



January 29 through February 4, 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 29

Liturgy, 10:30am, St. John Church

The celebration begins with the 10:30 liturgy. All families are invited. Dress uniforms or dress reflecting student's cultural history, student participation, joyous singing!

All School Open House, Noon-1:30pm

All families invited, all classrooms open, tours available

Grade 8 Cultural Fair in Egan Hall immediately following Mass

Monday, January 30 Celebrate Our Community

A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities—both local and beyond—they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place. When they observe how others serve the community, they gain an appreciation for how they can continue to serve others their entire lives.

Students are asked to bring **one canned food item** to school to help fill the St. Vincent de Paul cupboard.

This is a **free dress day** for our students. Please refer to the Family Handbook for guidelines.

Today's Prayer – Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of Catholic Schools

(Making the sign of the cross) In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.

We pray through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

Tuesday, January 31 Celebrate Our Volunteers

Our volunteers model the example of service for our students on a daily basis. We will honor our volunteers this day, with thank you posters displayed to our parent community at drop off, and tokens of appreciation handed out to parents.

Crazy Sock Day: Accessorize the school uniform with outrageous socks.

Today's Prayer

(Making the sign of the cross) In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Loving Father, we are so happy to be members of this school community, able to worship with our friends and teachers. Open our ears to hear your word so that we can be better friends with your son, Jesus. We pray through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

Wednesday, February 1

Celebrate Our Nation

Students celebrate the traditions and heritage of our nation on this day. History reviewed, patriotic songs will be sung, and honor will be given for those who have secured our freedoms are honored.

Choose your own Sweatshirt: Accessorize uniform pants/skort/dress with sweatshirt of your choice

Today's Prayer

(Making the sign of the cross) In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
God, thank you for loving me. In Baptism you called me by name to live as your child. Help all your people to know their call in life. For your greater glory, raise up generous leaders to serve as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

Thursday, February 2

Celebrate Our Faculty and Staff; in Our Vocations

The backbone of Catholic schools, teachers are honored on National Teacher Appreciation Day. On this day, schools also recognize the administrators and staff who support teachers in their important work.

Students are invited to bring one flower for their teachers today, in appreciation of their service. Families of students in Grade 4 will prepare luncheon for faculty and staff.

By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life. National Catholic Schools Week offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well in the service of God and others — by answering the call to a religious vocation, by nurturing a family through sacramental marriage, by volunteering in church activities and charities, and/or by pursuing a career that makes the world a better place. Adults are invited to speak to classes about their own vocations.

Crazy Hat Day: Accessorize the school uniform with a hat of your choice. Hats in the building permitted!

Today's Prayer

(Making the sign of the cross) In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Lord Jesus, when you lived and worked and talked amongst the people, they called you Teacher. Help me to remember the greatness of the work, which has been given to me to do. Help me always to remember that I work with the most precious material in the world, the mind of a child. Help me always to remember that I am making marks upon that mind that time will never rub out. Help me to help these children, not only to store things in their memories, but also to be able to use their minds and to think for themselves. And amidst the worries and the irritations and the frustrations of my vocation, help me to remember that the future of the church, the nation and the world is in my hands. This I ask for your love's sake. We make this prayer in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

Friday, February 3

Celebrate Our Students

Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and recognizing their accomplishments. They encourage students to reflect on the benefits of Catholic education and how the grounding in faith, knowledge and service it provides will help them throughout their lives.

Nacho Bar Student Appreciation Lunch - Free for all students

Show Your School Spirit: Purple and Gold Day - students may dress in purple and gold clothing, dress code appropriate. Homecoming events will be held in Egan Gym beginning at 1pm.

Today's Prayer

(Making the sign of the cross) In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* Lord, may all that we do this day, from morning until night, begin with your inspiration, and continue with your powerful help. May our work this day be rooted in love and mercy, that we might love you, and love our neighbors, as perfectly as you love us. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, *Amen.*