

Catholic Schools' Week
Saint John the Evangelist School
"Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service"
January 29, 2012 – February 3, 2012

Dear Friends:

Catholic Schools Week—coming up in two weeks—is one of the highlights of the year at Saint John the Evangelist School. We've planned a variety of activities for students, families and community members, and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate what makes Catholic education unique. The attached schedule provides details on the week's festivities.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." In just three words, this theme expresses what Catholic schools are all about. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach them how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens.

Here at Saint John School, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. We are excited to have the opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share what our students are learning and what they have accomplished. I hope to see you and your family at some of our events. We invite you to bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their own children, to our "Open House," on Tuesday, January 31, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Also, please join me in saying thank you to our teachers, staff, board members, H.A.S.A. Executive Committee, volunteers and everyone else involved in running Saint John School. Through their dedication and commitment, our students are learning in a culture of faith, academics and service that is preparing them for a full life in their families, communities and the Catholic Church.

Sincerely,

Jean Delcher

Principal

Sunday, January 29, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: Our Parish:

This day opens our week-long celebration. The parish community will acknowledge and celebrate Catholic schools at each Mass this weekend. Students and parents are asked to sign up for the Mass they will attend. Some students will be asked to bring up the gifts, give out flyers and be welcome greeters. The students will attend in uniform and will be asked to come forward and recite the School Pledge. There will be a special collection for Saint John School on this Sunday.

Children's Book Fair will take place in the library this week. Purchases can be made Tuesday through Friday.

All grades will be involved with some community outreach – detailed information will be sent home prior to the 30th.

Monday, January 30, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: Our School:

Morning Prayer over the PA based on the day's theme.

Each student will receive a CSW pin

- Each class will be visiting the chapel to pray for all students in Catholic schools, including each other and for all who support Catholic schools.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: Our Community:

Morning Prayer over the PA based on the day's theme.

- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - "Open House" for prospective parents and students
- A platter of pastries and a "Thank You" poster will be delivered to the Parish Staff.
- Students will participate in a "Catholic Bee": Grades 3 through 5 at 12:45 PM in the Church Hall and Grades 6 through 8 at 1:45 PM, also in the Church Hall.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: Our Parents and a National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools.

Morning Prayer over the PA based on the day's theme.

- Today is National Appreciation Day for Catholic schools.
- "Open House" Day for PK3 through Grade 8: Parents and friends are welcome to visit the school from 9:00 AM until noon and from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.
- Parents bring a special lunch to share with their children.
- The lunch schedules are:
 - Grades K through 3 12-12:45 PM in the Church Hall
 - Grades 4 through 8 12-12:45 PM in the School

Again this year, all students will be eating at the same time in different locations. We suggest you may want to have lunch with one child and dessert with the other if your family is split between the two locations. If your children are all in one location, you may share lunch with your entire family at the same time, either in the Hall for Grades K through 3 or in the school rooms for Grades 4 through 8.

At 2:00 PM the entire school, with parents, will participate in a Prayer Service in the Church.

Thursday, February 2, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: Our Students:

Morning Prayer over the PA based on the day's theme.

- The H.A.S.A. will host a special lunch for the students in Grades K-8 and special snacks for the Pre K.
- Today will be our Buddy Day. Each grade will "buddy" with another grade for an afternoon of Bingo! Prizes will be provided by the teachers.
- No Homework Day!!!
- "Buddies" (Grades K, 3, and 6) (Grades 1, 4, and 7) and (Grades 2, 5, and 8)
- "Out of Uniform" Day
- PK3 and PK4 will plan their "Buddy" activities with the Middle School.

Friday, February 3, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: Our Faculty and Staff:

Morning Prayer over the PA based on the day's theme.

- Today is National Catholic Teacher Appreciation Day.
- Closing Mass 11:00 AM in the Church.
- Some special surprises for our faculty and staff are planned for this day.
- May I suggest a special note of appreciation be written by the students to their teachers. Let them know we appreciate all that they do.
- Students will be dismissed at noon.
- Faculty and staff have been invited to a luncheon given by the Home and School Association.

Some classes will be adding their own special touches to the week to make it memorable for all!