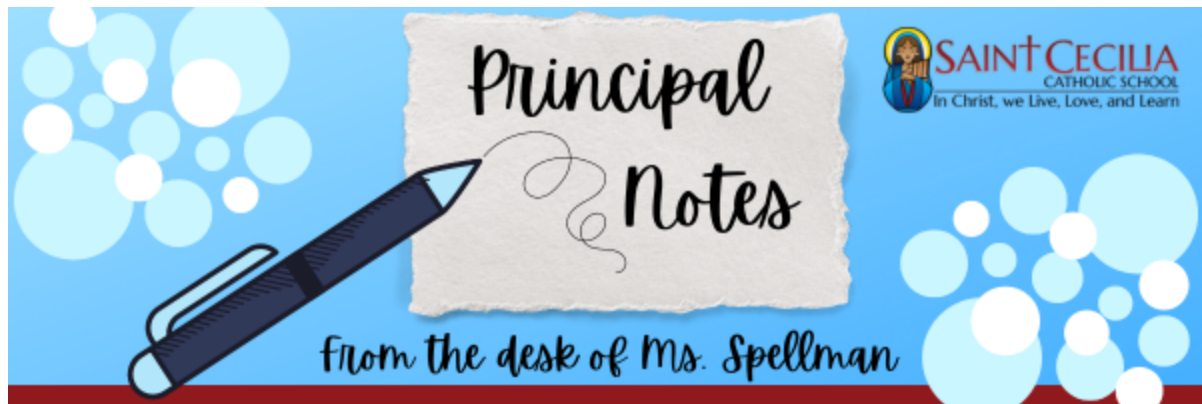




St. Cecilia School - Principal Notes - October 17, 2025

All School Picture - October 20, 2025

On Monday, October 20th, we will be taking an all school picture. Please have your student(s) wear their red St. Cecilia centennial shirt with uniform bottoms on Monday. If your student has misplaced their centennial shirt please send them in a red polo.

Dress Code Updates

Starting on Monday, October 20th students are to wear pants, dresses with tights/leggings, and skirts with tights/leggings. Please reach out to dspellman@stceciliaschoolames.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Retake Pictures - October 24, 2025

School picture retakes are scheduled for Friday, October 24th. Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com using Picture Day ID: **EVTCX2CS9**. If your student is going to have their picture retaken please send back their original package the day of picture retakes. Parents can contact LifeTouch's Customer Success team with questions pertaining to Packages/Payments: 1-800-736-4753.

Mission Spirit Day - October 24, 2025

Our next Mission Spirit Day is on Friday, October 24th. This spirit day is to support a mission or service project that will be chosen by each of the St. Cecilia classes each month. This month the proceeds will go towards the rosaries 4th-6th made this month. To participate in this spirit day students will need to donate \$1.

Chess Club Interest

There has been interest in St. Cecilia possibly starting a chess club this year. If you are interested, please fill out the form below to help us plan how we move forward. Please reach out to dspellman@stceciliaschoolames.org if you have questions or concerns.

[Chess Club Interest Form](#)

Christmas Concert - December 9, 2025

This year's Christmas concert will be Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30pm at the Ames City Auditorium. We will be running the evening slightly differently than in the past with preschool going first, followed by K-2, both bands and then 3-6. More information will be sent home late October/early November. Mark your calendars!

Remind App

Sign up for important updates from St. Cecilia School. Get information for St. Cecilia School right on your phone. Pick a way to receive messages for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: remind.com/join/eckc72. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @eckc72 to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @eckc72 to (415) 813-2648. *Standard text message rates apply.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to remind.com/join/eckc72 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

ST. CECILIA 5TH GRADE CLASS

RUMMAGE SALE



FREE WILL DONATION SALE

WE NEED YOUR STUFF! HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?
DONATIONS ACCEPTED OCT 17TH 3:30 - 6:00 PM

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
2900 HOOVER AVE

8:00^{AM} - 1:00^{PM}
18 OCTOBER
SATURDAY

CASH, CHECK OR VENMO ACCEPTED

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE 5TH GRADE CLASS PARENT SPONSORED TRIP TO OMAHA



CAN'T JOIN US?
DONATE DIRECTLY VIA VENMO:
@STC5THGRADECLASSTRIP

5th Grade Rummage Sale - October 18, 2025

Mark your calendars! The 5th grade class is having a rummage sale on October 18th to raise funds for their class trip and graduation. If you want to donate any items for the sale, they can be dropped off at the school gym/multipurpose room on Friday, October 17th between 3:30-6:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kari Kellen @ 515-460-2108.

2025 Iowa State Women's Basketball Field Trip Day - Ticket Request

Field Trip Day is Monday, November 3rd at 11:00 AM vs St. Thomas. Iowa State Athletics is providing schools who have no school and are unable to attend the opportunity to offer their students up to three complimentary tickets a student (one for the student, up to two for parents/guests). Tickets will be for general admission seating. Please fill out the form to reserve

complimentary tickets. Pick-up for tickets will happen on gameday at the south concourse marketing table.

The deadline to request tickets is Thursday, October 30th.

Questions? Email Carly Jensen at carlya@iastate.edu

2025 Iowa State Women's Basketball Field Trip Day - Ticket Request



Trunk or Treat - October 19, 2025

FSA will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 19th in St. Cecilia's parking lot! Please sign up if you plan to decorate a trunk and hand out candy/goodies or play a game at your trunk. Please RSVP with the number of kids from your family that will be "treating" and the number in your family that will be eating dinner. Here is the schedule for the afternoon:

4:00-4:30: Park your car and get your trunk set up

4:30-5:15: Parking lot will be closed and trick or treating will begin

5:15-6:00: All participants who RSVP are invited to enjoy pizza and sides in the multi-purpose room

Trunk or Treat Sign Up Genius



Dine & Donate - October 28, 2025

This Month's Dine + Donate: The Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude at APPLEBEE'S! Join us for this month's Family School Association fundraiser at Applebee's in Ames, all day on Tuesday, October 28. 15% of your purchase will benefit our Catholic school students and staff.

Sts. Simon and Jude were Apostles and appear in the Gospels. St. Simon was one of the 12 with Jesus throughout his ministry and in the upper room at Pentecost! St. Jude Thaddeus was also an apostle and cousin of Jesus. The statue in our Narthex with the red votive candles is San Judas Tadeo, the "patron saint of lost causes." His writings encourage us to persevere, even in the most desperate circumstances. Sts. Simon and Jude share a feast day because they were both martyred in Persia before their relics were buried in St. Peter's in Rome. Sts. Simon and Jude, pray for us!



Living Saints Exhibit - November 2, 2025

Our first faith formation event is coming up and is planned as a completely voluntary Living Saints Exhibit on November 2nd during the St. Cecilia's 8:30 and 10:30 masses where children involved will be released after communion to dress and be stationed either around the narthex or in the north Social Hall depending on space availability. We would like to extend an invitation to school families to participate. Because it is an exhibit, each child will hold a card with a title of the saint they are portraying, dates of birth and death and what they are the patron of. If your child also has any ability to interact with the "museum patrons" and tell about their life as a saint, even better.

An example of one of the exhibit cards could be:

Saint Lawrence
Deacon and Martyr

12/31/225 - 8/10/258

Patron of Cooks, Barbecuers, and Comedians

Ken Hiveley, Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation, has cardstock and can print this out for you if you let him know the information. He has also created a Sign Up Genius for making signup easier too: [Living Saints Signup](#)

The following resources can be used for research:

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Catholic_saints
<https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/?s=saints>

Some additional information that COULD BE PRESENTED could entail:

- Canonization Date

- Feast day
- Known for
- Virtues & Character Traits
- Where they were from
- 5 interesting facts

Please reach out to Ken Hiveley at khiveley@stceciliaparish.org if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance to all participants who choose to take part in our Living Saints Museum!

Chili Cook Off - November 15, 2025

The Parish Life Committee is sponsoring a chili cook off/supper on Saturday, November 15th. The event will be held in the south social hall from 6:00-8:00 PM and is \$5.00 per person. If you would like to be a chef in the 4th Annual Chili Cook Off or have questions, contact Angie Pohlen at alpohlen@hotmail.com or 515-520-9185.



October 19: FSA Trunk or Treat 4:00-6:00 pm

October 23: Grades 2nd-6th School Mass 9:00-10:00 am; Grades K-1st Prayer Service 10:00 am

October 24: Mission Spirit Day; School Picture Retakes

October 30: All School Mass 9:00-10:00 am

November 3: No School (Professional Development)

November 4: Catholic School Board Meeting 7:00 pm

November 6: All School Mass 9:00-10:00 am followed by 5th/6th Reception

November 7: Scrip Spirit Day

November 11: FSA Meeting 6:30 pm

November 13: All School Mass 9:00-10:00 am

November 14: No School (Conference Prep Day)

November 18: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm

November 19: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-5:00 pm

**November 20: All School Mass 9:00-10:00 am; Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:30-6:00 pm**

November 21: Mission Spirit Day

November 25: Early Dismissal 1:30 pm

November 26-28: No School

December 1: School Resumes