

January 29, 2021

Dear TFS parents and faculty/staff,

We are excited to be celebrating our annual Catholic Schools Week all next week! Even though we are not able to hold the recognition in our usual way, we are still dedicated to highlighting all that Catholic Schools do, especially your favorite one, to make a dedication to faith, excellent academics, and service to others part of your student's daily experience.

To help us celebrate the week, we created [this](#) video that highlights why choosing a Catholic education is so important to all of us.

2021 Catholic Schools Week (January 31st - February 6th) Highlights

- Sunday **Celebration of the Parish**
Watch Mass, and wear your school uniform if you are attending the Masses.
- Monday **Celebration of the Community**
Father Jim speaks at Morning Prayer, and teachers and staff receive a special lunch from the HSA!
- Tuesday **Celebration of the Students**
We have a special student speaker at Morning Prayer and a **free dress out day** for all students attending today! K, 1st, and 7th grades get individually wrapped daylight donut treat at lunch! (Students who are distance learning will get a coupon for a donut!)
- Wednesday **Celebration of Vocations**
We have our Community Mass with 4th grade! Monsignor Clay will speak about religious vocations during Mass! 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades get individually wrapped daylight donut treat at lunch! (Students who are distance learning will get a coupon for a donut!)
- Thursday **Celebration of our Nation**
Red, White, and Blue Dress out day for all attending today! Mr. Tenace speaks at Morning Prayer about the freedoms we all enjoy! The 4th grade and the faculty and Staff get individually wrapped daylight donut treat at lunch! (Students who are distance learning will get a coupon for a donut!)
- Friday **Celebration of Catholic Schools Faculty/Staff/Volunteers**
Student Council speaks about the role the faculty play in their lives at Morning Prayer! 6th and 8th grades get individually wrapped daylight donut treat at lunch! (Students who are distance learning will get a coupon for a donut!)
- Saturday **Celebration of Families**
Find time to spend together as a family and wind down from a busy week!

Our service projects this week will be done throughout the week as the teachers find time. Think of all the people who will benefit from the service our students will perform in just this one week!

- Kindergarten will be collecting items to create "Newborn Kits" for CPO
- 1st Grade will be collecting new and used books to support Book Harvest
- 2nd Grade will be making "Birthday Kits" for CPO
- 3rd Grade will be collecting to support Heifer International
- 4th Grade will be collecting to benefit Saving Grace
- 5th Grade will be collecting items to make "Baby Shower Kits" for CPO
- 6th Grade will be making paracord bracelets and supporting Operation Gratitude
- 7th Grade will be making shoes out of recycled jeans for Sole Hope
- 8th Grade will be collecting items to make "Food Kits" for CPO

Catholic education provides a solid foundation for our students; a foundation grounded in faith, built upon academic challenge and student success, and dedicated to building up all those in need through dedicated and impactful service!

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education and thank you always for supporting The Franciscan School. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Sincerely,

Mike Watson
Principal of The Franciscan School