



Dear Parents,

As the New Year dawns, casting its hopeful light upon us, I invite you to join me in reflecting on the promises we hold dear as a Catholic school community. These promises, woven into the very fabric of our faith, are not merely words uttered at the baptismal font; they are a lifelong commitment, a torch passed down through generations, illuminating the path of Catholic stewardship.

At the heart of these promises lies the call to love God. This love is not a passive sentiment, but a vibrant tapestry woven from prayer, service, and a dedication to living the Gospel message and by your attendance at Mass. In the coming year, let us strive to nurture this love in our children, fostering a deep connection with God through prayer, reflection, and participation in the sacraments.

Attention 8th Grade Athletes

February 1st will be the 8th Grade Recognition Night. This is for any 8th athlete and his/her parents. This includes cross country, volleyball, basketball, archery, and for those anticipating to participate in track. In the event of snow, we can reschedule to February 8th.

Please be at the gym by 5:30 pm. The recognition will start between the first and second game of the evening.

January 5, 2024

<p><u>January birthdays</u> 1-Audrey Curless (3) 2-Justyce Koenigsfeld (8) 6-Jentry Mosley (2) 7-Cooper Rikard (2) 8-Ezden Blauvelt (2) 13-Gibson Hamburg (1) 16-Lucy Brandt (5) 17-Hank Dudenhoeffer (3) 19-Colton Leivian (8) 19-John Craig Klebba (PK) 20-Emric Eisterhold (PK) 23-Briar Prenger (PK) 23-Marla Sprenger (4) 24-Annabelle Neihart (4) 29-Dawson Sprenger (8)</p>	<p><u>Important Dates:</u> <u>January</u> 5-Report Cards go home 15-No School 16-8th grade retreat in Folk 19-Speech Meet at SGS 23-Home and School Meeting @7:00 pm in lobby 26-4 D Day sponsored by 4th gr. 28-Kick off to Catholic Schools Week</p>
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SERVERS 5pm–Dawson Sprenger, Brooklynn Dudenhoeffer, Zachary Curless
10am– Justyce Koenigsfeld, Eli Koenigsfeld, Maggie Schmitz

<p>Thank you to all the students who sang in the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. The choir and lecturers were great. I was also pleased to see so many students who were helping with the procession of Baby Jesus to the altar.</p>	<p>If your child is absent, or there is a change in plans, please inform the office and not just your child's teacher.</p>
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Parents-report cards have been emailed and a hard copy sent home via Friday Folders, please sign and return the envelope. The envelope will be reused at the end of each quarter.

January is a new month so please send your fees: lunch (\$42.20 per child), Preschool fees (\$420.00), band (\$30.00 per child) and After Care (\$75.00 per family).

Home and School

The second Home and School Meeting will be on January 23rd at 7:00 pm in the lobby.

Another huge thank you goes out to those angels among us who came in and cleaned school on

December 17th. I am so impressed the way parents have stepped up to do this for the betterment of the school.

Feb 2, 2024

The end of Catholic Schools Week has traditionally been celebrated with the parents. This year, we will be having a Mass at 8:00 am followed by Adoration and Benediction. We would love for parents to join us for this Mass, then spend some in adoration with your child's class. These times will be assigned and that information will come later. At 12:00 we will gather again for Benediction. Once Benediction is over, students and parents will gather in the church basement for some entertainment. We anticipate school ending at 1:00. There will be no After Care that day.

Thriftway Receipts

We are once again saving Thriftway Receipts. Please send them to the school office. This program runs from January 1 to April 30. This helps the school to obtain necessary items, so that we don't have to deplete our budget to purchase them.

My heart overflows with gratitude as I look around at the bounty that fills our halls. Your generous outpouring of gifts at Christmas isn't just about the presents. It's a testament to the love and commitment that binds our school community. Each thoughtful card, every hand-wrapped box, echoes the spirit of this holy season – a spirit of giving, of service, of recognizing the light that shines within each of us.

To work in a Catholic school is to witness faith in action every day. It's the quiet act of kindness in the playground, the hand raised in prayer, the student council working to help a family in need. It's the unwavering support of parents who choose this path for their children, entrusting us to nurture not just minds, but souls.

And when you shower us with such generosity, it reaffirms the strength of that bond. You remind us that our mission – to foster a community of faith, learning, and service – not only resonates, but inspires. Your generosity empowers us to continue nurturing compassion, courage, and critical thinking in our students, equipping them to be beacons of Christ's light in the world.

So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for the gifts, the prayers, the countless ways you enrich this community of faith and family. May the joy of the season linger in your hearts, and may the new year be filled with blessings as abundant as your love. God bless you all.