

# Alumni and Friends

## St. Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School

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### Seidl siblings use their *talents for service* in mission work



Since graduating from St. Cecelia in 2010, Ashley Seidl has found a passion for mission work. As a high school student, she participated in mission trips to Alabama, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and El Salvador. Although each trip was a unique experience, they all involved helping others in need and sharing the Gospel. Activities included helping out with VBS camps, passing out Bibles and much needed supplies to the local people, and sharing the Gospel at local schools and churches. “These experiences I have had and the people that I

have met have impacted my life in ways I was not expecting,” says Ashley. Ashley graduated from High School this past May. She spent the summer as an instructor and camp counselor for the Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders, and she is now attending Florida Gulf Coast University.



Ryan Seidl took the opportunity to combine his desire for mission work with his love for soccer. This past January, Ryan traveled to Uganda to help run an annual soccer tournament that hosted 24 teams and over a thousand local spectators. In April, Ryan was invited by Msgr.

Devine to travel to El Salvador as part of AVOCA (A Voice of Central America). Ryan joined a group of experienced coaches from England to provide coaching education for the local coaches, followed by a week of community soccer camps for the youth. In an area that is notorious for criminal gang activity, AVOCA provides the youths with a positive alternative by teaching life skills and sharing their love for the Lord.



### Open House

PreK-3 through 8th grade (VPK Provider)

Wednesday, November 5, 2014, Presentations 8:30am & 6:00pm and Wednesday, March 8, 2015, Presentation at 8:30am

**Discovery Night is January 28, 2015 6:00-7:30pm**

Call (727) 461-1207 to RSVP

**Alumni Officers:** Maryanne Del Monte, Development • Kevin Flynn, President • Marreen Majer, Vice President • Colleen Flynn, Treasurer • Steve Paul, Secretary

*“Celebrate the uniqueness of each person as a child of God while we proclaim the Gospel message, pray together, build community, and serve others...”*

## A Message from the Admission Director

Dear Alumni,

St. Cecelia School is abuzz with activity as we start off the new school year. Improvements made to the school over the summer include the installation of new windows in the original classrooms built in 1951. Additional improvements to these classrooms are scheduled for next summer if funds allow. Please consider helping us with this endeavor by giving a gift to the school, any amount will be much appreciated. Go to [www.st-cecelia.org](http://www.st-cecelia.org) under the Alumni section on Ways to Give.

To embrace the age of technology, SCS has begun a 1:1 iPad initiative which will place an iPad with every 4th through 8th grader by January 2015. Students also benefit from a computer lab, interactive white board technology and computer stations in every classroom.

Students continue to grow in their faith and attend weekly Mass in the cafeteria as an entire student body. In addition to Mass the children celebrate their Catholic faith through special celebrations such as, All Saints Day, Stations of the Cross and May Crowning to name a few.

The accomplishments of our students are many and include winning first place in the Clearwater Central Catholic Brain Bowl. We also hosted a Battle of the Books where our students respectively won first and second places. Our students competed in the Mighty Mu Math competition, Odyssey of the Mind, Robotics, Thespian competitions, and a local art show.

St. Cecelia remains a presence in the Greater Clearwater area and continues to provide excellence in education to its students. We look to the future with anticipation and continuing to follow in God's path inspiring students to succeed.

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Before



After



### MRS. CLARK RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION! YOU WILL BE MISSED! CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

One could say that Mrs. Teresa Clark is an institution at St. Cecelia's because she has been here since 1985. After working for 33 years as an educator she retired at the end of last school year.

Mrs. Clark started her education career in the Pinellas County Public School System where she worked for four years as a high school English teacher. She then joined the St. Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School family where she has taught middle school language arts and math, has been the Dean of Students, and for the last eight years has been the Assistant Principal.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Clark for her dedication, positive influence and many years of service. We will miss her smile and laughter. We wish her God's peace, health, and much happiness as she begins a new chapter in her life of being a full time grandma to her three-year-old granddaughter, Emma!

#### Spotlight on Kelly Wiand our new Assistant Principal

Greetings! My name is Kelly Wiand and I am proud to serve as the Assistant Principal here at St. Cecelia. I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Miss Wostbrock and Mrs. Clark in the past and certainly realize that I have HUGE shoes to fill with Mrs. Clark's retirement. I will work my hardest to live up to that expectation. I am a native Floridian who is the oldest of four children. My husband Chris, who is a school administrator also, and I have been married for 19 glorious years. We are proud to have three wonderful children; Zachary, Hannah and Mac. I am a graduate of the Cathedral of St. Jude, St. Pete Catholic, USF and Barry University. I have served in the diocese of St. Petersburg for twenty years, all of which were at St. Jude, beginning as a teacher of Kindergarten, First Grade and Fifth Grade before moving into administration. I am thrilled to be part of the St. Cecelia family and I look forward to a fabulous school year!

*“Encourage students to open their hearts to God, their minds  
to learning, and their talents to service...”*

# Alumni Awards, Honors & News



**Congratulations! St. Cecelia School Alumni Anthony Walker who Graduated from Clearwater Central Catholic High School.**

Valedictorian **Anthony Walker**, an AP Scholar, graduated with a GPA of 4.54. Anthony attends the University of Florida.



**Congratulations! St. Cecelia School Alumni Andrew Murphy who Graduated from Clearwater Central Catholic High School.**

Salutatorian **Andrew Murphy** graduated with a GPA of 4.50. Andrew attends the University of Florida.

## AREA STUDENT ON DEAN'S LIST AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

DURHAM, N.C. -- Hala Daou was named to the dean's list at Duke University for the Fall and Spring 2013 semester. This student was among 1,625 students who achieved that honor. To make the dean's list, students must rank in the top third of their college.



St. Cecelia Alumnus MariaJose Amundaray was recognized as State Farm Student of the month. MariaJose is an honor student in the International Baccalaureate Program at CCC. She is a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Rho Kappa History Honor Society. MariaJose competes on the Marauder volleyball and track teams and was voted volleyball MVP in 2013.



Alumnus **Ethan Thompson** is attending Black Hills State University playing college football.



Alumnus **David Habib '11**, is a recipient of the 2014 UF Presidential Service Award which recognizes students who have dedicated their time and efforts while at the University of Florida to promoting social justice, community awareness, and civic engagement on campus and in the community.

## FORD ENGINEER IS COMPOSER, CONDUCTOR AND ORCHESTRA FOR SOUNDTRACK OF ALL-NEW MUSTANG

**Shawn Carney**, powertrain noise, vibration and harshness engineer for Mustang, is tasked with making sure no matter what engine is installed, every new Mustang sounds like a Mustang should. Like great cinematic sound editors and composers, Carney crafts the soundscape that enhances the pony car driving experience.

To read more on Shawn Carney '90:

<https://media.ford.com/content/fordmedia/fna/us/en/news/2014/07/17/ford-engineer-is-composer.html>



Etzel, Barbara Jean, 82, of Palm Harbor, peacefully passed away on December 2, 2013. Barbara was a volunteer at Kimberly Home of Clearwater and an active member of Faith Covenant Community Church of Palm Harbor. She is survived by her 3 children Merrie Eichholt, Joseph Belfiore and Nancy Baumgart; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



Marlene Ann Mahoney, 82, of Clearwater passed away Jan. 18, 2014 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Cleveland, OH August 23, 1931 to Kurt and Genevieve Winter. She is preceded in death by her husband George and a brother Kurt Winter. Marlene is survived by 3 daughters, Colleen Mahoney (Dennis Thombs); Marreen (Joe) Majer; Shareen (John) McNie; 2 brothers, Ronald (Ann) Winter, Gary (Debbie) Winter; 4 grandchildren, who were the light of her life, Brett Majer, Brittney Majer, John McNie, Ryan Thombs; several loving nieces and nephews and sisters-in-law, Annabelle Zeitler, Gloria Winter and Ann Winter. She was a member at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Clearwater and volunteered many years at the church, St. Cecelia School and Clearwater Central Catholic High School.

Hoaglin, Elizabeth "Betsy", 68, of Clearwater, passed on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Rusty. She is survived by her daughter, April Hoaglin of Indian Rocks Beach; granddaughter, Riley Hoaglin; brother, John (Robbie) Williams and sister, Holly (Ron) Wagner.

*"Strive to provide a strong spiritual and academic foundation so that our students can become responsible members of the Church and the community now and in the future..."*





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Please visit our school website [www.st-cecelia.org](http://www.st-cecelia.org)  
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*How have you been? Let us know at [rlnhardt@st-cecelia.org](mailto:rlnhardt@st-cecelia.org)*

**"The Cup"**  
**11th Annual Crusader Golf Classic**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2014**  
**Belleair Country Club**

- 10:30am Registration
- 12:30pm Shotgun start
- 4:30pm Wine & Cheese tasting
- 5:30pm Awards and Dinner

For more information contact:  
Bryan King,  
727-224-0741



Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams) Putting contest, Longest Drive, Closest to the pin.  
Register Now! \$175.00 a golfer. Limited to 80 Golfers!

## Important Dates

10/9-Italian Night, 5:30pm  
10/23-Grandparents Day, All School Mass  
10/24-Drama Production Les Miserables 6:30pm  
10/25-Drama Production Les Miserables 2:30pm & 6:30pm  
11/1-All Saints Day  
11/8-"The Cup" Crusader Golf Classic  
12/11-Christmas Program  
1/26-Begins Catholic Schools Week  
2/7-Alumni 5K Crusader Gallop and Fun Walk  
3/7-SCS Gala  
3/18-Ash Wednesday, All School Mass  
4/23-Fiesta Night  
5/1-2-Drama Production The King & I  
5/29-8th Grade Graduation



**CRUSADER GALLOP 5K RUN**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2015 10 AM**  
**EAGLE LAKE PARK**

## 6th Annual Crusader Gallop 5K & 1 Mile Run

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

**Cost \$25 for 5K ♦ \$20 for 1 Mile**

**Eagle Lake Park, 1800 Keene Rd., Largo, FL 33771**  
**5K begins at 10:00 am (registration at 9:00 am)**

**Fun run 10:30 am**

**After the run join us for Ker's WingHouse, hot dogs, chips, pizza, salad, drinks and more. Bounce house, music and more....**

**Registration forms will be available soon.**

***"CRUSADERS FOREVER! Faith, Service, Athletics, Academics"***