


Schedule of Events



Catholic Schools

(Please read all four pages!)

Friday, January 27....Cruisin' Into Catholic Schools Week!

- Teacher Appreciation Event, 6:30 p.m., school gym!

Sunday, January 29...In Our Parish

- Mass at 9 a.m. Enjoy our school's Jubilee Choir. Members of our Student Council will bring down offertory gifts and Principal Matt Beisser will speak after communion to thank parishioners for their support of our school. Students should wear their "Sunday best" to Mass!
- Enjoy an open house after mass in Fellowship Hall with refreshments served by our Student Council members. Teachers will be available and classrooms open.
- Special "thank you" token handed out to parishioners after mass.
- Check out our Wall of Honor featuring photos our eighth grade leaders, interviewed by our seventh graders, and "portraits" from our 5K students. See our Catholic Schools Week posters created by each school family about how St. Dennis School embodies faith, academics and service.
- GIFT presentation in the evening, 6-7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 30...In Our Community

- Special Catholic School Week prayer.
- Breakfast snack for teachers and staff to kick-off Catholic Schools Week!
- Teachers and parents "cruised" into Catholic Schools Week on Friday, and now it's our students' turn! Dress up today! Get out your poodle skirts, leather or jean jackets, penny loafers, bobby stocks, blue jeans, white t-shirts, ponytails, greased-back hair...you get the idea!
- All-school assembly at 9:15 a.m.; presentation to raise awareness of spina bifida given by one of our own students and her parents. Assembly includes a presentation by GIFT guest – comedian, musician and ventriloquist, Taylor Mason!
- Coloring sheets featuring "Spiffy," the spina bifida bunny mascot. Color and return to school for posting in our hallways! (Coloring sheets and info on spina bifida will come home on Wednesday, Jan. 25.)

- Students will participate in an all-school “bunny hop,” to end the assembly!
- Students are asked to bring in spare change to fill the “Change for Spina Bifida” basket throughout the week.
- Lunch is hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, raw carrots and apples (high in folic acid, a nutrient to help prevent spina bifida), plus cupcakes for dessert!
- GIFT presentation in the evening 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31...In Our Students

- Special Catholic School Week prayer.
- Teachers and staff treated to a “thank you” gift.
- Mix and match “crazy day!” Let’s get wild and crazy! Plaid with stripes, backwards clothes, ugly sweaters, shorts with tights, etc.! (Remember the school dress code is still in effect – no short shorts, spaghetti straps, inappropriate t-shirts, etc.)
- Mixin’ up the music! At random times throughout the day we’ll play music...when kids and teachers hear it, they’ll stop and get up and dance like crazy, right in the classroom or hallways!
- Then we’ll have an afternoon all-school dance in the gym for all grades: 4K-2 from 1-1:30 p.m., grades 3-5 from 1:45-2:15 and grades 6-8 from 2:30-3:05. When kids aren’t dancing they’ll enjoy an ice cream snack!
- Turkey and mashed potatoes for lunch plus “upside down” cake for dessert!
- For a crazy-special treat, Twizzlers and Twix passed out to students!

Wednesday, February 1...In Our Nation

- Special Catholic School Week prayer.
- Wear your Sunday best! Dress-Up Day to salute our nation, our veterans and our active military. If possible, try to include some red, white and/or blue to show your patriotic spirit!
- All-school Mass at 9:15 a.m. Paper prayer chain created from each student’s petition for their country presented during Mass. Singing of “God Bless America” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”
- Following mass, assembly in the gym and demonstration by members of the military.
- All-American lunch of hot dogs, french fries, applesauce and “star-spangled” cookies for dessert!
- Middle school to Overture Center in the afternoon. Middle-schoolers are asked to stay in dress-up clothes as representatives of St. Dennis School during Catholic Schools Week!

Thursday, February 2...In Our Vocations

- Father Paul, who is also vocations director for the Madison diocese, will say a few words about vocations and lead us in today's special Catholic Schools Week prayer.
- Wear your class color/pattern/theme day – dress in your class color, pattern or theme! Hair paint is OK if done before coming to school; NO hair painting in school bathrooms. Face paint is NOT allowed. *(A list of each class's color/theme/pattern is with CSW materials.)*
- Bagel breakfast in school cafeteria from 7-8:15 a.m.
- Teachers, staff and clergy enjoy a special lunch of appreciation in the parish center prepared by school parents and served by students.
- Thank you cards made by students in school families presented to faculty, staff and clergy.
- Staff versus eighth grade volleyball game in the afternoon at 2:30!
- Pizza, lettuce salad, and in honor of class color day, colorful fruit salad and multi-colored crispy treats for dessert!
- Join parishioners for bingo in the evening in the parish center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30!

Friday, February 3...In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

- Special Catholic School Week prayer.
- Students and faculty/staff wear their special 2012 CSW t-shirts! *(Coming home in backpacks, Wednesday, Feb. 1. If more than one child, they will come home in the youngest child's backpack.)*
- Friday Fitness includes "parade" around the school hallways to raise awareness of spina bifida, led by 4K student Brittany Kasperski!
- Grand total for our "Change for Spina Bifida" drive announced for Spina Bifida Association-Wisconsin.
- Fun gym activities for 4K AM and PM; bowling fun for grades 5K-3 in the afternoon, ice skating in the afternoon for grades 4-8 at McFarland ice arena **(PLEASE NOTE: skates will be available, but if you have access to skates or your children have their own, please bring them due to limitations in sizes/quantities!)**. Also, please bring gloves to keep hands warm! *(Parents for grades 5K-8, don't forget to turn in a permission slip for your child to participate! Permission slips are posted with other CSW materials. **Please sign and return by Wednesday, Feb. 1.** (Children who do not send in a signed permission slip will not be able to participate in the afternoon activities.)*
- Sack lunch.

Fees

We ask that families with children in grades 5K-8 contribute \$7 per child toward Catholic Schools Week. Families with children in 4K are asked to contribute \$5 per child (since 4K children will not be taking a field trip, their fee is lower). This fee helps offset some of the costs of t-shirts, activities, supplies, special snacks, busing costs, etc. The fee form is included with the other CSW materials.

**Kindly return all forms and fees to the school office
no later than Wednesday, Feb. 1 (earlier is even better!).
Thank you!!**

Get Ready for a Great Catholic Schools Week!

2012 Catholic Schools Week Committee

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