



## Good News from Dr. Bennett...Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>,

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### Big Week to Celebrate Catholic Schools

We are all excited and ready for the events coming next week to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Sunday will be our special opening Mass followed by our annual Open House. This is a super time to come and see what's up at Cathedral. Parents of younger students can see what goes on in the upper grades and all of our technology will be on display. If you haven't seen it yet, I know you'll be impressed. The best part is that our teachers really USE that same technology every day!

On Monday, students will "Dare to Dream it..." And wear their pajamas, with a movie treat in the afternoon. I never worry about our students wearing anything inappropriate and they have always shown good taste when given the privilege to come out of uniform for a theme day. On Tuesday, we will invite Grandparents (or other special folks, if no grandparent is available) to join us in church at 1:15 for a Mass together, followed by refreshments and classroom visits at school.

Wednesday is an early dismissal day (at 1:45) and the Parents Club has arranged for a private skating party at Fun Spot for our students from 2:00 -4:00 that afternoon. Parents Club meeting is also that evening. Students can wear sports wear from their favorite teams. On Thursday, Cathedral spirit wear can be worn if parents attended the PC meeting the night before. The Student Council will have a special Teacher Appreciation lunch for our staff, while on Friday we will be wearing crazy hats and celebrate "Hats Off to Catholic Schools".

On Saturday, our parents will be holding a circus-themed dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from our school and from the surrounding local Catholic schools. This should be a very nice evening for these young folks and I hope they have a grand time.

### Parents Club Meeting

Next Wednesday there will be the February meeting of the Parents Club at 7:00 in the café. I hope we have a wonderful turnout. I will be announcing a new program we will be offering this coming summer. This should be a great opportunity for our students, teachers and our school as a whole. I think you'll like it!

**Girl Scouts Spaghetti Dinner \*\*\* SAT. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\***  
**4:00-8:00 \*\*\* Cathedral cafe**

**New Newsletters Coming Out**

Our latest edition of "The Good News" at Cathedral School is due out next week. We are so pleased that Deb Lassman enjoys putting this publication together. The stories and pictures of so many events will probably make you worn out - just reading about all the activities she's covering. Thanks, Deb, for your care and expertise for this wonderful effort. We all do appreciate these lovely newsletters.

**Pennies for Pets**

Thanks for all the donations to the Humane Society during this FIRST week of our collections. It was really fun to have the members of the Pup Squad bring their rescued dogs to our assembly on Monday afternoon. The dogs were great and the children learned all about what the Belleville Area Humane Society does, totally with donations and no other funds. Our students (with their parents) are invited to come and help with the dogs and cats. Feeding and walking the dogs is always available to helpers.

We will collect money for all of next week before we see which class will win the pizza party.

**Scholar Bowl Match**

We will host our first Scholar Bowl match at our school on Monday after school. The students from Our Lady Queen of Peace will be here for competition for both teams, varsity and junior varsity. This will keep all of our players involved for this time. Hopefully our students will perform as well this time as they did in our first match at St. James in Millstadt. We are having fun and learning a lot in this process.

**Volleyball Begins**

Both our boys and girls have started practicing for volleyball. Please feel free to check our game schedule on the school website if you would like to attend some of our games.

**February Brings Many Events**

The month of February will be full of activities for the school and the parish. The Parish Mission will be held from Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> and all families are invited to

participate in the various programs being held during that time. We will not have any athletic or other school events during that time, so that these will not interfere.

We will participate in the *Great Central U.S Shake Out* (earthquake drill) on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:15. The Science Fair will be held on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Peace Museum will bring a great program for parents and students on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and the "Water Pirates of Neverland" will be a play brought in for students up to grade 5.

This month will also feature meetings and activity days for both those preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. Please consult the letters that were sent home with your child for these busy grades.

This will be very busy month!!

God Bless our Catholic Schools, now and always.

*Dr. Bennett*