

WEEKLY WORD

November 10, 2025

Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

On Tuesday, we will celebrate Veterans' Day. Thank you for sending in pictures of your family members who are veterans! We will have a special prayer for them on Tuesday morning. We will post it for all of you as well. Let us keep our Veterans in our prayer.

"Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

"Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

"Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

"Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful. "Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord."

—Prayer by Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Thank you to all of our veterans. St. Michael, patron of all military; St. Ignatius of Loyola, patron of veterans; and all patron saints of the military, pray for us!

Have a great week!
God bless,
Sister Catherine



NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:
TUESDAY, November 11, 2025
7:00 p.m., Auditorium.
Jackpot: \$53,000

LOOKING AHEAD



November

- 11 Student Council serves lunch to Veterans
- 16-18 St. Cecilia Parish - 40 Hours: 7:00 pm Church
- 20 Safe Environment Lessons today
- 21 National Catholic Youth Conference-Pope Leo speaks
Grade 8 will participate remotely and w/ special events
- 24 School Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
Parish Security Meeting at 7:15 pm
- 25 School Mass at 10:00 a.m. in Thanksgiving for
100 Years of SCS
Thanksgiving Break begins at end of school day
- 26 - 28 Thanksgiving Holidays: NO SCHOOL
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving: NO SCHOOL
- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday: NO SCHOOL

December

- 1 Classes Resume after Thanksgiving
- 3 Secret Santa Shop
Catholicism 101: God Speaks: The Bible, 7-8 pm
- 5 Faculty Meeting: No School for Students
- 6 First Reconciliation
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception: SCHOOL DAY
School Mass at 10:00 am
- 10 Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Strings Concert at 7:00 p.m.

School Mass Directives

On Tuesday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m., we will have our next school mass. At that time, we will celebrate a mass of thanksgiving for the 100 years of St. Cecilia School. If you are able, we invite our families to join our faculty, staff, and students for this special mass. We remind you that once the mass begins, the doors will be closed and locked. No one, including parents, late students, or staff members, will enter the church once the mass begins. Staff members will monitor the doors during the mass. If a student needs to leave during mass, then he or she will remain in the reception room. Thank you for your assistance and support of this safety procedure.



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Sister Catherine's

WEEKLY WORD

November 9, 2025

Sharing Concerns and Frustrations from PARENTS about our Dress Code Policy:

A few parents have spoken to me about what they see as poor implementation of the Dress Code. They shared with me that some of our student leaders or students whose pictures are shared on the website and in social media are not adhering to the Dress Code. Their children have asked them why they have to wear the correct uniform when other students are not doing the same. I spoke to the school and used a favorite word/phrase of young people: That's not fair! I am sure you have heard it at home. I said that it's not fair that some students follow the dress code and others do not. It's not fair that those who follow the rules have to listen when I have to remind students again and again about the Dress Code. It's not fair that we have to take away from class instructional time to address this issue. We need to give out demerits to those students who do not follow the dress code. I know that we will get complaints from some parents when we do that. We also have to reward those who follow the dress code with merits. I ask you, our parents, to please make your own children wear their uniforms correctly. Please do not allow them to dye their hair during the school year. Please do not allow them to wear the wrong shoes, fake nails, and multiple earrings. Please make sure the correct shirts and ties are worn. We all know the rules and requirements. By sending your children here, you agree to these requirements. Again, I say thank you to those who are following the requirements of the Dress Code and all of our policies.

FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS: Over 62% of our families who applied for FINANCIAL AID received it. In order to receive any financial aid, however, a family must apply. It is now time to apply for Financial Aid for the 2026-2027 school year. We ask that EVERY family complete the financial aid packet with *FACTS GRANT AND AID*. This is required if you want to apply for the OLPH Scholarship and for the Parish Scholarships for both St. Cecilia and St. William Parishes.

To apply, you can go to your **FACTS FAMILY PORTAL** and begin there. Please, if you need any help, you may contact Mrs. Jackie Hayes, our Tuition Manager, tuition@stceciliac.com or Sister Catherine at sistercatherine@stceciliafc.com.

Finally, if you want to be considered for the **Children's Scholarship Fund** for a child who has never received this scholarship, you must enter the lottery. The deadline to apply for this round of the Children's Scholarship lottery is **NOVEMBER 15**. Please do not forget to apply. Thank you!

Student Sickness Reminders: Please know that if students have a fever, then they must be fever free, without medicine, for 24 hours before they can return to school. Also, if you receive a call that your child go sick and needs to go home, please go to the entrance to Reception Room D – the long awning across from the convent - to pick you your sick child. The children will wait in the nurse's office or in Sister Betty Ann's office. Thank you!

Safe Environment Lessons: In the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Article 12 calls for all dioceses to establish "safe environment" programs at all grade levels. This ongoing education is presented to the students in the Catholic schools and PREP programs two times during the instructional year. This is a mandated obligation from the Archdiocese with the two lessons provided for our teachers. The lessons are available for you to review by visiting <http://www.aopcatholicchools.org/about/programs> and clicking on Safe Environment.

In the event a parent or guardian does not want this instruction for his/her child, we are required to have the parent/guardian sign off as a result of this request. Your signature on this form indicates your request to remove your child(ren) from this instruction. Your child will bring this form home to you for your to sign, if you want your child(ren) removed from the lesson. **St. Cecilia School will conduct these lessons on Thursday, November 20, 2025.**

ST. CECILIA STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD COLLECTION

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection will finish on Friday. Each grade is asked to bring in specific items. All donations will be sent to local food pantries to help those in our area are in need. Please send your donations by Friday, November 14. Thank you for your support!

