

WEEKLY WORD

January 27, 2026



+Dear St. Cecilia School Families,

For many years, I heard our IHM Sisters talk about how it always snows during Catholic Schools Week. In all honesty, I remember a few snowy weeks, but I wouldn't say that it snowed every year.

This year, we definitely have a snowy CSW. The snow is one thing, but this year we can also add the brutal cold! Wait until you come back and see the big mounds of snow in the parking lot!

Let us pray for and thank the people who plowed our church and school parking lot and cleared all of the steps and doorways. They did a great job! Let us thank Mr. George and Mr. Ilio for all that do to keep us safe, too! We are all ready to welcome our students and you back to school tomorrow!

When everyone returns tomorrow, we will still celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It might be shorter and we might do a little less, but we will still celebrate the great gift of Catholic education. We are grateful that you send your children to St. Cecilia School. We have a dedicated faculty, staff, and parish who help our students in so many ways. Our greatest responsibility and privilege is to lead your children closer to Jesus. We are blessed with work with you, our parents and families, as we are strive to grow in our faith in and love for Jesus. Let us pray for each other during this Catholic Schools Week and always!

God bless you, Sister Catherine

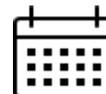
God of all growth, We ask You to bless all students in Catholic schools. May they remain constantly curious in their pursuit of knowledge and truth, May they use their gifts and talents to spread Your light and love throughout the earth, And may all of their learning ultimately draw them closer to Your Son, Christ the Teacher. We make this prayer in Your Holy Name, Amen.



NEXT LOTTERY DRAWING: TUESDAY, January 28, 2026 7:00 p.m., Auditorium. Jackpot: \$63,000

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

LOOKING AHEAD



- January CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! 29 Welcome Back from the Snow Vacation! St. Cecilia School Kahoot Game 29 School Mass at 10:00 am OPEN HOUSE AND TOURS and Family STEAM Night: All are welcome from 6:00 – 7:30 pm 30 Bingo with Buddies February 2 St. Cecilia Holy Hour for Vocations: 6:00 pm Church 6 SCS Religion Bee 7 Science Olympiad 11 Regional Archdiocesan Religion Bee -Archbishop Ryan 13 Sweethearts' Dance 16 Presidents' Day: School Holiday St. Cecilia Parish Blood Drive 18 Ash Wednesday

New Catapult Title I Reading Teacher, Ms. Tiffany Allen: Please join me in welcoming Ms. Tiffany Allen to our school. Ms. Allen will begin to teach and help our younger students in Reading. She will be assisting the children that Mrs. Pio worked with you. Welcome, Ms. Allen! Let us continue to pray for the repose of he soul of Mrs. Pio. Let us continue to pray for her dear family as well!

School Mass and Pageant Directives

We remind you of SAFETY PROCEDURES that we follow for any event in the Church. Once the mass begins (usually 10:00 am), the doors will be closed and locked. No one, including parents, late students, or staff members, will enter the church once the mass or pageant 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. Our next school mass is January 29, 2026!



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Christ the Teacher,
We ask that You bless all those
who guide us at school.
May they lead us through
Your example as a teacher,
May they inspire us to follow
Your way, And help us to grow in
body, mind, and spirit,
And may they always trust in the
impact they have on the many lives
entrusted to their care.
We make this prayer
in Your Holy Name,
Amen.

God of kinship,
We ask that You help us
to see the sacredness
of our connections to one another.
May we be thankful for the family,
friends, and community
in our parish and school.
Help us to see Christ in each other,
And guide us to nourish the
friendships-in-faith among us.
We make this prayer
in Your Holy Name,
Amen.

God of good will,
We ask that You inspire each of us
to follow Your will more closely,
And for each of us to find the joy
of our vocation.
We pray especially for those who
are discerning a vocation to the
priesthood or religious life.
May all of us have the strength to
listen for Your quiet voice moving
in our lives,
And may we cultivate hearts of
service directed towards You.
We make this prayer
in Your Holy Name,
Amen.

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VERY IMPORTANT: Dress warmly this week!

Due to the extreme cold, students should dress warmly. They must wear coat as they walk from one building to the next. A sweatshirt or a hoodie should not replace a coat. So, this is what the students may wear this week:

Thursday: DRESS in school gym uniforms

We will celebrate our Catholic Schools Week mass at 10:00 am. Therefore, everyone is to wear his or her gym uniforms. Every student must wear a St. Cecilia Sweatshirt or Hoodie. Please, please do not allow your child to come to school with only a T-shirt. (Last week, a student ran from one building to the other without a coat and wearing sweatpants and T-shirt. It was cold then.) It is supposed to be very, very good on Thursday. I can assure you that stairwells, hallways, and some classrooms will be a little cool.

Friday: DRESS DOWN

This includes Sweatpants or jeans, Sweatshirts or long-sleeved shirts, hoodies. Everything must represent our Catholic, Christian values. No violent, vulgar, bloody or the like shirts or sweatshirts may be worn. NO PJs or pants that look like PJs may be worn.

INFORMATION FROM THE NURSE:

Mrs. Smith shared some information about physicals that I think has confused some families. All physicals, for to be valid for a particular school year, must have been done between June 1 and May 31. Physicals are required for all students in Pre-K and again in Kindergarten and then again in Grade 6. We have many students who are not current with physicals. Please, contact Mrs. Smith if you are confused or if you have any questions about physicals.

Also, if a student is sick or goes home sick with a fever, then the child must remain home until he or she is FEVER FREE for 24 hours and has not taken any medicine as well. I ask that you do not give children medicine in the morning and tell them to go to the nurse if they don't feel good. They should probably be home. We should try to stop the spread of sicknesses in order for us to stay as healthy as possible. Thank you!

Enrollment Information

Sibling Registration: Do you have younger children that are ready to come to St. Cecilia School? Don't forget to register them. We can only accept 20 students in Pre-K and those spaces are starting to fill up. Also, don't forget that we have to register your young ones for Kindergarten. Both Pre-K and Kindergarten are full-day!

For 2026-2027, we still have openings for Grades K, 1, 4, and 5. We might have openings in the other grades. If you know that your child is not returning, please let us know as soon as possible. This is very important for Grades 2, 3, and 6 in 2026-2027 which already have waiting lists.

Finally, please tell your family and friends about our school. Invite them to our Open House on Thursday night. If they are interested for an upper grade, they are welcome to come for a SHADOW DAY where they get to experience a day at SCS. For more information, contact Mrs. Poekert in our school office at 215-725-8588 or by email kpoekert@stceciliafc.com.



SCHOOL NEWS

**ST. CECILIA SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**
2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR
OPENS JANUARY 9, 2026
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VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION:

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@stcecilifc.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. Please do not forget to apply. CSFP's Scholarship Lottery Application will close on March 1, 2026. Thank you!

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St Cecilia CYO

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

- Boys/Girls Cadet Basketball (**Registration closes 2/9**) -3rd and 4th grades only
 - <https://st-cecilia-cyo-athletics.sportngin.com/register/form/785499816>
- Track & Field (**Registration closes 3/6**)- 4th grade through 8th grade only
 - <https://st-cecilia-cyo-athletics.sportngin.com/register/form/168566884>
- High School CO-ED Volleyball (**Registration closes 3/6**)
 - <https://st-cecilia-cyo-athletics.sportngin.com/register/form/513092435>
- Baseball-Softball (**Registration closes 3/6**)- JV - 5th/6th Grades; Varsity 7th/8th Grades
 - <https://st-cecilia-cyo-athletics.sportngin.com/register/form/004017276>
- Flag Football (**Registration will close approx 2/25**) - Registration info and NFL signup link will be provided once it is made available by Region 1 CYO AD.

Links for CYO Registration

(The links in the picture to the right do not take you straight to the site. Please use the links below:

Cadet Basketball (Registration closes 2/9) - <https://st-cecilia-cyo-athletics.sportngin.com/register/form/785499816>

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Baseball-Softball (Registration closes 3/6)- <https://st-cecilia-cyo-athletics.sportngin.com/register/form/004017276>

Flag Football (JV 5th/6th Varsity 7th/8th) (Registration will close approx 2/25) - Registration info and NFL signup link will be provided once it is made available by Region 1 CYO AD.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

St. Cecilia School

Open House and Family
STEAM Night
Thursday, January 29,
6:00 - 7:30

Catholic Schools Week 2026
JANUARY 25 - 31, 2026



Sweetheart Dance

SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2026
6:30-9:30 PM

PLEASE JOIN US IN A

WINTER WONDERLAND

FOR A NIGHT OF DINNER, DANCING, AND UNLIMITED
MEMORIES! TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AND INCLUDE YOUR
MEAL AND YOUR PROFESSIONAL PHOTO.



St. Cecilia
Home & School

STOCKS POUND CAKE FUNDRAISER

ONLINE ORDERS
ACCEPTED
THROUGH FEB 18TH

\$20



Cakes will go home
with students on
March 5 or be
available for pickup.
Pickup location and
time details will be
shared via email.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

100th Anniversary

CELEBRATION
FOR ST. CECILIA
SCHOOL

Saturday, March 28, 2026
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

School Auditorium \$35 per ticket
BYOB, beer and food provided

Tickets on sale 1/15/26