

PARENT NEWS:

Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life

Now more than ever, Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education. Each year at this time, we focus on the gift that Catholic education provides to America's young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. We build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic schools throughout the country. And we honor those who contribute to the success of Catholic schools – students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, community supporters, and local, state and national leaders.

Particularly during times of change and challenge, Catholic schools provide long-term benefits to the nation's youth: a high-quality, faith-based education that will continue to pay dividends for years to come. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life," underscores the commitment of Catholic schools to continue that tradition. Families and communities can count on Catholic schools to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles as committed citizens, productive employees and effective leaders.

- **Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 22nd – 28th.** Let's make our presence known in the community! Please review the enclosed forms, fill in the areas in which you and your family are available to help. Return them by Monday, January 11th.
- **Thank you to Lorilee Malecha** for another wonderful music concert! The children were great.
- **The auction committee has a timeshare in Mexico donated for the raffle for the auction.** We are looking for miles to be donated or money to purchase two round trip tickets. Anyone interested in donating should contact Chris Fink at 612-749-9752 or Angela Fink at 612-462-3474.
- **Reminder: The Parent and Student Handbook was distributed in December. Only pages 33 and 34 need to be signed and returned: Photo Release and Internet Usage forms.** If you have not, please return them ASAP. These will be the last Internet Usage forms and Photo Release forms you'll need to sign for the duration of your child's education at St. Dominic. If there comes a time you choose to change the status of either, please notify the school in writing.
- The **Timberwolves Fastbreak Foundation reading challenge** runs from November 9th– January 15th. Read 500 pages, fill out the form (which was previously sent home) and return it to the office by January 15th to receive prizes and a free ticket to a game from the Timberwolves.

STUDENT NEWS:

- **Open Gym will be on Saturday, January 9th at 9:30 am – 11:00 am** for students in grades 4 – 8.
- **Open Gym for Preschool – 3rd grade** is in the planning stage! Watch for details & invitations.
- **After school movies and popcorn plans** are underway. Watch for the details!

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Mass will be led by the 6th and 7th graders on January 14th at 8:20 am.
- Mass will be led by the 5th graders on January 21 at 8:20 am.

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Dec. 17 – Christmas Program	Jan. 4 – School resumes	Feb. 1 – Quarter 3 begins
Dec. 21 – Jan 1 – Christmas break	Jan. 18 – No School – Teacher Workshop Day	Feb. 7 – Return from Maltrata
	Jan. 22-28 – Catholic Schools Wk.	Feb. 18 – Open House
	Jan. 24 – Athletic Pancake Brkfst.	Feb. 27 – St. Night Out – Auction
	Jan. 29 – No School	
	Jan. 30 – Trip to Maltrata, Mexico	