



SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

"Higher education starts here"

Parent Newsletter

February 28, 2017 Paulette Rourke, Principal

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES for the 2017-2018 School Year

Two types of financial aid are available to those families who demonstrate financial need.

Children's Scholarship Fund has money available to help pay student tuition. If you meet the guidelines below, I urge you to submit an online application at www.csfomaha.org. The applications of those qualifying families who apply are chosen by financial need priority. The scholarships are available for students who will be in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Complete applications are due April 28. The income guidelines for NEW applicants are:

Household Size	Maximum Eligible 2016 Income
Two	\$29,637
Three	\$37,296
Four	\$44,955
Five	\$52,614
Six	\$60,273

St. Cecilia Cathedral School Financial Assistance Applications are also now available in the school office. Stop by or call us at 402-556-6655 to receive the application form.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID, YOU MUST REAPPLY FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The 4th and 5th graders (right) enjoyed a trip to see the Shrine Circus.



The 1st graders (right) do Guided Math station rotations. They travel from small group teacher instruction to mimeo board activities to math apps on their iPads.



One of our School Improvement Goals is the improvement of writing for all students across the curriculum. You will see samples of student writing throughout the school.

- The 3rd graders worked on their creative writing with... *If I Lived in a Snow Globe!*
- After reviewing note-taking skills, the 5th graders created a document on a famous Black American. They completed the project with learning the proper way to cite their sources by creating a bibliography.



- The 4th graders (left) read the story, "What Do Snowmen Do at Night" and then created their own version. After they wrote a rough draft, they revised it and wrote down their final version on paper. The class then took photos of the pages in their books, edited the photos, and then made their own digital version of the story on an app called *Book Creator*. The completed project included their voices after they recorded themselves reading their story.

Upcoming EVENTS

March 1 – Ash Wednesday – 10:00 Mass
 March 3 – NO EARLY DISMISSAL
 March 8 – *Alice in Wonderland* Operetta @ 2:00
 March 9 – *Alice in Wonderland* Operetta @ 7:00
 March 10 – GRANDPARENTS DAY
 9:30 Mass
 11:00 – Operetta
 Noon – dismissal
 March 16 - End of 3rd Quarter
 March 17 – NO SCHOOL
 March 24 – Report Cards



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

We held our Kindergarten Roundup on Feb. 11. Future Kindergarteners (above) did activities, made a craft, read a story and shared a snack. Their parents met for a presentation by our school nurse and St. Cecilia Parents. Tours of the school were also offered. If you know of someone who missed our roundup...no problem! Just ask them to contact the school office to arrange a short private roundup.



Alice in Wonderland OPERETTA

Grades 3 – 8 will perform *Alice in Wonderland* on Wednesday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any 3rd-8th grader or at the door.



Grandparents' Day



March 10 is Grandparents Day. Will you please let your oldest/only child know how many grandparents we can expect? The invitation is attached.

- ✓ Sign and return Progress Report (was due Friday)
- ✓ Send in registration for next year (due March 3)
- ✓ Comedy & Cuisine Giftcard Contest (due March 3)



Class Basket Turn-in

Basket drop-off is in the gym, from 7:45 to 8:15 A.M, on Thursday, Friday, Monday (March 2, 3, and 6).



If you cannot make it during those hours, you may drop off in the office. Please make sure to include tag with value, grade level, contents, and theme.

The Class Baskets will be sold at the operetta performances on March 8-10.



St. Cecilia Student Artwork to be shown at the State Capitol for Nebraska's 150th Birthday!

Selected artworks from grades four through eight will be displayed at the State Capitol building from February 27 to March 2 for the sesquicentennial celebration. The artwork was taken from our recent exhibit shown during the Flower Festival called **Nebraska: Through the Eyes of Children**. A special thank you to First Lady Susanne Shore for making this possible.

Saint Cecilia Cathedral School

The Mission of St. Cecilia Cathedral School is to:



Teach and live the Catholic Faith within in a nurturing family-like community.
 Teach respect for all.
 Foster each student's academic potential.