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January 3, 2022

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We thank God for his love and protection throughout this Christmas season. Thank you for your best wishes and gifts. May God bless and reward all of you for your generosity. We will continue to pray for God's protection upon us all throughout this New Year of 2022.

This is just a gentle reminder. For the safety of our students, teachers, and parents, we ask that each student and anyone entering the school building wear a mask. We also ask you dear parents to drop off your child/children at the school entrance in the morning as you have done before.

Thank you always for your cooperation. Since everyone is returning back to school after celebrating Christmas with their loved ones, for the safety of all, we ask you again to volunteer bringing your child/children for COVID testing if you have not already done so. This will help minimize the spread of this virus and enable us to continue in-person learning.

**The re-registration forms for the 2022- 2023 school Year for Pre-K students** will be sent home on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Pre-K 3 will register for Pre-K 4. The Pre-K 4 will get the **Kindergarten – 4th Grade form to register for Kindergarten**. These forms, the Tuition Options form, and the registration fee are **due by Thursday, January 28, 2022**.

The celebration of the **Catholic Schools Week will begin on January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The theme is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”** Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education. We celebrate the importance, values, and contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. As you know, Catholic schools aim at forming “students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith. As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.”

We will celebrate the Catholic Schools Week with different activities. Each Grade will do a poster for each theme of the Catholic Schools Week. See the attached leaflet for the planned activities. You can view our pictures on Facebook. We will have a closing Mass for the Catholic Schools Week on February 4, 2022 at 10:00 am.

**January 17, 2022 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. There will be No school.**

**Science Fair for Grades Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will be held Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00 pm.** All the projects will be set up in the gym a day before and the students will explain their projects to their fellow students and teachers. Each student will receive a Certificate of participation. The projects

will remain in the gym over the weekend since we will have Registration and Open House during that weekend. All projects should be in the school by February 21, 2022.

**Registration and Open House will be on February 26, 2022** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and then from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm and every Saturday at the same time. Please inform friends and acquaintances with school age children about our school.

**Chinese Auction is set to take place on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at Antonio's Banquet Hall at 7708 Niagara Falls BLVD. This is the biggest event in our school. There will be at least two baskets per family. **This** a time to start putting a basket together when things are still on sale. The value of the basket must be at least \$50.00, but you can get things on sale so that you don't have to spend all that money. The tickets are \$40.00 per person and Sr. Denise is in charge of the tickets. Please see if you can get tables of ten. **To purchase your ticket, please call Sr. Denise at 716-284-8273.**

**There will be School Council Meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm.** Please all are welcome to join us to discuss more about the Chinese Auction.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sr. Grace Dike, SCGR

## Themes for Celebrate Catholic Schools Week Themes

**Monday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.** - Celebrating Your Community – The students will learn the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities they demonstrate the values and faith gained through Catholic education. Teachers discuss with the students the importance of Catholic Education.  
*Poster done by the PRE-K 4*

**Tuesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.** - Celebrating Your Students: Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and recognizing their accomplishments. **There will be a talent show in the afternoon for our students.** Students can demonstrate their gifts and talents, whether (music, playing musical instrument, or dance, ballet, poetry, whatever each child is good at doing, he/she can show that gift on that day (Grade K will prepare the Poster)

**Wednesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Celebrating the Nation: On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders. *The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students will write about the value of Catholic Education, which can be posted on our Facebook. We plan to invite someone to speak to the students on the value of Catholic Education. A Dress down Day with Sacred Heart Villa colors to show your LOVE for your school.*

**Thursday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Celebrating Vocations/Career Day: By focusing on faith, knowledge and Service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life. On this day, children will recognize that we have different vocations. We will host a career Day. *Each student will dress up according to what he/she would like to be when she/he grows up (a teacher, religious Sister, priest, mother, religious brother, doctor, police officer, etc.). Pre-K 3 prepares the poster.*

**We will also have the Science Fair, and the students will have their science Project explained in the gym.**

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**Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers & Parents:  
Parents, guardians and other family members play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home. *Students will write a thank you note to the teachers and volunteers to thank them for services (accomplished by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders).* We will have a Mass on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of the Catholic Schools Week.

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- Line school halls with student work emphasizing the themes of CSW.
- Have a door decorating contest between classrooms. Set a theme for the friendly competition, and let students invoke their creativity and work with their teachers and each other to design and create the best classroom door decorations.
- Have older students dress as saints and prepare skits to teach younger children about them. Consider having saint stations for groups of younger students to move between.

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- Host a “career day” where local professionals – both religious and non-religious – can share how their faith guides them in their work.
- Provide Eucharistic adoration, asking for prayers for vocations

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**Reasons for Catholic Education**

- We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
- We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
- We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all
- We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
- We instill in students the value of service to others.
- We teach children respect of self and others.
- We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
- We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders
- We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.
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