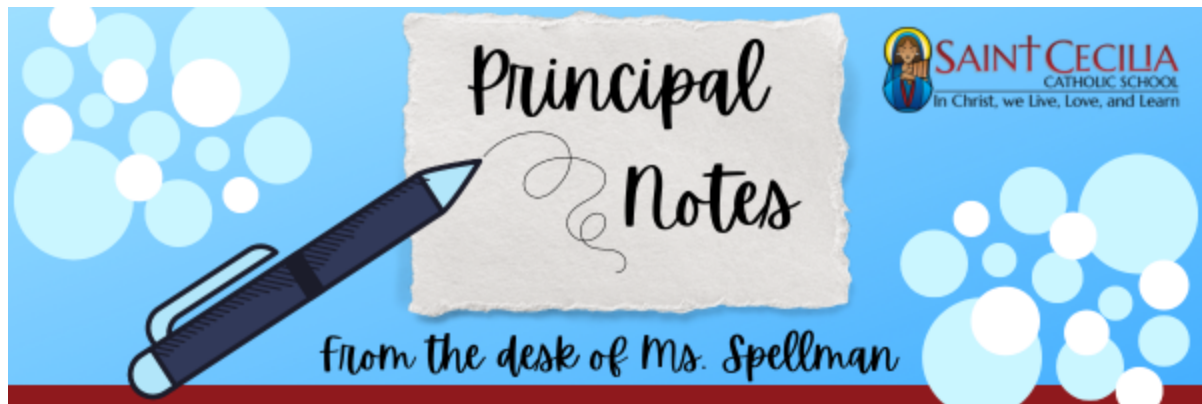




St. Cecilia School - Principal Notes - October 31, 2025

No School - November 3, 2025

Due to professional development on Monday, November 3rd there will be no school.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - November 18-20, 2025

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Public Portal: View and sign up for conferences by November 12th through the PowerSchool parent portal:

PowerSchool Parent Portal

- 1) Click Parent/Teacher Conferences located toward the bottom of the left column
- 2) Click the Event Name (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 3) Use the dropdown to Select your child's teacher
- 4) Type the parent email address in the row of the desired date and time slot
- 5) Click Save
- 6) To change your reservation; you'll first need to delete your reservation by refreshing the page and click the red dash, then redo

*If you have more than one student in the building, please make sure you sign up for each of your students under their name. Your students' names can be found in the upper left hand corner of the screen. Click on the next student's name and repeat the process.

*Please note if your student is in 4th-6th grade it will state 4th-6th Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up, if your student is in 1st-3rd grade it will state 1st-3rd Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up, if your student is in Kindergarten it will state Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up and if your student is in Preschool it will state Preschool Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up.

If you have trouble getting signed into PowerSchool or with the conference sign up, please contact Carrie Angus at cangus@stceciliaschoolames.org.

Thank you.

Welcome to our Newest Staff Member



Please welcome Kathleen Pelzer as our new Marketing and Event Coordinator. See the bio below!

Hello, I'm Kathleen Pelzer, a Saint Cecilia alumni and parishioner. My early Catholic education gave me the foundation to cultivate a successful, faith-based educational career. I attended Iowa State University, obtaining both Event Management and Financial Counseling & Planning degrees. During that time I participated in choir and represented my college as a senator in student government. Today I continue writing poetry and music in my free time. In 2025 I graduated summa cum laude, but more importantly, I developed a deeper appreciation for my community.

As your Marketing and Events Coordinator, I strive to give back to and expand on a community that means a great deal to me. I understand firsthand the positive impact our church and school can have on individuals at all life stages. Through marketing and events, I plan to showcase what makes St. Cecilia so special, its people!

Scholastic Book Fair - November 18-20, 2025

Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become stronger readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place on:

Tuesday, November 18 3:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, November 19 3:30pm-5pm

Thursday, November 20 3:30pm-6pm

This year, you could say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

[St. Cecilia School Scholastic Book Fair](#)

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Terri Simodynes
Library Associate and Book Fair Chairperson



RaiseRight Rally-Spirit Weekend

BUY November 1st-4th (thru 9:30 am) to earn
out of uniform day

November Special Collection for: Advent Activities
Spirit Day, out-of-uniform: Friday, November 7th

- Make a \$10 purchase or more, your kids can be out of uniform
- Half percentage on these days goes to your family account, half to special fund
- Order by website, app or paper

www.raiseright.com
scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org



RaiseRight/Scrip Weekend - November 1-4, 2025

The next Scrip Spirit Day will be held on Friday, November 7th. The funds shared with the school will go towards Advent Day activities. For a student to participate in the Scrip Spirit Day,

the family will need to purchase \$10 worth of Scrip the first weekend of November (1st-4th). If you have questions, please contact Tanya Indelicato Clausen at scrip@stceciliaschoolames.org.

Preschool Wrap Around Preschool Care and 7th and 8th Grade

We're thrilled to announce that St. Cecilia School will be offering 3 and 4 year old Wrap Around Preschool Care and 7th Grade beginning next fall for the 2026-2027 School year! 8th Grade will follow in the 2027-2028 school year. Join us as we expand our faith filled community where students can learn, lead, and grow! #CatholicEducation #MiddleSchool #PreSchool



St. Cecilia Swag Shop

New designs have dropped in the St. Cecilia Swag Shop just in time for your holiday shopping. Youth and adult sizes are available. All items ship directly to your doorstep. STC Swag is uniform approved and can be worn as part of the school uniform. Shop the latest designs at [St. Cecilia Swag Shop](#)

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL PRESENTS...

Sing a Song of Christmas



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
AMES CITY AUDITORIUM
6:30PM

FREE ADMISSION

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!



Conference Week Food

Every year during Conference Week FSA provides food for the teachers to thank them for the extra hours that they put in. This year FSA will be providing the staff with soup and we are asking for other items to be brought in by families during the week. If you are interested in helping, please drop off the donations to the school office or send it with your child on Tuesday, November 18th. We thank you in advance for your donations! Please use the sign-up genius below to sign up.

[Conference Week Sign Up Genius](#)

Mass Reception for 5th/6th Grade - November 6, 2025

The 5th/6th grade students and their families are invited to come to an FSA sponsored family reception after mass on Thursday, November 6th. Mass will start at 9am and the reception will follow around 9:45 in the Social Hall. The 5th/6th grade students will attend the reception for about 15 or 20 minutes. This is a time for the students and their families to be able to socialize, meet other families and gain a sense of community within their grade. Food and refreshments will be provided by the kindergarten class parents who are hosting. The Social Hall is reserved until 11am on Thursday for the parents to use this time to chat and meet new friends! Kindergarten parents, please use this link below to sign up for your volunteer hosting duties! Thank you!

[Mass Reception Sign Up Genius](#)

Operation Christmas Child

The giving season is quickly approaching and FSA needs your help to spread joy to less fortunate kids around the world. Operation Christmas Child is an organization that gathers donations of personal care items, school supplies and small toys to be placed in shoeboxes and delivered to children in third world countries for Christmas. Items need to be dropped off at the school by Friday, November 7th to allow us time to pack up and take the shoeboxes to the drop off location to be shipped. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

[Operation Christmas Child Sign Up Genius](#)



Family Mass

The next Family Mass at St. Cecilia Church is on Sunday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. We are looking for youth of all ages to volunteer with the choir, as greeters, gift bearers, altar servers, usher assistants, and readers. We would love to have many families participate! Sign up at:

[Family Mass Sign Up Genius](#)

Please contact Jessica Loecke at jjloecke@gmail.com or (515) 451-8126 for more information or to be added to the email list.



Saturday, November 15, 6-7:30 PM

South Social Hall

Free Will Donation

****Serving Hot Dogs this year****

Guest Chefs: Father Don & Principal Darcy

All ages are encouraged to be a chef in the
4th Annual Chili Cook Off!

Sign up to be a chef by November 9th by contacting

Angie Pohlen alpohlen@hotmail.com or

515-520-9185.

Sponsored by The Parish Life Committee

Chili Cook Off - November 15, 2025

Calling all cooks!! Brush off your chili recipes and whip up a batch of your favorite chili for the chili cook off at

church on Saturday, November 15th at 6pm. You won't want to miss being able to have a cook off against Father Don and Ms. Spellman. Don't wait...enter today by contacting Angie Pohlen at the below email or phone number! Come with your apron on and ready to eat some delicious chili and hot dogs!

alpohlen@hotmail.com or 515-520-9185.



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