAMILY BINGO: Auditorium
- 11 Musicopia Final Assembly - Kindergarten – 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Second Trimester Ends
- 17 Faculty Retreat – NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
- 18 – 21 Cultural Appreciation Week; Details to follow
- 19 District Principals Meeting
- 20 Grade 7 Universal High School Visitation Day
- 21 Grade 8 Retreat

Save the dates:

Terra Nova Testing, March 21 – 28:

Please do not schedule appointments or vacations during these days!



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Reminders and Requests

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

- Please make sure your children are dressed warmly when they come to school. The girls may wear their gym pants or their St. Cecilia School pjs to school with their uniforms.
- No HOODIES or PJ bottoms or sweatpants may be worn in school during the school day.
- Please make sure that your children are following the UNIFORM POLICY. Please remember the following:
For Girls, uniforms should be 1" above the knee. Knee socks should be pulled up. No polo shirts are worn at this time of the year. There should be no nail polish worn or fake nails should be worn.
For Boys, hair should not be long, covering their eyes, or below the collar. Polo shirts should not be worn. Ties should be worn.

TRAFFIC REMINDERS

- The parking lot has become dangerous. In the morning, too many people are stopping as soon as you turn near the cones. Traffic is being held up. As a result, many try to pass the stopped cars. Then, other drivers are trying to pull out a parking space. If you need to stop, please park in a spot and then walk your child to the coned area. Please know that at DISMISSAL, we will let all walkers walk to the church before we allow drivers to pull out. I ask for your patience and consideration. It is always about the SAFETY of our children.
- On STANWOOD STREET, I see people still making U-Turns in the morning. Please do not make U-Turns, double-park, or block the buses. Please use the crosswalk.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD:

We congratulate our students who participated in the Science Olympiad on Saturday, February 8. St. Cecilia was the only Catholic elementary school who participated out of 11 schools. As a team, St. Cecilia place 4th out of 11 schools and will participate in the Regional Tournament on March 14 at Penn State – Abington. We thank Ms. Lavery for her leadership, and we thank Mrs. Amons and Mrs. Mazza for their support!

We congratulate the following students: Jerrolyn Ouattara and Sahara Jamba, 4th Place Fossils; Attis Rudic and Harrison Tran, 4th Place Ecology; Jason Pierre-Louis and Harrison Tran, 4th Place Helicopter; Liam Roney and Connor Whalen, 3rd Place Write It Do it; Christine Lawley and Marvin Nunez, 4th Disease Detectives; Alice Wood, Aneisha Ishaq, Violet Ramos, Paetyn McLaughlin, Isabella Santiago, and Kylie McGill.

Good luck on March 14th!

RELIGION BEE:

We congratulate Ansleigh Lapacinski who competed in the Regional Archdiocesan Religion Bee on Thursday, February 13. Ansleigh made it to the final round and will compete in the FINALS of the Religion Bee at the St. John Neumann Shrine on Tuesday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m. Good luck, Ansleigh!!

Upcoming Events:

St. Cecilia School will hold its first annual Cultural Appreciation Week from March 18 to 21. We will have a Cultural Appreciation Show on Friday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Please save the date! Details about the week are coming soon!!!

Help Needed for Lunch and Recess: If you have clearances, please call or email us to help.