

WEEKLY WORD

Psalm 102

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills,
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.
The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.
Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those
who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Dear St. Cecilia School Community,

During Lent, we are called to repent and believe in the Gospel. The message of the Psalm 103 is that the Lord is kind and merciful. He also forgives, pardons, heals and redeems. The Lord opens the door for us to repent and to believe in Him. How am I to opening the door to those who are in need of forgiveness and mercy?

This is not my original idea. Fr. Chris shared this in his homily this weekend. He asked us to put our name in this psalm. I ask all of you to do that this week. If I say, "Catherine is kind and merciful," can I say it's true? What must I do to make sure that I am kind and merciful? During this Year of Hope, perhaps what I have to do is to trust in the Lord and to remember the mercy that He has repeatedly shown to me. Let's all remember that!

Have a great week!
God bless you,
Sister Catherine



March 24, 2025

REMINDER

It is now time to apply for Financial Aid for the 2025-2026 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. Thank you!



NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING:

TUESDAY, March 25, 2025,

7:00 p.m., Auditorium.

Jackpot: \$20,000



LOOKING AHEAD

- 24 - 28 Terra Nova Tests for Grades 2 to 7
- 24 Report Cards sent home today: **DATE CHANGE**
- 24 Grade K Class Trip
- 28 Soup and Stations: 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
- 29 Quizzo – Alumni-sponsored event
- 31 **Phillies Home Opener: WEAR RED**
- April 1 VIP Tuesday with Grades 6 to 8
- 4 Confirmation Retreat
- 5 **Confirmation at 11:00 a.m.:**
- 8 VIP Tuesday with Grades 3 to 5
- 9 **READING OLYMPICS: St. Cecilia School will host**
- 11 Grade PK Class Trip
- 13 **Palm Sunday**
- 15 VIP Tuesday with Grades PK to 2
- 16 Living Stations for School at 1:30 p.m.;
- Easter Vacation begins at Dismissal: **FULL DAY**
- 17 Holy Thursday
- 18 Good Friday: Living Stations at 7:00 p.m. in Church
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 Easter Monday – No School
- 22 Classes Resume – Welcome Back
- 22 **SPRING UNIFORMS BEGIN**
- 26 **LEGACY RUN: HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?**
- 28 **STREAM Expo at Archbishop Ryan, 4:00 to 6:00 pm**
- May 2 First Communion Retreat
- 3 First Holy Communion



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Updates and Upcoming Events

Uniform Check begins today, March 24

After months of reminding students and families of the correct Dress Code and Uniform Policy, there has not been much improvement. Recently, while students were getting ready for PE class, we noticed some of the girls had long, fake nails, multiple earrings, and chains. Not only was this against the dress code, students could have been hurt if someone was scratched by the nails or if earrings or chains were pulled. It seems that we need to have an inspection of uniforms to make sure that are following the rules.

Beginning this afternoon, I will go around to the classrooms in Grades 5 to 8 and check each student's uniform. I will do so, one by one, in the hallway and not in front of classmates. I will give the students a card that will have + if all is good or an X if an area needs to be corrected. That area will be circled on the form. No demerits will be given out YET. If students fail to make the necessary changes in the next week or two, then the student will start receiving demerits. Additionally, SPRING UNIFORMS WILL BEGIN AFTER EASTER, ON APRIL 22. I am concerned if we don't fix the issue with uniforms now, then the gym uniforms will be even worse. The shorts that some students wear look like track uniforms or worse.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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VIP Tuesdays:

A goal that we had this year was to invite our families and special friends to school for a time of sharing. Traditionally, you might have Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, etc. We decided to invite the Very Important People (VIPs) in the lives of our students to a special visit on a Tuesday morning in April. We will have some entertainment or a time of interaction, a prayer, and light refreshments. It seems as if March flew by and our first Tuesday in April is next week, April 1! Our first VIP Tuesday will be for Grades 6 to 8, from 8:15 to 9:30. Look for a separate email with links to a GOOGLE FORM for you to complete so we can know how many visitors will be here. Please send out the link to Grandparents, Guardians, and other special friends as well. To plan ahead, our other VIP Tuesdays will be on April 8 for Grades 3 to 5 and April 15 for Grades PK to 2. We are excited about this time of sharing! The event will begin in the Auditorium. LOOK FOR A SEPARATE EMAIL WITH MORE DETAILS!

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you to the Home and School for all they do for us at St. Cecilia School. They are very busy and still have time to help us in so many ways. We started March with the Donuts Day! That was a fun day and I know that the students thoroughly enjoyed their day!

Thank you, again, to the Home and School and to our Volunteers, for a wonderful FAMILY BINGO on March 7! It was a huge success and it was a great way to for so many families to come together and to have fun!!!

Thank you to the entire Faculty and Staff for a great Cultural Appreciation Week! The Family Crests look great! All grades were thoroughly engaged in the week's events. Upper grade and primary grades brought in Family Treasures to share with their classmates. Next year, we will have a Cultural Appreciation Show. Please plan ahead! I am sure that there are many students and families who have gifts and talents that they can share at a special show!

Thank you to Fr. Chris, Fr. Phong, Deacon Pat, and Deacon Bill for all that they did for the Teaching Mass. I think it was very helpful and very engaging! The students even got to spend time in the Sacristy and learn a few more things!

Thank you to our Lucky Notes Lottery coordinators – Kristin, Paul, and Ashley – for all of their hard work and dedication for the lottery program. Thank you, to our Buyers and Sellers and Tuesday Volunteers, for you making this important fundraiser exciting and fun!

Help Needed for Lunch and Recess: If you have clearances, please call or email us to help.

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REMINDERS AND MORE EVENTS

WALKATHON INFORMATION:

T-shirt sales will begin today. Look for an email later today with specifics on how to order them. You will see our new design as well. The T-shirts will be GOLD this year in honor of our 100th Anniversary! Don't worry: students may still wear their Walk-a-thon shirts for GYM. Look for a separate email with more details.

WALK-A-THON DATES TO REMEMBER:

T-SHIRT SALES WILL RUN FROM MARCH 24 TO APRIL 11.

FUN DAY WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 9.

WALK-A-THON WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MAY 29

New this year: If you have any gift cards for VISA or to stores like Walmart, Target, Five Below, etc., or other retail gift cards that you'd like to donate, we would greatly appreciate them. We could use them for incentive prizes as we raise our funds and get closer to our goals. Please send them in an envelope marked "Walkathon prizes."
(The Legacy Run is collecting gift cards to local restaurants and lottery tickets, so this is different.)

PHILLIES GAME

As of March 20, 326 Phillies tickets had already been sold. Don't miss out on your chance to be part of St. Cecilia Night at the Phillies. They are playing the Brewers. We will get to see Rhys Hoskins in action for the Brewers! To buy your tickets and a T-shirt for the special night, go to [SCS PHILLIES NIGHT OUT](#)

REMINDER: THE Phillies home opener is Monday, March 31. Students may wear a Phillies shirt or a Red shirt with their school uniforms. GO PHILLIES!!!!

LEGACY RUN: Please support the Legacy Run! This great event not only raises funds for the Alumni Scholarship, it also creates a wonderful school spirit!!! You can sponsor a teacher, send in gift cards for restaurants, send in lottery tickets (see your email from Friday, March 21), or help at the event. The link to register as well as to sign up to sponsor a teacher and to volunteer can be found here: [2025 SCS LEGACY RUN](#)

Thank you for your support of this great event! Even if you think that you cannot benefit, by helping to raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship, you are helping us spread out other scholarship money to other families who can use it! So, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

READING OLYMPICS: The Reading Olympics will take place on Wednesday, April 9. It was a HUGE success last year and our students and their moderators are really into it. We can use some help on this take to make it all work. To volunteer for Reading Olympics, please sign up here: [READING OLYMPICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED](#)
Thank you!

DMI Survey: Are you a member of St. Cecilia Parish? If so, have you completed the DMI Survey? The results of this survey will help our parish to serve all of you better! Please take time to complete the survey. The link is here:

[DMI SURVEY - PLEASE COMPLETE NOW](#)