

On Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Chair of Peter. In the reading from the letter of St. Peter, we read, ““Beloved, I exhort...you...to tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, ...not for shameful profit but eagerly... And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

Do I help others willingly or for my own benefit and recognition?

Saint Peter’s letter calls us “to tend the flock of God” in our midst and to “eagerly” lead by example. Peter further admonishes us not to serve others for “shameful profit.”

In our hectic lives that can so easily be focused on individual accomplishments, it seems we so often only devote our energy to works that benefit us directly, missing opportunities to help others in their need — even those very close to us.

May we find time to see and serve the “flock of God” in our midst and “give it hurts” during this Lenten season and beyond. For this will lead us to the ultimate gift of eternal glory.

Retrieved on February 22, 2024 from

<https://www.holycross.edu/sites/default/files/files/faith/lent/2018lentenreflections.pdf>



+Dear St. Cecilia School Community,

I hope that you are enjoying this beautiful stretch of weather. I know that it is a little chilly today, but there will be warm days this week! Enjoy!

I found this reflection for the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. The message is for all of us. We are all called to lead in some way, whether it be leading a school, a class, a family, or a team. Do we lead as “God would have it?” Do we tend to the flock with a shepherd’s care, with The

Shepherd’s care?

In addition to what our reflection stated, may we pray for each other – for we have all been called to lead God’s people!

May you have a blessed and holy Lent!

God bless you,  
Sister Catherine



**TERRA NOVA TESTING BEGINS ON FRIDAY. ALL TESTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING. PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS OR TRIPS. IF A STUDENT IS ABSENT, YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE THE MISSED TESTS ON THE VERY NEXT DAY. WE MUST HAVE ALL TESTS COMPLETED BY THE WEEK OF MARCH 11.**

**FAMILY BINGO:****MARCH 8 –**

SIGN UP AT:

<https://scsfoxchase.org/family-bingo>**Looking Ahead:**

March 1	DEADLINE FOR THE LOTTERY FOR CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND
March 1 – 8	Terra Nova NEXT testing: Grades 2 -7
March 2	Irish Night
March 5	SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: 6:00-9:00pm, IN AUDITORIUM
March 6	SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING, 9:00am-12:00pm, IN AUDITORIUM
March 8	Pre-K performs with Musicopia at Fox Chase Library at 10:00 a.m.
	<b>FAMILY BINGO</b>
	End of the 2nd Trimester
March 11	Grades 7 and 8 to see the movie CABRINI
March 15	DEADLINE FOR THE ST. CECILIA PARISH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
	Musicopia closing performance for Grade K
	Soups and Stations
March 19	School Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.;
	Sacrament Meeting for Grades 2 and 7 – 7:00 p.m.
March 22	Fun Day!
March 23	Catechetical Convocation
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 27	Living Stations for School at 1:30 p.m.;
	Easter Vacation begins at Dismissal: FULL DAY
March 28	Holy Thursday
March 29	Good Friday: Living Stations at 7:00 p.m. in Church
March 31	Easter Sunday
April 1	Easter Monday – No School
April 2	School Holiday – No School
April 3	Classes Resume



**SUMMER THEATER CAMP:** The Musical Theatre Summer Camp is designed specifically for students entering grades 3-8. The Camp is an integrative weeklong experience that allows young people to learn improv, acting and stage movement, singing and vocal technique, and dancing by activities and games. Additionally, they will explore different musical theatre styles through exploring various Broadway shows. The camp will include a showcase on the last day of camp at 5pm for parents and family. Camp dates are June 17-20 from 9:00am-3:00pm & Friday, June 21 9:00-6:00pm. St. Cecilia Families are welcome to use the CODE: CECILIA24 for a \$50 discount.

**LINK FOR REGISTRATION:** <https://site.corsizio.com/c/65bad6a3e5c95197e12021a7>



**SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS:** Calling all students entering 3rd, 4th or 5th grade - join us at St. Cecilia for HUDDLE UP HOOPS BASKETBALL CAMP July 8th to July 12th. Boys will gather 8am to Noon; girls will gather 12:30pm-4:30pm. For more information contact [huddleuphoops24@gmail.com](mailto:huddleuphoops24@gmail.com)

**LINK TO REGISTER A BOY:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Rst9H45gzTzxm4W6nsub6nerrOzM76BW657u6OGQRzk/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Rst9H45gzTzxm4W6nsub6nerrOzM76BW657u6OGQRzk/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**LINK TO REGISTER A GIRL:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1N0KP4RPMOxhuCJx2rbUh\\_5hXdn5Q\\_8rLw00jZ9U6CpU/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1N0KP4RPMOxhuCJx2rbUh_5hXdn5Q_8rLw00jZ9U6CpU/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**DEADLINE TO ENTER THE LOTERY FOR THE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS MARCH 1.**  
**FOR DETAILS AND MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:**

<https://www.csphiladelphia.org/scholarship-application-for-2024-2025-school-year/>



**FACTS GRANT AND AID APPLICATIONS:** HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR  
FACTS GRANT AND AID APPLICATIONS? IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ANY  
SCHOLARSHIP OR FINANCIAL AID, YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED THIS

APPLICATION FIRST. HERE IS THE LINK TO THE APPLICATION: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3PF2Z>

Income guidelines for EITC/OSTC programs are as follows: (Allow \$19,088 for each additional dependent)

1 child: \$127,532

3 children: \$165,708

2 children: \$146,620

4 children: \$184,796

### **THE ST. CECILIA PARISH SCHOLARSHIP:** **Applications are due by March 15, 2024**

This scholarship is awarded to students who, with their parents, are registered members of St. Cecilia Parish and worship with our faith community each weekend. In addition, the parents of the students awarded this scholarship are expected to be contributing financially to the parish (\$600 in calendar year 2023; \$620 in 2024) and participate in the life of the parish and school. In addition, families who apply must have completed the BLOCS (FACTS) Application to be considered for any other scholarship.

The application for the scholarship is now open. Scholarships will be awarded and posted to your FACTS account. **The scholarship is due March 15, 2024.**

**THE LINK TO THE ST. CECILIA PARISH SCHOLARSHIP IS**  
**<https://form.jotform.com/230764067986065>**

To review the process for completing financial aid/tuition assistance forms, go to  
<https://scsfoxchase.org/tuition-assistance>

To review the details of all of the scholarships and financial aid available to families at St. Cecilia School, as well as the timeline for these scholarships, go to  
<https://scsfoxchase.org/st-cecilia-school-scholarships>



Do you have any family members or friends who are looking for Pre-K for their Four-year-olds? Tell them about wonderful Pre-K! We still have some openings, but we are filling up fast!

For information on how to apply, tell your family and friends to go to:

[PRE-K REGISTRATION](#)

**SAINT CECILIA PARISH**

**Protecting God's Children Classes**


**Register Online**

Interested in serving our parish and school as a volunteer? We will be hosting a class that is needed in order to obtain clearances as a volunteer. To register, scan the QR code below.

Contact Kristin Weiler for information  
[safe@stceciliafc.com](mailto:safe@stceciliafc.com)

**March 5, 2024**  
6:00 - 9:00pm

**March 6, 2024**  
9:00a - 12:00pm





**Musicopia™**  
For a Well Played Life

St Cecilia  
Presents:  
**A Musicopia Culminating Event**

Friday, March 8th , 10:00AM  
**Fox Chase Library**  
501 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111

Please join us as the talented students of St. Cecilia share what they have learned throughout their **Alex and the Kaleidoscope** residency. We look forward to coming together and celebrating their hard work and accomplishments.



#### REMINDERS:

- **Dress Code:** Skirts are to be only one inch above the knee. The girls are to wear knee socks. Some uniforms are very short. Please get a new uniform if there is no room to let down the hem. TY
- The boys and girls are coming in with fad hairstyles and hair color. Some boys really need haircuts. Thank you for your help in this area.
- School shoes, not sneakers, are to be worn with uniforms.

Thank you for your assistance in helping your children to look neat in their St. Cecilia School uniforms.

**I think it's important to send out these reminders again.  
I don't see much improvement with the traffic.**

**TRAFFIC REMINDERS:** There are a number of concerns that I have and see about our parking lot and Stanwood Street. I know that many of you are in a hurry, and you might have to pick up family members at other schools. Perhaps you have to get back to work. We are trying to improve our campus in order to keep all of the children and staff safe. With your children's safety our priority, I remind you of the following:

- No one should drive into the school yard from Jeannes Street, especially in the morning and at dismissal.
- If you are dropping your children off in the morning from the parking lot, please drive close to the cones so that your children are walking in the safe zone.
- At dismissal, I ask that you wait until the children who are walking are out of the parking lot before you pull out. The teachers are most concerned about what has been happening recently. Many drivers are pulling out of the parking lot as students are trying to exit and go to the light. The parking lot should not be used if you are in a hurry.
- If you have parked in the lot, I ask that you do not walk in between the cars. I have watched parents walk around the cars; at times their children are running ahead. The parking lot is also used for events in church, especially on Mondays. This is another reason everyone must be careful and pay attention to all drivers in the parking lot. Also, please slow down.
- People are still double parking, crossing in between the cars (and not looking both ways), blocking the crosswalks at Jeannes Street, and more. Please follow the rules of the road and of safety. There is NO double parking, etc.
- Kindergarten and Pre-K children who are waiting for their brothers and sisters to be dismissed need to be with their parents. They should not be running up the rectory steps or to the church. It's been a little better since I went out and told parents and children about running around, and I hope it continues to be safe.

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

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**HEALTH REMINDERS:** There are a few different sicknesses going around. Some students have had Covid. A few students have had the flu, RSV, and now the STOMACH BUG. There have been quite a few students with coughs, runny noses, and sniffles. While these could be allergies, they could also be signs of colds, strep throat, etc. We ask that if your child is not feeling good, please keep him or her at home. Everyone must be fever free for 24 hours, without taking medicine, before they return to school. Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone healthy.

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**Help Wanted (and needed and DEEPLY APPRECIATED!)**

**We can still need your help with Lunch and Recess. The sign-up genius is up to date. Go to:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA4A728A7F5C43-47999860-scslunch#/>

**You do need your clearances. If you don't have them but want to volunteer, we have two different class sessions. See the notice in this Weekly Word.**

**Thank you!!!**

