

Dear Parents,

**Next week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week.** It is an important week for us to get out our message of Catholic school education and also to celebrate our school community! We have a number of activities going on next week and would like to make you aware of upcoming events.

**Sunday, January 28** The 11:00 Mass will begin our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Students and their families are encouraged to attend (and wear their school uniforms to Mass). Our school choir will be there to sing and some of our students will be assisting with the Mass. We have an Open House scheduled at the school from 12 - 2:00 for parishioners and others who might be interested in attending St. Catharine School. This Open House includes our preschool.

**Monday, January 29** We are celebrating "community" and will kick off our "Penney Wars". A flyer will be sent home regarding this event that will take place each day of this week. The money collected will go to the Bishop Griffin Center. In addition, we are celebrating our school community by having each grade wear a different colored shirt that is either the color listed below or has that color in the shirt. This will show our class spirit. Students can wear casual pants with their shirts (Kindergarten = Green; Grade 1 = Yellow; Grade 2 = Blue; Grade 3 = Red; Grade 4 = Orange; Grade 5 = Purple; Grade 6 = Pink; Grade 7 = White; Grade 8 = Black).

**Tuesday, January 30** We are celebrating our students. Students in Grades K - 6 will have Pajama Day. Students in Grades 7 - 8 can wear Hartley / St. Charles / Catholic college sweatshirts. We will have our school Spelling Bee at 9:00 in the gym (parents are welcome to attend this). The students will be reading with another classroom of students for "Buddy Reading Time".

**Wednesday, January 31** 9:00 School Mass. We would like to have our parents join us for this Mass. We are asking that you come to school by 8:45 to pick up your children. Walk them to Mass (you can sit as a family any location in Church...two sides / front). Following Mass, the students will walk back to school with their teachers. Parents are welcome to join us for coffee and doughnuts following the Mass in the lower level of the Church.

**Thursday, February 1** Students will be collecting "goods" for care packages for seminarians. An additional flyer will be sent home regarding suggested items. This day celebrates "vocations".

**Friday, February 2** We are celebrating faculty and staff this day. The Home / School is sponsoring a pot-luck luncheon for the teachers and staff. The students may wear their "Spirit Wear" to school that day. The 8th grade will have their traditional volleyball game in the gym at 1:45.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Catharine School.  
Mrs. Weisner