

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES

January 31-February 5, 2010



This year we celebrate how Catholic Schools provide values that will support our students, families and community for life. Catholic Schools are not merely providing an education for students but investing in their futures.

Sunday, January 31st –Our Parish – On this day, we celebrate the many ways that members in our parish community serve God and others by providing us with the value of “Faith”. Our students will serve the parish as cantors, choir members, ushers, gift bearers, and greeters. Any family or student wanting to serve as a greeter, gift bearer, or usher, please call the Front Office and let us know which Mass (4:30 Sat, 8:30 Sun, 11:00 Sun, 6 p.m. Sun) at which you would like to serve. Families are asked to donate one food item for a breakfast treat for our parish between the Sunday Masses. Please refer to the flyer sent home last Friday from the CSW Committee on how you can help us out. Our Hospitality Committee will serve as hosts for this event. **Students should be in uniform. (NOTE: DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER THIS EVENT MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7)**

Monday, February 1st – Our Nation---On this day we celebrate the value of discipline or self control. Students will participate in Congressman Jim Cooper’s “Valentine’s for Veterans” where students are asked to make and send cards to our veterans at the local VA hospital. One of our deacons will deliver the cards to the hospital for us. We will also end our day in the Parish Hall at 2:45 p.m. to say evening prayer for our troops, read names of family/friends who served our country in the past or present (these will later be hung in the Parish Hall) and then end with song. Piano students will also showcase their talents by performing in the church from 11 to 1 p.m. **Students will be in uniform.**

Tuesday, February 2nd –Our Community---Today we celebrate the passing on of morals, those principles that we use each day to make faith-filled decisions and help us to reach beyond ourselves to help others. We will start our day with Mass with Father at 8:15 a.m. followed by a visit from Mayor Karl Dean in the Church after Mass. Mayor Dean will present us with a certificate and talk about how his Catholic morals have helped him in his service as a community leader. There will be an Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. where folks may tour the school. Classes will focus on serving others by making cards for our priests to thank them for their leadership as well as cards and a banner to welcome our RITI guests. **Students will be in uniform.**

Wednesday, February 3rd-Our Teachers & Staff—This day we celebrate our teachers and staff who invest in our children and families by sharing their knowledge of God’s world through a variety of subjects. We will send representatives to the Bishop’s Mass, 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral and all other students will pray a decade of the rosary with other students in the Dioceses across TN at 10 a.m. It will be done in honor of the Year for Priests and the 150th anniversary of the Dominican Sisters. Students are encouraged to bring their rosaries in from home.

Home and School will provide boxed lunches for our teachers with special treats to follow. Room parents will be asked to find coverage for classes during the lunch and recess hour (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) as well as the half hour for dismissal duty (2:45 to 3:15 p.m.). Families are asked to send in a card (homemade ones are great!) celebrating their teachers—don't forget the specials assigned to your class. **Students will be in uniform.**

Thursday, February 4th -Our Parents –Pope Benedict reminds us, family is the where our children first learn about faith in our Lord. We celebrate our parents this day by trying to make their lives easier and to assist families in spending time enjoying one another. There will be no homework assigned this evening so families can enjoy time together without rushing to complete assignments or study for tests on Friday. A special item from their child will be sent home. **Students may come in their PJ's for the day.**

Friday, February 5th-Our Students—The primary vocation of our school is to witness to our children a life where Christian values form and guide us now and in the future. **Students will show their Raider spirit by coming in CKS colors (gold or red, following the out of uniform guidelines).** Faculty will wear school uniforms and some will spend the day as a student. Students can relax this day as there is no homework due or tests to take. We will have a special ice cream dessert for our students. We will end with our day with the annual Faculty-8th Grade basketball game at 2:00 p.m. with special guest referees (50 min: 4 – 7 min periods; 3 – 7 min free throw contest)

Rather than a theme contest or the talent show (to be held in May), this year we will highlight a **Collector's Fair** for our faculty and students. We are asking students to show and share their favorite collection during this week. This is a great way for students to learn more about each other and to see what interests each of us. Students should start getting together their collection (marbles, erasers, baseball cards, dolls, coins, post cards, can, hot wheels, Lego's, stuffed animals, to name a few). We encourage you to make identification cards or notes about your collection. Tables will be provided in the Parish Hall and you may bring special display cases. Collections will be on display for one day only so bring your collection in the morning and plan to pick it up that afternoon. Teachers will ask for a sign up to know space requirements on Wednesday, February 3.

Wednesday, February 3
Thursday, February 4
Friday, February 5

Faculty and Staff
Grades 5th through 8th
Grades K through 4th

On behalf of the Catholic Schools Committee, we hope your children and families enjoy this week. Families are invited to all events to share in our celebration of our Catholic School. Our goal for the week is to instill the joy of Catholic Schools in our community—for in learning how to serve we faithfully learn to love our God. Thank you for your support of this special week.

