



SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

"Higher education starts here"

October 15, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Last week was a friendly reminder from above that colder weather is indeed closing in on us. As much as we would love for the fall mornings and crisp evenings to stick around, winter and the weather that comes with it are on their way. This would be a great time to communicate a **CHANGE IN WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS** for this year.

Omaha Public Schools (OPS) has the following two options for winter weather this year:

- **No School** - If you see Omaha Catholic Schools make a call for "No School," this means that all classes, after school activities, and sport practices are cancelled for the day. The St. Cecilia Cathedral Child Care will also be closed for the day.
- **2-Hour Late Start** - This is a new policy that OPS is implementing this year. If you see Omaha Catholic Schools make a call for "2-Hour Late Start," this means that all classes at St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School will begin at 10 AM. You would be able to drop off your child(ren) starting at 9:45 AM. A 2-hour late start means that the Child Care Center would also be opening at 10:00 AM.

The Omaha Catholic Schools Office *usually* follows the decision of OPS, but sometimes this may not be the case. When we are expecting winter weather, be sure to watch WOWT, KETV-7, KMTV-3, KPTM FOX, and Omaha World Herald's website for "Omaha Catholic Schools - No School; Omaha Catholic Schools - 2-Hour Late Start." Another way to stay up-to-date is to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

This new 2-hour late start will have some bugs that we'll have to work out as we go. We will still be ordering lunch from Westside but we have been told that it may affect the lunch times a bit. As soon as we experience and go through the process, I'll communicate how lunch times will work on those late start days. It's important to communicate that as your child's parent(s), on the days of inclement weather, you can also make the decision to keep your family home if you feel as though it is the safest option for you.

Praying for a safe (and warm) winter season!

Important Items to Know:

- The Activities Booster Club (ABC) has kicked off their annual **Holiday Wreath Fundraiser**. These wreaths, centerpieces, and door hangings are shipped fresh from the Pacific Northwest and smell wonderful. There are non-perishable items to choose from as well. Proceeds from the fundraiser allow ABC to fund multiple activities at St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School. Most recently, ABC providing funding for the purchase of materials for the new STEAM Lab! Orders will be accepted until Friday, November 8th. Please turn in orders with payment to your child's homeroom teacher. ABC thanks you in advance for your support.
- **It is basketball registration time!**
We are now forming St Cecilia basketball teams for boys and girls in grade 3-8. Sign up by going to <http://st-cecilia-elementary-school.siplay.com/site/> Practices will begin around November 11, with the first games starting a few weeks after. The season runs through February. Registration deadline is Thursday, October 24. Questions? Contact Shaina McBride smcbride@stcecilia.net

Volunteering:

As a reminder any parent who would like to volunteer in the school or be a room parent must be safe environment trained. For more information about this program and to sign up for a class please visit: <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment>

Fundraising:

Hy-Vee Cash for Students: Sept. 1- Dec. 31st

- You can start collecting your Hy-vee receipts beginning on September 1st and continue until December 31st. You can shop at any of the twelve Omaha stores. The receipts collected **MUST** have the date on them or they will not be counted. Hy-Vee will donate \$1.00 for every \$200.00 dollars spent. We can receive up to \$2000.00 dollars simply by keeping track and turning in your Hy-Vee receipts.

Family Fare: Year round receipt collections

- Drop off next to box tops by the office side door

Box Tops: Year round

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- Collection sheet attached

Coke Rewards: Year round

- Drop off next to box tops by the office side door

TAGG: NOW AVAILABLE!

- Download the app, shop at select area locations, upload your receipt and the school will get 5% back <https://togetheragreatergood.com/>

Dates to Know:

October is Respect Life Month

October 16: All School Mass 8:30

October 18: All School Assembly 2:30 ~ Gym /End of First Quarter/ Child Care Monster Mash/ Lisa's Cafe Dine Out

October 21-25: Red Ribbon Week

October 23: All School Mass 8:30

October 23: My Pie Dine Out ~ 4-8pm

October 24: Noon Dismissal ~ No lunch served

October 24: Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-8pm

October 25: No School

October 31: PK & K Halloween parties

Blessings,
Mrs. Pick