

St. Anne's School



News Letter
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St. Anne's Catholic Schools Week January 30- February 3

Pre-K students are invited to dress up and Pre-K families are invited to attend any of the weekly events.

Dress Up Days

Monday, January 30

Mixed Up Monday

Tuesday, January 31

Tidy Tuesday-Dress your best!

Wednesday, February 1

Dress as a Staff Member

Thursday, February 2

Dress as someone from your Favorite Book or Movie Character

Friday, February 3

St. Anne's Spirit Wear

Daily Events

Every morning we will be doing a special prayer & Catholic Schools Week Bingo

Monday

Kick off to I Love to Read Month!

Tuesday

Mass at 10:30

Wednesday

Stained Glass Crosses Craft

Thursday

Spelling Bee Starting @ 10:30 with
5th Grade 12:45-1:45- 3rd & 4th
1:45-2:30- 1st & 2nd
2:30-3:00- Kindergarten

Friday

School Dance from 1:00-2:30

School Mass

The school Mass is at **10:30** every Tuesday and will be held at the school until spring. **January 31st Mass will be led by the Staff.**



January Reminders:

Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 30th- Feb. 3rd

I Love to Read Starts: Feb. 1st

Feb. 24th NO SCRIP sales at school, please plan accordingly.

Playground duty dates:

Each family needs to fulfill 5 dates or a \$50 fee.

February:

6,9,10,13,16,23,27

March:

14,21,22,23,27,28,29,30

Please sign up with Mrs. Graham in the school office.

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Playground Supervision Schedule

January 30th-Feb. 3rd

	Volunteer
Monday	Hannah Straub
Tuesday	OPEN
Wednesday	Lynn Culbert
Thursday	Jessica Steinke
Friday	Katie Zelasko

*****Full Month Calendar can be found on our website!**

Please arrive at school at 11:20 and check in with the office. Recess ends at 11:55.



January 30th- February 3rd

Monday: Chicken ala King, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, Sweet Potatoes Fries, Green Beans, Pineapple

Wednesday: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Calico Beans, Peaches

Thursday: Tator Tot Hotdish, Peas, Apple Crisp

Friday: Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Potatoes, Blueberry Parfait, Applesauce, Assorted Juice

If you would like to join us for lunch, please let the school office know by 9:30am.

Pre-K Signage:

We recently received Pre-K Yard Signs to promote our new branding of Pre-K. What was formally known as Bright Stars will now be named Faithful Beginnings! We are so excited to share! If you would like to post a yard sign please stop in the office and pick one

Dear Families,

I saw this feature online and it reminded me so much of St. Anne's. Hope you enjoy it and Happy Catholic Schools Week next week!

Diane Lee

Why My Kids Go To Catholic School

January 20, 2015 by Tod Womer

It was years ago, but it seems as clear as if it were yesterday. I was talking with my dad when he stopped me short. He looked me square in the eyes and simply, but firmly said,

"I'm proud of what you do, but I love you for who you are. Are you listening? I'm proud of what you do, but I love you for who you are."

I don't recall the circumstances that prompted him to say that or my sheepish response, but I'll never forget how special it made me feel. This wasn't the first time my dad said this. Nor would it be the last. Growing up, my parents made abundantly clear that to get anywhere in life you need to set clear goals, have a strong work ethic and be honest with God and yourself. And being raised by a school superintendent, English teacher and two sisters aspiring to become teachers, you can only guess the value we placed on education. So between my home and my local public school, there were high expectations to work hard, learn and succeed.

But that was not all.

I was taught that while accomplishments matter and success is important, achievement uninformed by faith, purpose, & character will ultimately be hollow. As my dad said, *"It's not just about what you do, it's about who you are."* It was a philosophy I have never forgotten and still value deeply.

Well, time has passed. I am now married with two young wonderful children. And three years ago, we had to make an important decision. In the west Metro, arguably a hub of the finest public and private school education in the country, where would we send our daughters? Instead of schools immersing students in language or the arts, we opted for a different type of immersion: *Catholic Immersion*. We chose to send our girls to the Catholic school here. *And we couldn't be more satisfied.*

Now, I can recite for you the data about the robust performance of our Catholic school students on standardized tests or the enviable student-teacher ratio. I could impress you with the diverse class offerings in art, music and Spanish or the deeply skilled and compassionate staff. I could even dazzle you with the Smart Board technology, iPad utilization and cutting edge internet based teaching tools. *I could...* but that vital data is proudly displayed on the website, in the brochures or available on a school tour. Instead, let me share with you the *true spirit* of my daughters' Catholic School:

At my daughters' Catholic school,

- a child once shy to speak much in class is soon beaming while reading prayer intentions at the School Mass***
- you may receive a smiling email from a teacher telling you your daughter looked up at him and said, "God bless you" because he picked her favorite game in gym class.***
- you find parents who tow a tractor hundreds of miles simply to pull a school float in the local parade.***

At my daughters' Catholic school,

- you may find your child spontaneously apologizing at the end of the day for something she said at the beginning of the day simply because of what she learned from the priest's homily at the School Mass***
- you encounter staff, parents and children enthusiastically showing up to pack food for the hungry, rake leaves for the elderly and plant pinwheels for peace***

At my daughters' Catholic school,

- teachers approach you about the right book or exercise for your child, the principal knows your kids and cheers them on by name, and the priest offers wise support at just the right time.***
- you may find a child at home thoughtlessly humming a hymn or telling you an interesting fact about St. Benedict, or at the school Talent Show telling corny jokes or belting out Frozen's "Let It Go"***
- staff, parents and students pray for and rally around a spouse who has been sick, a baby soon to be born, or a sixth grader saying goodbye***

You see, our Catholic school is more than just a school, it is a deeply invested community. *A community*. And in a world grown increasingly cold and harsh, a community of faith and warmth is an immeasurably important springboard in these young kids lives. And in ours. Undoubtedly, this school prepares the mind. But by God, it prepares the soul as well. To paraphrase my dad, *"Catholic schools are proud of what our kids do, but love them for who they are."*