



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week

2024-2025

Theme: United In Faith and Community

WEEK OF GIVING – INFORMATION SENT HOME NEXT WEEK

Sunday- Parish- Mass 10:30 am- All families are asked to attend. Please wear your school uniform. (More information to follow.)

Open House 11:30 am (Spread the word!)

Monday- Community- Rise Against Hunger (Grades 4-8) 9am-12pm

<https://signupgenius.com/> Sign up to be an adult helper

Tuesday- Students

- . Community Vehicles Visit the School – TBA(Morning)
- . Prayer Partner Bracelet Making- 1:30pm
- .Ice Cream Sundae w/ Prayer Partners

Wednesday- Nation

- .Spelling Bees Grades 4-8(Parents invited, more information to follow)
1:30 pm
- . Reader's Theater Grades K-3 (Parents invited, more information to follow) 10:00 am
- .Make Cards for Troops that defend our nation

Thursday- Vocations

- . Fr. Matthew Presentation and Activity – 1:30 pm in gym
- . Preschool Parent Walk-Through- 8:30-9:15 am (info will be sent home)

Friday- Faculty, Staff, Volunteers

- . Walk a thon for Mercy House 8:30 am. **Donation:** can of food or baby item
- . 8th grade/faculty volleyball game- 10:00 am
- . 12:00 Dismissal (Grades K-8) for Bowling
- . 11:45 Dismissal (Grades PK3 and PK4) Bowling

TAG DAYS- See Handbook for protocol. No PJs or shorts.

Monday- 1/27- Mismatched Day

Tuesday-1/28- Multiplicity/Twin Day

Wednesday-1/29- Disney Day

Thursday-1/30-Favorite Color Day

Friday-1/31- Wear your Favorite Sports Team (Pro, High School, and College)



January 24, 2025

Dear Members of Our Catholic School Community:

Catholic Schools Week 2025 will be celebrated nationwide from January 26 through February 1, and the sixty-seven schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will join in this special observance. Our schools will celebrate with Masses, prayer services, assemblies, academic contests, open houses, and various spirited activities that highlight our shared mission and the sense of community central to Catholic education.

As we celebrate the many events of Catholic Schools Week, it is important to remember that each school's individual efforts are part of a much larger, unified mission. The sixty-seven Catholic school communities in the Archdiocese of Newark are connected by a common purpose: to nurture students' spiritual, academic, and personal growth in an environment rooted in faith. Currently, nearly 22,000 students are enrolled in our Catholic schools, each benefiting from an education that reflects God's love and goodness.

Each school strives to provide a community where students and their families are supported in their growth and well-being. While school leaders, teachers, and staff work diligently to foster this sense of community within their schools, they also make intentional efforts to connect their schools to the broader communities to which they belong. These efforts include outreach to community organizations, service projects to assist those in need, and active involvement in parish life.

While each school has its unique character, all are united in their commitment to helping students know, love, and serve God. This shared mission is the heart of our community, which extends beyond individual schools to encompass the entire Archdiocese. Friendly rivalries may exist, but the core of our work remains the same: to strengthen and grow Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

We see this spirit of unity clearly when we gather school leaders and teachers for meetings. The focus shifts from "my school" to "our Catholic schools," as they collaborate to strengthen Catholic education. When we face the difficult decision to close a school, we witness the warm welcome that families receive as they transition to a new Catholic school. When a school experiences a tragedy, colleagues from other schools reach out with support and comfort. We pray with and for each other. When a school is recognized for its achievements, others offer congratulations. We know that the mission is bigger than what any single school can achieve, and so we work together as a unified community of Catholic schools.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week during this Jubilee Year, let us pray with Pope Francis: "May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth." Together, as a community of Catholic schools, we continue to share that grace, guiding our students to live out our mission with faith, joy, and love.

God bless,

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