

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012

JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> - FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Theme: "Catholic Schools: Faith+Academics+Service"

*Catholic Schools Week is an annual event allowing Catholic schools across the nation to celebrate a great academic product, wrapped in our unique Catholic culture. This year, Catholic Schools Week will be observed January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Please take a look at the events we have planned; we invite you to participate in as many as you can.*

*This year's theme, 'Catholic Schools: Faith+Academics+Service', focuses on the three priorities of Catholic education; they are the reason Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. The first is faith, the foundation of our lives and our relationship with God. Secondly, Catholic schools emphasize strong academics, and students are held to high standards, encouraging each child to reach his or her potential. Finally, through service, students experience sharing their time and effort to help others-an expression of both their faith and good citizenship. Because of these priorities, graduates of Catholic schools make many positive contributions to American society every day! 2012 marks the 111<sup>th</sup> year of educating children in this tradition here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School and Child Development Center. It's with great pride, we join the nation in this year's celebration of Catholic Schools Week!*

*Along with this theme, many events this week will focus on marketing our school with the goal of maintaining our enrollment in all grade levels.*

*Please mark these dates on your calendar and feel free to attend any or all of the events. If you would like to assist in planning or conducting any of these activities, we can always use the help. Please call the school office (651-6811), or the CDC (651-6819), to volunteer.*

### **SUNDAY, JAN. 29 – Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: In Our School and Parish**

- Liturgy at 12:00pm for the opening of Catholic Schools Week. Faculty, school families, and students are lectors, gift bearers, and choir members. Plan to attend as a family; have your students wear their uniforms so they may shine in the crowd!
- Science Fair Exhibit, 9:00-11:45am in the gymnasium
- CDC/OLPH School Open House, 9:00-11:45am, in the gymnasium and CDC Building

### **MONDAY, JAN. 30 – Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: In Our Nation**

- "Red, White, & Blue" Day-Dress: School Uniform or Patriotic Dress: Uniform bottom-boys'/girls' uniform pants/shorts/skorts, or uniform skirt-and a solid-colored shirt as noted: red shirt for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, white shirt for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, or blue shirt for the K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders; school tennis shoes required for all students
- *Pre-K Dress: any combination of the red, white, and blue colors*
- Science Fair Exhibit, 8:00-11:30am, in the gymnasium
- Prayer Service, 2:15-2:45pm, in Church

### **TUESDAY, JAN. 31 – Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: In Our Community**

- School Uniform or Spirit Dress Day (see back page)
- *Pre-K Dress: CDC T-shirt*
- Community Leaders Luncheon, 11:30am, in the Pastoral Center
- Thank you posters created by students and sent to community leaders: police, fire, businesses, religious, etc., in our local townships
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders teach a class

## **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1 – Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: In Our Students**

- Dress: School Uniform or Classroom Theme from a book, country (ie: China), movie, TV show, as determined by teacher and class
- *Pre-K Dress: Pajama Day!*
- Board Game/Athletic Day-2:00-3:30pm (Students may bring board games, etc.; no electronic games)
- No Homework!
- Students will be served a treat during the day
- Parents of K-8 students may eat lunch with their children. Meet your children in the cafeteria. Reservations due by Wed., January 25<sup>th</sup>. (See attached reservation form).
- *Pre-K Lunch: a pizza luncheon (at no charge) will be provided for each child; child care provided at no charge until 12:00 pm*
- OLPH School Open House, 6:00-7:30pm, in the cafeteria

## **THURSDAY, FEB. 2 – Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: In Our Volunteers and Vocations**

- Dress: School Uniform or High School/College Shirt Day-Recognizing the Bridge That Gets Us to Our Careers; students wear uniform bottom-boys'/girls' uniform pants/shorts/skorts, or uniform skirt-and a shirt from their favorite high school/college-no fraternity/sorority shirts; school tennis shoes required for all students
- *Pre-K Dress: any OLPH, High School or College T-shirt*
- OLPH Volunteer Breakfast, 7:30-9:00am, in the cafeteria
- *Pre-K parents picnic in the gymnasium. Please pack a picnic lunch for yourself and your child.*
- School Assembly 2:00pm; Antonian Band will present play in the gym
- Guest/Career Speakers throughout the day

## **FRIDAY, FEB. 3 – Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: In Our Teachers and Families**

**Come join us for our School Mass at 8:30am in Church**  
*(National Teacher Appreciation Day and OLPH Grandparents' Day)*

- School Uniform Dress.
- *Pre-K Dress: regular school clothes*
- School Liturgy at 8:30am. School/CDC Grandparents (or a Special Person) are recognized during Mass. After Mass, the guests are invited to visit the students' classrooms and have coffee, juice, and doughnuts in the cafeteria. Students with last names A-L will go to the cafeteria first; students with last names M-Z will take their guests to the classroom first. Students and guests will switch after about 20 minutes.
- *Pre-K Grandparents are invited to visit the CDC building and to enjoy donuts, coffee, milk and juice after Mass as well.*
- Students whose grandparents cannot attend will be treated to doughnuts in the classroom.
- **Early Dismissal at 12:00pm. NO CAFETERIA SERVICE. CDC is open until 6:00pm. Students staying for CDC must bring a sack lunch and drink.**
- OLPH Family Movie Night, starting at 6:00pm in the gymnasium (concession stand will be open)  
1<sup>st</sup> Movie: 'Cars II'                      2<sup>nd</sup> Movie: to be announced!

**NOTE: Spirit Dress Days:** Students will wear blue jeans or any approved school uniform bottom with an approved OLPH T-shirt: Blue Ribbon, P.E., OLPH CYO, or spirit shirts. Students will wear tennis shoes.

**NOTE: Wednesday Dress:** Acceptable clothing relating to class theme would include walking shorts or shorts no shorter than mid-thigh, capris, wind suits, jeans, leggings, T-shirts, etc. Inappropriate logos, pictures, torn clothing, muscle shirts, mini skirts, short shorts, biker shorts, tight pants/capris, etc. will not be allowed. Students may **not** color their hair. Caps are allowed but must be worn correctly and removed upon entering any building. Tennis shoes will be worn. Those who fail to follow these directives will be issued a Behavioral Warning; the student will be either loaned a clean, used school uniform to wear for the day or asked to call parents to provide acceptable clothing attire in keeping with the day.

**NOTE: Students must bring PE uniforms during the week.**