



# SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

## "Higher education starts here"

# Parent Newsletter

November 22, 2016

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### ADVANC-ED ACCREDITATION

St. Cecilia School is one of only a few metro elementary schools that is accredited by AdvancED, an international accreditation organization. Every 5<sup>th</sup> year we go through the reaccreditation process. Part of the process included the Parent Survey that many of you completed in October. The survey generates an overall score for each of the 5 Standards that we and the outside review team use to assess our current status. Below are the results based on a 1 to 5 point scale. Also listed is one of the highest strengths in each area.

#### Standard 1 – Purpose and Direction – 4.03

\*Our school's purpose statement is clearly focused on student success.

#### Standard 2 – Governance and Leadership – 4.09

\*Our school has high expectations for students in all classes.

#### Standard 3 – Teaching and Assessing – 3.96

\*My child has up-to-date computers and other technology to learn.

#### Standard 4 – Resources and Support Systems – 4.08

\*Our school provides a safe learning environment.

#### Standard 5 – Using Results for Continuous Improvement – 4.07

\*My child is prepared for success in the next school year.

### TERRA NOVA STANDARDIZES TEST RESULTS

We have received the test results for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Parent Copy is in a sealed envelope that was given to your child today to take home to you. The bar graph shows your student's National Percentile on each subtest as compared to the average National Percentile of 50. Please read the back of the report for more details about your child's areas of strength/weaknesses.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### Putting Writing Skills into Practice:



- Today is the feast of our school and parish patron saint, St. Cecilia. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in room 207 wrote letters to her such as: "Dear St. Cecilia, I want to be a saint like you." "What is it like in heaven? Are you having fun?"

- Many classes had activities honoring our veterans on Veteran's Day. Room 113 first graders wrote thank you letters to war veterans they know, including dads, uncles, and Mrs. Bohaty's husband, Justin, who is leaving for training next week before his 4<sup>th</sup> deployment. He will be in the Persian Gulf.

### HOME & SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Home & School Association is organizing a collection for a faculty and staff gift. Please see the flyer in your child's backpack today.



*We wish each of our St. Cecilia Families a blessed Thanksgiving! We are grateful for your support and care throughout the year. We pray that Our Lord continues to keep each of you in his loving care.*

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 22 – Feast of St. Cecilia – special prayer service – 2:30 P.M.

Nov. 22 – Confirmation for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders – 7:00 P.M.

### **Nov. 23 – 27 – Thanksgiving Vacation**

Nov. 28 – Advent Prayer Service – 10:00 A.M.

Nov. 29 – Progress Reports out

Dec. 1 – Hearing Screening for grades K,1,2,3,6

### **Dec. 2 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice**

Dec. 5 – Advent Prayer Service – 10:00 A.M.

Dec. 6 – Family Math Night – 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Dec. 9 – Kindergarten Christmas Program – 2:15

Dec. 12 – Advent Prayer Service – 10:00 A.M.



**Family Math Night**  
discover the wonders of math...together

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Tuesday, December 6**

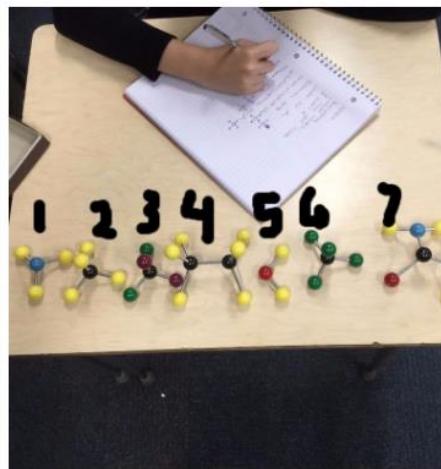
**5:30 – 7:30 P.M.**

### **CREIGHTON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TICKETS!**

Attached is voucher for up to 4 tickets for free admission to the Creighton vs. KU game on Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 P.M.



The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade took a field trip to Fontenelle Forest. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade program, "My, What Sharp Claws You Have!" studied animal and plant adaptations. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade program, "Predator/Prey," discovered the nature of predator-prey relationships and population dynamics.



1. Ammonia 2. Methane 3. Dichlorofluoromethane 4. Ethane 5. Water 6. Carbon Tetrachloride 7. Urea  
This was lots of fun we learned a lot !!!

Nov 10, 2016

**Our Robotics teams** competed at a Skills Tournament last week. The above team, "Tech-Wiz Unicorns," placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team members above are Amritasha S., Katie H., and Melissa L.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders made models of compounds to learn the basics of compounds vs. elements. To the left is a screen clip from one student's **digital learning journal**. Using the website SeeSaw, the students digitally record their scientific findings using annotated still shots or videos.