

PJP2A



News



Our cheerleading team has been working diligently this basketball season!

January Events

This week, we kept busy with many activities including basketball games, field trips, and sending out the second quarter report cards. We also celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day through learning about the civil rights movement and how we can continue to promote a culture that is centered in Christian

charity and respect. Finally, we finished our theme on temperance, and we hope your family will continue to discuss how to apply this virtue at home.

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!

DONUTS WITH DADS

Our PTO has scheduled our Donuts with Dads event to occur on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:30 a.m. Dads or father figures (grandpas, uncles, mentors, etc.) are encouraged to come that morning to have a donut with with their children.



Mark Your Calendars:

January 23 - Donuts with Dads - 7:30 a.m.

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

January 24

- Girls B.B. Game - 6:00 p.m.

- Boys B.B. Game - 7:00 p.m.

January 25 - Girls B.B. Game - 5:00 p.m.

January 26

- Mass - 8:00 a.m.

- Middle School Ski Trip

January 28 - Begin Catholic Schools Week

- Mass - 9:00 a.m.

- **Open House** - 10:00 - 11:30 a.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.



Sixth-graders spend time regularly assisting first-grade students through "Reading Buddies."

SPRING GALA

Our spring gala is coming up soon! Please save the date for **Saturday, March 10**. Our PTO has been working hard to prepare for this upcoming event, and we would like to invite you to join one of our subcommittees to help with the planning if you are interested. The following individuals have volunteered to be the head of each subcommittee, and please contact them if you desire to assist in their area of service:

Decorating: Jen Tull - tull.pjp2a@gmail.com

Auction Items: Julie Andress and Cory Hawkins - julierandress@gmail.com

Classroom Baskets: Rita Revesz - reveszfamil@gmail.com

The gala will be held at the Montrose Pavilion, and we will have casino games, dinner, live and silent auctions, a guest speaker, music, dancing, and more!

You won't want to miss this exciting event!

CLEANING HELP NEEDED!

We are currently in need of **four extra parents** to help with our cleaning duties which are normally done on the weekends. These responsibilities are simple tasks that include sweeping, taking out trash, and mopping which provide an invaluable service for our teachers and students. Please contact the school office or Barb Lockwood (970-275-3089) if you are interested in serving the school through cleaning.

Please note that this job does not involve cleaning the regular bathrooms as we do have a part-time cleaner who helps with that. The service position is focused on cleaning our classrooms and hallway areas which saves the school money and allows us to keep our costs as low as possible.

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!

100 DAY

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



SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 94

SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 78

Quote of the Week: "I do not fear at all what men can do to me for speaking the truth. I only fear what God would do if I were to lie." – St. John Bosco

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