

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

"COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, and SERVICE"

JANUARY 29 to FEBRUARY 4, 2017

Saint Catherine of Siena School joins Catholic Schools nationwide to observe Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools Celebrate Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service," is evident every day in our school. Throughout the week, we will focus on different parts of our community: the students, the teachers, parents, and volunteers, our parish, the nation, and our neighboring communities. As part of our effort to educate the whole child, we make every effort to instill in our students a lifelong appreciation of learning. We teach them about their faith and commitment to serving others. We are preparing them to become good citizens, future teachers, and active members of their parish and community.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017: WE CELEBRATE SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Today we celebrate the school's importance of the community. Catholic Schools benefit from the assistance of many in the community and also serve its neighbors. The school and community work together to help to educate the next generation of citizens. The community benefits from all that the school provides. The school benefits from all who support us through their generous donation of time, energy and financial support. As we celebrate today it is our hope that our students will realize how important it is to offer their time and talent to help other people.

We will have a canned food collection this week for those who are in need. The canned goods will be donated to the local Trumbull Food Bank. Students who bring a canned item may wear flannel long pants, fleece long pants, or gym sweatpants to school along with their gym t-shirt today. Thank you for anything you can do to make this food collection successful.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017: THE NATION CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Today is National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. It began as a day of outreach to community and government leaders. On this day we remember the vital role that Catholic schools have played in American civic life during their 400 year history. It is also a day to recognize Catholic schools' legacy of service to and partnership with the nation. Today we will celebrate the wider influence of Catholic Schools in today's world and their role in the nation.

There will be an Open House today from 8:30am to 10:30am.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS

Today we focus on our students, the reason Catholic education exists. We celebrate our students and encourage them to become well-rounded, faith-filled adults. We guide them to be devoted to the service of their families, their communities, and the church, especially St. Catherine of Siena Parish. We are proud of the educational approach that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values in all our students. Today we recognize all our students for their accomplishments and good citizenship. The students will have Spirit Day and can wear the school colors of Blue and Gold to school today. There will be no homework today. We will also have an enrichment program for the students in the Family Center at 10:00am.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE OUR
TEACHERS, STAFF and VOLUNTEERS**

Today we celebrate all who devote their lives to educating students in an atmosphere of academic excellence and Catholic Faith. Today we honor our teachers for making a difference in each student's life. We are also grateful to all who assist our teachers, especially our pastor, principal, secretary, nurse, staff and special subject teachers, who contribute so much to our schools' day-to-day operations. We also thank the many volunteers who contribute their time and talents to our school, especially our parents and families, alumni, parishioners, and advisory board members.

Today we honor our teachers by celebrating Teacher Appreciation Day. There will be a special luncheon for the faculty and staff provided by the generosity of the Dineen Family.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE SERVICE:
IN OUR VOCATIONS AND IN OUR PARISH**

Today we recognize and thank those who serve God, particularly in our school and parish. We thank our priests, deacons, and sisters who serve the church through their official ministries, the lay people who contribute by serving as lay ministers, teachers in a Catholic school or religious education program, and volunteers in church activities and religious charities. Each type of vocation is important to help make the Catholic school a special place to attend.

Today we also celebrate that our school and parish not only sustain and appreciate each other but also are linked together in service to others. We are most grateful for the support of our pastor Father Marcello. We will end our Catholic Schools Week with a Mass today at 9:00A.M. All are welcome to attend. The week will culminate with our 4th annual Pig Race at 1:15pm.

SPECIAL SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY: Pajama Pant Day for those who bring in canned goods for the Trumbull Food Bank
TUESDAY: Open House 8:30am-10:30am
WEDNESDAY: Blue and Gold Day, and Enrichment Program at 10:00am
THURSDAY: Teacher Appreciation Day
FRIDAY: Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:00am and 4th Annual Pig Race 1:15pm

