



January 25, 2012

Dear St. Mary Families:

Catholic Schools Week—beginning this Sunday—is one of the highlights of the year at St. Mary School. We've planned a variety of activities for students, families and community members, and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate what makes Catholic education unique. The attached schedule provides details on the week's festivities.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." In just three words, this theme expresses what Catholic schools are all about. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach them how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens.

Here at St. Mary School, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. We are excited to have the opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share what our students are learning and what they have accomplished. I hope to see you and your family at some of our events. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their own children.

Also, please join me in saying thank you to those who help make our school a success: our teachers, staff, administrators, board members, parents and volunteers. Through their dedication and commitment, our students are learning in a culture of faith, academics and service that is preparing them for a full life in their families, communities and the Catholic Church.

Blessings,

Melody Thompson