

January 24, 2019

Dear Parents,

As we approach Catholic Schools Week, this year's theme "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." has truly been apparent. On Tuesday, we received acknowledgment and thank you letters for the service our children have given through the money donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and to the donations to Catholic Charities. Thank you for helping us learn through your generosity! On Friday, I was able to witness our second grade and fifth grade buddies learning about the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Through their time together, they learned about the foundation of King's philosophy, teaching, and his understanding of people. He believed in the "sacredness of human personality," or that each person inherently has dignity and worth. Who better to study and honor? Dr. King and our church teachings share the belief that each person is made in the image of God, and that the worth of each person is fundamentally equal. How fitting it is that our seventh and eighth-grade students will be going to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center tomorrow where they will learn about the unfair discrimination that took place and to help break down the lines of prejudice and hate through education.

Thank you to Luis Cortez, Eileen and Nora Tobin Newell, Sunshine and Patrick Silver, John and Liz Weitz, Esperanza Alanis (a secretary in our Religious Education program), and Sheila Zagotta for speaking at Masses this past weekend at Resurrection Church in Wayne and St. Mary's in West Chicago. We are so proud of our families and staff for representing SJB and speaking on the merits of Catholic Education and our school. Thank you also to Edith Markiewicz for her efforts in reaching out to the Polish community and spreading the word about St. John's. At this time, we are still in need of volunteers for the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 Masses at St. John the Baptist this weekend. Please consider bringing your child and giving your gift of time. A speaking prompt will be provided to assist you. If you are available to speak at a Mass, please contact me at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or 630-668-2625, extension 617.

Catholic Schools Week is nearly here. It will indeed prove to be a celebration of our many gifts! The annual Winter Carnival provided by the Parents Club is on Saturday, January 26 in Sebahar Hall following the 5:00 PM Mass. Admission price is \$10 per family and covers the cost of food and games. The popular Cake Walk is back for \$1.00. Please come and join the fun at our kick-off to Catholic Schools Week.

Don't forget that on Sunday AM, The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast in St. Cecilia Hall, from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. Come enjoy breakfast and then come to Our Open House. It takes place from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We welcome prospective families, but it is the perfect opportunity to visit the classrooms, chat with your child's teacher, and check out the display of work. We are proud of what our students are

accomplishing and are excited to share it with you! The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest takes place in our gym at 1:00 for ages 10-14. Warm-ups begin at noon. The day is sure to be a great one!

Please know that you are welcome to join us for the Talent Show on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 PM and our Minute to Win It Game and Basketball Pep Rally on Friday at 1:00 PM. Both events take place in our gym. Complete information for the week can be found in the posting.

The Gala committee has been hard at work. The 80s themed event with a live band will be held on Saturday, February 9 in our school gym. We would love for everyone to be there and join in on the fun! To register for the Gala, an event not to be missed, as well as our biggest fundraiser of the year, please clicks on this link: [80's Gala Registration Page](#) and purchase your tickets at the bottom of the page. The link should take you directly to the 80 Gala Registration and Sponsorship Page. You will also find the Item Donation Page and how Online Bidding Works on tabs at the top of the page.

I sincerely hope to see you this weekend as we begin Catholic Schools Week!

Blessings,

Joanne Policht