

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Rake in the Cash Raffle**
November 3rd-23rd
- * **Fall Food Drive**
November 4th-17th
- * **Fall Open House**
November 10, 2025
5:30pm-7pm
- * **No School/ Veteran's Day**
November 11, 2025
- * **Narragansett Bay Commission**
November 12, 2025
Grades 3 & 4 -9am-10am
- * **PTO Coupon Dress Down**
November 19, 2025
*No coupon-No Problem
bring \$5 and dress down
- * **End of Trimester 1**
November 25, 2025
Report Cards will be going home
- * **PD/Distance Learning**
November 26, 2025
- * **Thanksgiving Break**
November 27th & 28th
- * **Parent Teacher Conferences**
December 1st
8am-3pm

Our Halloween Family Dance Was Spooktacular!



Our Halloween Family Dance was an absolute blast! Families came together for an evening full of dancing, singing, and playing games, and the energy in the room was incredible. From creative costumes to fun-filled activities, everyone had a chance to show off their moves, enjoy some treats, and make lasting memories. It was a night of laughter, excitement, and community spirit—truly a spooktacular celebration for all!

A Message from Father Steve



As we turn the pages of our calendars to the month of November, we are given the great celebration of All Saints Day to begin our new month. It is an annual reminder that we are called to model Christ by our daily thoughts, words, and actions. The saints of the Church are concrete reminders that holy lives are possible, and of our eternal destination of heaven. They cheer us on from our heavenly homeland that we may follow in their footsteps to live each day more intentionally.

That spirit of faith is just one of the many things that make our school such a special place to be. It will be a great joy to host an open house on November 10th from 5:30p to 7pm to welcome prospective families to see what our school is all about. It will be a wonderful opportunity to highlight our community of dedicated teachers, staff, and families.

As we celebrate the saints in November, including Saint Cecilia, may we be inspired to continue to build a school community where our students grow in holiness, academic excellence, and service every day. God bless!

PRINCIPAL'S NOVEMBER MESSAGE

Dear Saint Cecilia Families,

November is the month of gratitude, and I want to begin by saying how truly thankful I am for each of you. Our families, students, and staff always go above and beyond to make Saint Cecilia School feel like one big family. Your continued support, kindness, and commitment to our school community are what make this such a special place.

Over the past several months, we have been hard at work implementing our new Student Information System through FACTS. Coincidentally, this same system will be required for all Catholic schools in Rhode Island beginning in April – but I'm proud to share that we're already ahead of the game! The process was far from easy, and I don't think I realized how challenging this conversion would be. There were many long days throughout the summer (some over 10 hours!) filled with trial and error.

It truly takes a village—and thanks to the support of **Father Steve, our amazing teachers** and our incredible front office staff, we made it happen! A very special thank you to **Rachel Faria, Sarah Collins, and Deana San Souci** for their countless hours of patience and teamwork. Because of their efforts, the **admissions process will open on time** and will be managed directly through FACTS in just a few months. **Financial aid applications** will also open soon, and families will receive updates and awards directly through FACTS by late March or early April.

The best part? There will be no more large manila folders or endless paperwork! While we're still working out a few minor bugs, I'm confident our team has this process down. All additional billing will now be invoiced separately from tuition, which allows you to manage payments directly through your account, and helps us better plan and budget for future years.

Behind the scenes, I've been working on several important projects. Although I miss being outside for morning drop-off, I'm currently covering Morning Care each day and focusing on updating our School Safety Plan, which I'll be sharing with families soon. I've also been collaborating with another Catholic school in Massachusetts that has successfully received over **\$3 million in safety and security grants**. With their guidance, I'm preparing a grant proposal for new front and back doors, a key fob entry system, fencing, and new windows for our building. Researching and writing grants is time-consuming, but I'm hopeful that we'll be able to secure funds to make these important improvements.

In just a few short months, we've already accomplished and celebrated so much – from our **Cross Country season** and the visit from **Bishop Bruce**, to **two successful PTO events**, and the launch of **Drama Club, Cheerleading, and Basketball**. And of course, we can't forget being featured on **Channel 12 News** for our Friday Report! What we do here at Saint Cecilia is truly special, and it's wonderful when our school community is recognized.

We've also been blessed with **Mr. Bob**, who has been a tremendous addition to our team. He has worked tirelessly to get our **heating system** running smoothly and even repaired several classroom windows. We also have a **brand new fire box** and **updated smoke detectors** installed throughout the building – a huge step forward for safety. Fun fact: two of the state fire marshals who recently visited are alumni of Saint Cecilia School! They loved walking through the halls and reminiscing about their time here.

I also want to thank **Officer Rose** for assisting with morning drop-off and ensuring our families feel safe each day. It's heartwarming to see so many members of our community looking out for our school.

As the **first trimester** comes to a close, a reminder that **Parent-Teacher Conference sign-ups** will be sent out on **December 1st**. Conferences will take place from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, and it will be a **distance learning day** for students. This schedule allows teachers to focus entirely on meeting with parents to discuss student progress. For families who may need childcare during their conference time, I'll happily keep an eye on your child in the office during your meeting.

Looking ahead, our **Christmas Pageant** will be held on **Monday, December 15th** in the evening – more details to come soon!

And finally, our **Fall Fundraiser, "Rake in the Cash,"** is in full swing! I can't wait to see our milestone markers next week. Every dollar raised goes directly toward our students, so let's make this fundraiser one to remember. Check your child's folder for details – we have several fun surprises planned for each milestone we reach!

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support, generosity, and love for Saint Cecilia School. Together, we make this an incredible place to learn, grow, and share in faith.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Kelly Botelho-Caton
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Front Door Buzzer Reminder

We kindly ask that parents please do not ring the front door buzzer or call the school between 7:55 AM and 8:00 AM. During this time, our school day begins with morning prayer and announcements, and the buzzer or calls can be distracting to our students. If you arrive late, don't worry! Someone will always be at the front doors to assist you. Thank you for helping us start the day peacefully and respectfully.

Lost & Found Reminder

Lost items are piling up! Please write your child's grade on clothing tags—initials aren't enough. Found items are on the 1st floor coat rack outside the office. Let's help get these items back home!

Uniform Reminders



A few friendly reminders as we begin the year:

- Crocs and Uggs are not permitted with the school uniform.
- Students may wear all-black sneakers with their regular uniform and any sneakers on gym days.
- Middle School boys wearing button-down Oxford shirts must also wear a tie, unless they are wearing the cotton polo shirt.

Thank you for helping us maintain a neat and consistent school appearance!

Support Our School

Our Adopt-a-Classroom and Club Program is now open! Families can use our new school Venmo QR code to donate directly. In the memo line, please indicate the classroom, club, or program you wish to support. Thank you for helping us make Saint Cecilia even stronger!

WELCOME NOVEMBER

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Morning Drop Off

7:45: Doors open for arrival (Back doors)

Pre-K enters through the Pre-K back door.

Kindergarten enters through the kindergarten back door

1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders enter through the back door closest to their classroom.

Middle School enters the back door closest to the kindergarten classroom, and proceeds directly to their homeroom.

Afternoon Pick Up

**For Pre-K students who are half-day, dismissal is at 11:00 a.m. at the front doors of the school.

**Pre-K and Kindergarten dismissal time is 2:00 p.m. out the back doors.

**Grades 1-5 dismissal time is 2:05pm out the back doors.

**Grades 6-8 dismissal time is 2:10pm out the front doors of the school. If a Middle School student has a younger sibling, they may exit out the back doors.

**Bus students will wait in the main hall downstairs for the bus to arrive.

Morning & Extended Care

We are once again offering Morning Care and Extended Care this school year, staffed by our own Saint Cecilia faculty and staff. These programs are available for both regular use and as a drop-in option.

Morning Care: Perfect for families needing an earlier start.

The cost is \$8.25 per student (\$7.25 per student if siblings attend together)

Extended Care: Helpful if you are running late or need coverage after school.

The cost is \$8.25 per student per hour (\$7.25 per student per hour if siblings attend together)

If you would like your child(ren) to attend, please email your child's teacher and myself.

Families will be billed bi-weekly directly through FACTS Please make sure to check your accounts regularly.



SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND



FALL OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 10 ★ 5:30-7PM

CHRIST CENTERED EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8

- ★ Where every child is known by name & by heart
- ★ Hands-on learning with cutting edge curriculum
- ★ A nurturing environment that encourages every student to succeed

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SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

“Rake in the Cash”

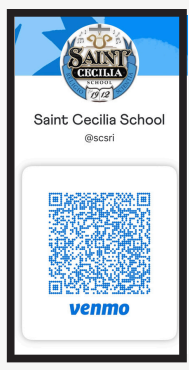
FALL 2025 FUNDRAISER

OUR GOAL

To raise **\$30,000** for **OUR** school!

HOW IT WORKS

- Each student will receive 15 tickets (\$150 in sales)
- For additional tickets email rfaria@scsri.org
- Payments can be collected by cash, check, or Venmo using the school’s code.
- Venmo users please include the ticket number and student’s name in the memo line.
- Parents, please write Venmo on the back of ticket stub when returned to the school. We match the payment to the ticket.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Faria.



STUDENT INCENTIVES

Tickets Sold	Dress Down Passes	# Raffle entries for GC	Gift card Value
15	1	1	\$25
20	2	2	\$25
25	2	3	\$25
30	3	1	\$50
35	3	2	\$50
40	4	3	\$50
45	4	4	\$50
50	5	1	\$100

Milestone Incentives~ for everyone

\$5,000	Free Ice Cream
\$10,000	Free Dress Down Day
\$15,000	Pizza Party
\$20,000	DJ Dance party w/extra recess
\$25,000	Movie Friday w/popcorn
\$30,000	Inflatable Party

- Top seller in each class~ \$50 gift card/VIP inflatable access/1 entry into the Tailgate package raffle.
- Top seller in the entire school~ \$100 Gift Card/VIP inflatable access/ 3 entries into the Tailgate package raffle.

Every ticket sold helps us continue our mission of faith, learning & community at Saint Cecilia School.

St. Cecilia School

Fall FOOD DRIVE

Help Us Support Families in Need This Season!

We're collecting non-perishable food items to help stock our parish food pantry and support those in need within our community.

November 4-November 17

Each class has been assigned a specific item to bring in:

Pre-K: Rice

Kindergarten: Breakfast Cereal

1st Grade: Instant Potatoes

2nd Grade: Boxed Brownie Mix

3rd Grade: Canned Tuna Fish

4th Grade: Canned Black Beans

5th Grade: Boxed Pasta

6th Grade: Pasta Sauce

7th Grade: Canned Vegetables

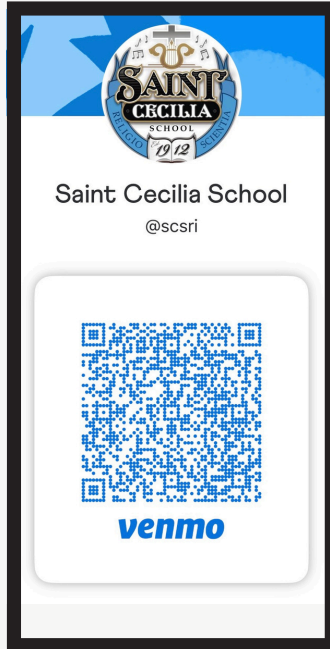
8th Grade: Jelly

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please reach out confidentially to Nurse Sarah at scollins@scsri.org.

Saint Cecilia School

♥ Adopt a Classroom ♥ Adopt a Club ♥ Adopt a Program

✝ Scan the QR Code below to donate through VENMO ✝



Adopt a Classroom

- PK- Miss Bradbury & Miss Marge
- Kindergarten- Mrs. Lucier & Mrs. Oliveira
- 1st Grade- Mrs. Martirano
- 2nd Grade- Miss LeFort
- 3rd Grade- Mrs. Valzovano
- 4th Grade- Mrs. Cifelli
- 5th Grade- Mrs. Leonard
- 6th Grade Homeroom- Mr. Seal
(Science/STREAM/Writing)
- 7th Grade Homeroom- Mrs. Saunders
(ELA/Religion)
- 8th Grade Homeroom- Mrs. Bradbury
(PE & Health)
- Middle School- Mrs. Wunschel (Math)
- Middle School- Mr. Fillmore
(Social Studies & Math)
- Art- Mrs. Borgovan
- Music- Mrs. Kilcline
- Library & Elementary Tech- Mrs. Smith
- Spanish & Tech (4-8)- Mrs. Arroyo

Adopt a Club or Program

- Cougar Athletics- uniforms, league fees & equipment
- Playground Project- garden, picnic tables, shaded learning area
- Drama Club- costumes, set design, licensing
- STREAM Club- science & engineering supplies
- Extended & Morning Care- snacks, toys, crafts

Thank You for Your Support!

Any donation tonight will earn a dress down pass for your child(ren).

\$100 or more will earn multiple passes

- Share this QR code with family & friends
- Local businesses are welcome to join in supporting
- Every donation makes a difference for our students

Please write in the memo line which classroom, club, or program you are supporting



St. Cecilia School

2025-2026 Calendar

First Day of School

9/2- Grades 1-8

9/8-PreK & Kindergarten

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 1	Labor Day
October 13	Columbus / Indigenous Peoples' Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 22- Jan. 2	Winter Recess
January 19	M.L. King Jr. Day
February 16-20	February Break
April 3 & 6	Good Friday & Easter Monday
April 20-24	Spring Break
May 25	Memorial Day

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ DISTANCE LEARNING

August 28-29	Professional Day
September 26	Professional Day & Distance Learning
November 26	Professional Day & Distance Learning
December 1	Distance Learning Parent Teacher Conferences
March 16	Professional Day & Distance Learning
May 22	Professional Day & Distance Learning

AUGUST

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TRIMESTERS

Tri 1- ends Nov. 25

Tri 2- ends March 20

Tri 3- ends June 10

CELEBRATION DAYS/WEEKS

Catholic Schools Week- January 25-31

Math Week

Reading Week

Principal Appreciation Day- May 1st

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4-8

MEET THE TEACHERS

August 27

GRADUATIONS

June 3- PreK

June 4- Kindergarten

June 5- 8th Grade