

National Catholic Schools Week
January 27, 2019 to February 2, 2019

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January 31, 2019

Dear Parents,

It's freezing cold again, and we have certainly had our share of gray foggy days. The seasons of nature are often reflected in the seasons of our lives and the seasons of our soul. If this is a “gray” time for you, remember that like the weather, it's a natural cycle and will not last forever. One thing we know for sure is that daily life is far from a straight and narrow path. As families, we are always juggling more than we can handle so again, let's think of periods of physical and spiritual winter as a time to keep us grounded in the present moment. Rather than allowing that straight and narrow path to dominate our thinking, let's shift our image to one that is wide and gracious. When you are thinking of how life should look, just remember how unexpected “breaks” continue to remind us that life is not ours to figure out. Being “in control” like so many of us are, sometimes we must get ourselves out of the way, so God can work. We learn to live by going where we must go, one step at a time. Wherever we are at any given moment is precisely where God can best meet us.

Thank you to our families and students who helped to make Catholic Schools Week memorable and fun! We enjoyed seeing you over the weekend at our Open House and displaying your children's work to share it with you is a source of pride for us. You can judge for yourselves if our Student Council speakers at each Mass hit the mark in communicating to our parishioners how Catholic School students “Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”

Thank you to our families for your support of our Book Fair this week. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to select their very own books. While our Fair closes tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 PM, online ordering is also available. Online selections offer a larger selection of books. Shipping is free and the books will be delivered directly to the school within a week of the end of the fair. Please use the following link. <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stelizabethscatholicschool1> The winner of our “Guessing Jar” contest was Chase Voigt (4) who guessed the EXACT amount and the 2 runners up who were only one off – Lucas Furbee (3) and Matthew McHugh (3). All 3 winners won gift certificates to our Book Fair.

All the “treat” times were truly appreciated. The Ice Cream Social is always a favorite (Thank you, Mrs. O'Connell & Team) as was our BAR NONE Luncheon for Faculty and Staff (Thank you, Mrs. Mermelstein and Mrs. Honold and all our wonderful parent chefs). Morning trivia, Science Fair competition, Mini-Field Day, Variety Show and Pep Rally all help to round out a “fun” week!

The highlight of Mini-Field Day was our Newcomb games between Grade 8 and The Faculty with guest “ringers,” Seminarians Tim Courtney and Ross Williams. Impressive performances with enthusiasm and support for both sides.

Our Variety Show is tonight at 7:00 PM. All are invited to our School Mass tomorrow at 11:15 AM and the final hurrah is Pizza Bingo Friday night at 6:00 PM!

Congratulations to our Science Fair winners: In Grade 6 – 1st place to Katie Henshall with Spectrum Splash; 2nd place to Andrew Ehgartner with A Wild Ride; 3rd place to Rachael Metzger with Does lack of sleep affect memory?; 4th place to Ella McHugh with Under Pressure and 5th place to Caitlin Grant with The Highs and Lows of Helium. In Grade 7 – 1st place to Ava Fraser with Mother Nature’s Nutrition Shelf Life; 2nd place to Callie Ardoline with Smells So Good I Can Taste It; 3rd place to Lucia Sanchez with Out of the Park; 4th place to Maeve Bellafante with Do You hear What I Hear? And 5th place to Suzanne Gatti with Glue-ten in Your Gut.

Good luck to Luke DeOcampo (6), Niall Hughes (7), Alex Daoud (8), and AJ Dominiecki (8) as they compete in the Downingtown Math Counts competition this Saturday.

This is Progress Report time. Remember that our grading results are available online through MSP. If you have any questions about your child’s progress at any time during the year, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. He or she is here to help.

Please note that our re-registration deadline is today. If you have not already done so, please return the form indicating your enrollment intentions for next year.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION TIME FOR 2019-2020

FACTS GRANT & AID: MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EITC BLOCS, AND ST. ELIZABETH PARISH FINANCIAL AID!

FACTS Grant & Aid Application Fee: **\$35.00**

Our pre-school students are also eligible for aid – simply indicate pre-K for the grade level. Your **2017** tax return is required to complete your application. If you applied last year, your application will autofill. You will be notified by FACTS if any additional documentation needs to be submitted. The link is on our website, on the Archdiocesan BLOCS website and here: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

All families intending to apply for BLOCS and/or St. Elizabeth financial aid are strongly encouraged to do so as early as possible. Families with a FACTS Grant & Aid application will be reviewed and verified. Award decisions will be made based on the FACTS Grant & Aid estimated need.

Just a few more reminders . . .

Our virtue of the month for February is: Respect - Courtesy, manners, assertiveness, politeness, reverence

- **January 31, 2019 –**
 - Deadline for Re-registration and Sibling Application
 - Mini Field Day: All students wear Gym Uniforms
 - Science Explorers after school: Anatomy Academy – NEW SESSION
 - Variety Show at 7:00 PM in Gym
- **February 1, 2019 –**
 - School Mass to close Catholic Schools Week at 11:15 AM
 - Pep Rally with Cheerleaders at Dismissal time
 - Pizza Bingo at 6:00 PM in Social Hall
- **February 2, 2019-** First Penance Service for 2nd Graders
- **February 5, 2019 –** Chess Club after school
- **February 6, 2019 –**
 - Robotics after school
 - Faculty meeting after school
- **February 7, 2019 -** Science Explorers after school: Anatomy Academy
- **February 12, 2019 –**
 - **Sneak A Peek 9:30 to 11:00 AM**
 - Chess Club after school
- **February 13, 2019 -** Robotics after school
- **February 14, 2019 -** Science Explorers after school: Anatomy Academy
- **February 15, 2019 –** 4th Grade Class Mass
- **February 18, 2019 –** Presidents' Day **No School**
- **February 19, 2019 -** Chess Club after school
- **February 20, 2019 –**
 - Robotics after school
 - Faculty meeting after school
- **February 21, 2019 –**
 - Farm Explorer Program for 4th Grade in Social Hall at 9:00 & 10:00
 - Science Explorers after school: Anatomy Academy
- **February 22, 2019 –** 3rd Grade Class Mass
- **February 26, 2019 –**
 - **Sneak A Peek 9:30 to 11:00 AM**
 - Chess Club after school
- **February 27, 2019 -** Robotics after school
- **February 28, 2019 –**
 - History Day
 - Science Explorers after school: Anatomy Academy

Once again – Please check all flyers that are listed in this week's communication.

Thank you so much for the Stewardship you show to our school and parish and for being such wonderful role models to your children. Catholic Schools Week was a "happening" because of your ideas and support.

God bless,

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