



SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

“Higher education starts here”

April 9, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are 12 days away from Easter Sunday and that day is the holiest day of the year when we celebrate the good news of Christ’s Resurrection. This week I thought it appropriate to share 12 good things that are happening here at St. Cecilia:

1. The students have been working on completing their Lenten promise of “40 Days + 40 items.” This involves having the students donate one article of clothing for every day of Lent, putting it into a plastic baggie, and donating the bag to the St. Vincent de Paul Society after Easter Sunday.
2. Ms. McBride and the students participated in the American Heart Association’s “Kids Heart Challenge” and raised \$971.21 for the organization. What a great way to give back to those in our community!
3. The whole school, along with many Catholic schools in the metro area, donated nearly \$300 to Pencils of Promise. This support has helped to build more than 500 schools in Ghana, Guatemala, and Laos.
4. For the flood relief collection, the St. Cecilia community brought in: 34 bottles of bleach, 260 water bottles, 12 buckets, 4 mops, 2 shovels, 2 bottles of Mr. Clean, 2 bottles of Lysol, 2 gallon buckets full of snacks, 20 Gatorade bottles, 56 pairs of gloves, 100 latex gloves, 308 towels, 12 sponges, face masks, 40 containers of disinfecting wipes, Magic Erasers, 80 trash bags, and 42 paper towels. Thank you to Drew Gerken for delivering the items to the DC West school community to help clean up their school. Thank you to ABC and the participants in the Alumni Basketball Tournament for their cash donations to the same cause.
5. On May 5th, there will be 23 second graders receiving First Communion in the Cathedral. Thank you to Mrs. Humpal, Ms. Pistek, Fr. Grewe, Fr. Buckley, and all 2nd grade parents who have worked so hard this year preparing the students for this blessed sacrament.
6. In November, 21 eighth graders received the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Those 8th graders will go on to high school next year and continue on their path with Christ.
7. This weekend we celebrated the success of St. Cecilia at Concert & Cuisine. We are still tabulating final numbers for “Pick’s Pick” and we will share that information when

we have all of it collected. This year, "Pick's Pick" was for the STEAM Lab/Media Center renovation and Prairie STEM curriculum. If you did not attend Concert & Cuisine this year, please consider donating to St. Cecilia during Omaha Gives! on May 22nd. All proceeds from Omaha Gives! will go into the same fund as "Pick's Pick" from Concert & Cuisine.

8. Before Christmas Break, the students brought in over 15,000 diapers to be donated to the Lydia House. This collection was organized by student council members and was a great testament to our #loveyourneighbor mission this year.
9. During Catholic Schools Week, students, parents, and community members donated a variety of supplies so the students could put together "Blessing Bags." These bags were then given to students to keep in their parent's car in the event they drive past someone in the community who needs assistance.
10. We are blessed to have such a positive priest presence in the school. Fr. Grewe, Fr. Buckley, and Seminarian Jamrog make frequent classroom visits to share the Catholic faith with the students. Deacon Tardy was in the Kindergarten classroom this morning and talked about the three days before Easter, Stations of the Cross, and other items related to Lent.
11. The St. Cecilia teachers spent a day together in January, celebrating fellowship and giving back to the parish that supports us throughout the year. Teachers wrote letters to widows/widowers, others visited the homebound, and the rest of them made tie blankets for the residents at Via Christie.
12. All students participated in helping the parish refugee families who were displaced during the closing of the Yale Park apartments. Special thank you to Pam Font-Gabel and Drew Gerken for their guidance through the process.

I want to say thank you to all who have contributed to the above successes at St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School this year. We have much to celebrate and yet there is still time left in the year to accomplish more!

Blessings,
Mrs. Pick

This Friday, all are invited and welcome to attend Living Stations at 1:30pm in St. Bernadette Hall. Praying the Stations of the Cross is one of the Church's most long lasting traditions. It is very common for Churches to offer Stations of the Cross for their community once a week during the season of Lent to help us journey with Jesus during His Passion. Our 7th graders have been working hard these past two weeks learning how to act out the Stations of the Cross. This is a very special opportunity for them and us to truly journey with Christ and take up His Cross during this Season of Lent.

Home & School Garage Sale Update: The email address in last week's THT did not have a complete email. The correct email is mickeyh318@gmail.com

Soccer Camp Opportunity

Coach Paule does offer a Faith based camp in the summer (with the CU assistant coaches and players that stay in Omaha) called Team Complete in which he focuses on Courage, Confidence & Being a Team player on and off the field. Each day at the camp not only does he work to build soccer skills he helps them focus on what it means to be a well rounded individual...Mind, Body & Heart. He even gives them "homework" of 3-4 questions to discuss with their families each night and the kids bring back their discussion notes the next day. Our involvement with him and that camp is how the communication regarding these Outreach session began. This will be the 3rd year STM has brought his camp back and on average 40 students take part (the summer camp has a cost associated with it-STM Sports Club covers a portion for our students) - Holy Cross donates their field each year for that week. This year the camp is June 17-20th attached is the registration information.

Coach Paule's email address is rosspaule@creighton.edu for anyone that would like more information about the community outreach or his camp.