

## PJP2A



## News

## Community

This week, we had more enriching activities which included Donuts with Dads, Crusader basketball games, and our final middle-school ski trip. Congrats to our Crusaders for winning their first basketball games this season! They played exceptionally well, and we are looking forward to the continuation of this season. Next, we are looking forward to celebrating National Catholic Schools Week and our 100th day of school!



*The annual Donuts with Dad event was enjoyed by many.*

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week begins on **Sunday, January 28**, and we have planned some exciting events to celebrate!

To kick off this week, we are asking all students to attend Mass at St. Mary's on **Sunday, January 28, at 9:00 a.m.** in their **school Mass uniforms**. Students would **sit together as a class** with their teachers.

Afterward, we are hosting a school **open house** and free breakfast from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** We wish to invite all existing school members, parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and any local community members who would be interested in seeing our school.

We hope to see you there!

### 100 DAY

Our 100th day of school is this Monday, January 29! On this day, younger grades (K4- 5th) may dress in their pajamas, and students in middle-school are allowed to dress up as "100" years old. We will be conducting other fun activities to celebrate this milestone!



### Mark Your Calendars:

**January 28 - Begin Catholic Schools Week**  
 - Mass - 9:00 a.m.  
 - Open House - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**January 29 - 100th Day of School**

**January 31 - Spirit Day**

**February 1 - Boys Basketball Game (Away) - 6:00 p.m.**

**February 2 - Girls Basketball Game (Away) - 5:00 p.m.**  
 - Boys Basketball Game (Home) - 5:00 p.m.

### VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

#### Fortitude

**Definition:** Firmness of spirit; a steadiness of will in doing good in spite of difficulties faced in the performance of one's duty.

**Application:** Doing what's right when it is unpopular; resisting peer pressure; persevering through hardships.



*A few of our middle-school ski lesson participants*

## TRACK SEASON

Each year, we host a track season for our students in grades 1-8 which culminates in a track meet competition. There are separate track meets for grades 1-4 and 5-8 which are both held in Grand Junction at the Ralph Stocker Stadium. Older grades have their track meet scheduled for Wednesday, **May 2**, and younger grades for Thursday, **May 3**.

Once again, students in grades 5 - 8 may opt out of competing in the track meet if they have participated in an approved alternative sport during the school year.

## SPRING DEPOSITS

We would like to provide you early notice that student deposits will be due on **Friday, April 27**, for any families who are returning for the 2018-2019 school year. Deposits are \$200 per student. These will be counted as a credit on your tuition for the coming school year and will hold your child's spot. An early-bird credit of \$50 will be placed on your account for the new school year when you put this deposit down by **Friday, April 13**. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SPIRIT DAY

We will be having a Catholic Schools Week **Spirit Day on Wednesday, January 31**. The spirit day will be **free**, and the theme is "opposite day," meaning that students can dress up as a teacher, and teachers can dress in the student uniform. We hope all of the children will enjoy this fun day!

## SPRING GALA BASKETS AND SPONSORS

Our spring gala is coming up soon! Please save the date for **Saturday, March 10**. Tickets will be available for sale soon!

This week, we sent home information in your Wednesday folders about our silent auction baskets for our spring gala. We are looking for parents to step up as assistants for organizing the basket in each classroom. Please contact Rita Revesz (reveszfamily@gmail.com) if you are interested in assisting!

Also, we will be seeking sponsors from local businesses who wish to help underwrite the costs for the spring gala this year. Sponsors will be provided advertising according to their level of support. Contact Mr. Gordon or our PTO representatives if you are interested in being a sponsor this year!

## SAVE THE DATES...

We have tentatively scheduled some other upcoming events which you may want to place on your calendar. Please note that additional information on these events will be provided as we arrive closer to them.

**ITBS Standardized Testing** (1st -8th): March 19 - 23  
**Poetry Cafe** - Friday, April 27  
**International Day** - Thursday, May 17  
**Middle-School Science Fair** - Week of May 7 (Date TBD)

**SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 99**

**SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 73**

**Quote of the Week:** "The person with fortitude is one who perseveres in doing what his conscience tells him he ought to do." - St. Josemaria Escriva

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