

Catholic Schools

The week will be observed from Jan. 30th through Feb. 3rd. Please visit our website to see how our students will be participating in this celebration!

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration which focuses attention on the good works being performed by the nation's Catholic schools.

Love is patient, love is kind. . . Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. . . Love never fails.

-1 Corinthians 13

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★ Now that Christmas is over & we enter Ordinary Time, Mrs. Bee's classes will be studying the **Lenten Season in Religion**. In **Reading**, the students read "**The Seeker of Knowledge**" about **hieroglyphics** & created their own codes for their partners to decipher. As **WV History Studies ended**, students enjoyed singing state songs, making placemats & maps, & compiling memory books with maps & symbols. Soon, we will celebrate by having a **Blue & Gold Party**. In **Science**, the students' hair really stood on end when we conducted an experiment with **static electricity!**



After reading the Bible story, **The Good Samaritan**, the **first graders** in Mrs. Amiano's class have truly tried to be more neighborly & kind towards each other. Using **good manners, showing compassion, & being more helpful** have been the focus lately. Mrs. Amiano & Mrs. Ward are tickled to announce the **entire class** is now taking part in the **Accelerated Reader Program!** The children all enjoy reading independently & LOVE taking the big kid tests on their books. Some have even tried to predict the questions the computer program will ask. **Subtraction** is now the focus in **math** class and in **science** class the first graders are studying Life Cycles. Stop by the **classroom website** to enjoy current photos & class projects!

• "Build a House for Haiti" bricks are still for sale for \$1.
• We are nearly at our goal for this project!

Busy, busy hands would be a way to describe a **third grader** in Mrs. Boyer's class this month! Students built and painted land formations in **Social Studies**. In **science** they are studying **ecosystems** and **habitats**. They chose one and are building it to share with their class in a demonstration report. Projects will be displayed outside their classroom beginning Feb. 3rd! **The snow inside** the classroom has kept them cool while reading their first novel, **The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**. When they finish the book which they are learning to outline, they will have an English tea on **Narnia Day**.



Mrs. Garcia's classes are busy with mid-winter activity. **8th graders** are totally immersed in their **research papers**, learning the intricacies of **bibliographies & end-notes**. Their library field trips were a great help to them in their research. **7th graders** are **writing & producing short plays** based on novellas they read in small reading groups. **6th graders** are learning about **verbs** & will soon begin a **poetry project**. All students recently completed the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas contest**, & they are about to begin their **Young Writers** stories. **Religion students** will begin preparation for **Stations of the Cross** in February so that they can lead Stations for the school during **Lent**. **Art students** recently completed tissue paper "**stained glass windows**", & they are about to embark on a construction project.

Mrs. Tomana says that **grade 6 science** students have spent much class time preparing for the **Regional Science Fair** to be held on Feb. 11th at Fairmont State. Mrs. T is so proud of the many **7th & 8th graders** who are participating by choice! Please stop by & see our young scientists' work the week of the 6th by the office! In class, students are studying many areas of science: **Grades 5 & 7** are starting their adventures into the atmosphere & weather; **Grade 6** is finishing up their unit on genetics; **Grade 8** is balancing chemical equations. In **Religion**, **Grade 6** is examining each of the sacraments & continuing their "Saint of the Week".



Basketball tournaments start this month! Check out the Athletic Calendar for opportunities to cheer on the Maroon Knights!



Mrs. Mlinarcik says, "As the days begin to become longer, the good news is spring will soon be here! All students like going outdoors for fresh air, so when those temperatures start to climb, we'll certainly play games outside. **K-3**...played line basketball, did fun stuff with the parachute, & will soon introduce some soccer skills to them. They all love to run & move; we do plenty of that with different types of activity. **Grades 4-8**, also take on the role of basketball, soccer & lacrosse. Put a ball into their hands and they're plenty happy. **Let's make this nine weeks & the final semester our best yet!**"



☺ Mrs. Nucilli says...

- ☺ **Kindergarten** has just finished their 3rd level in reading & have jumped right into level 4. They are now getting a new weekly reading book to practice at home & bring back to school to read to their teachers.
- ☺ Students were excited to receive their **1st "official" report cards** this month!
- ☺ Speaking of months they have practiced learning to **recite the months** in order & have learned a special and poem & **song called "Birthdays."**
- ☺ They prepared chicken soup with rice to have for lunch while they heard the Maurice Sendak story "**Chicken Soup with Rice**" about the months.
- ☺ We just finished our **math topic** on **fractions/ordinal numbers** & have moved into a unit on **measurement**.

Special congratulations to our Math Field Day and Spelling Bee participants! Billy Tobin (2nd), Ashley Raddish, Lucas Retton, Adriana Abrizino, Nicky Moroose, Rylee Laya, Evianna Barnes, Sinead Tobin, Christian Moore, & Nicolaz Mazelon all went to Math-Field day! While John-David Smith, Kristine Waddell, Maya Dalton (5th), Ian Fairley, & Sinead Tobin participated in the County Spelling Bee.



January brought on a New Year & new way of writing for Mrs. Baker's **Second grade**—cursive! The class is **reading wonderful stories** about the way our world is always changing, but how some things stay the same. They have learned how to compare & contrast with these stories. In **Math**, its all about **money**, counting, adding & subtracting it! **Science** lessons have been all about the **weather & seasons**. There is a great song about the **water cycle** that has helped them learn! In **Religion** the students are learning all about the **Seven Sacraments**.

