

Sacred Heart School
Principal's Pen
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Saint of the Month:
St. Blaise

Value of the Month:
Obedience

"Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God." Romans: 13-1

Wow! What a week we had! We began Catholic Schools Week with a successful Open House. Our Parent Tour Guides and Student Ambassadors did a great job introducing perspective families to our school and teachers who spoke to them about curriculum, Common Core Testing and our strong commitment to community service.

Catholic Schools' Week was an exciting time for everyone. It is always heartwarming to receive "Thank You" notes from our devoted bus drivers expressing their appreciation for the hot coffee and bagels we provide on *Bus Driver Appreciation Day*. One of our bus drivers actually wrote to say she has been driving buses for over 10 years and has never felt more appreciated. Our students really enjoy making signs to hold up on the steps of school with loving statements like "We Wheely Appreciate You!" and "Thanks for getting us to school safely!" Once again Mrs. Carol Boyle, Mrs. Vella and Mrs. Schiller coordinated the morning event. Thank you, teachers!

With an unexpected Snow Day on Tuesday, we had to postpone our Annual Spelling Bee but we were able to have it on Thursday along with Spirit Day. Congratulations to Philip Klim, an 8th grader, who won the "Bee" and Molly Schiller who placed second. "*Wednesday was Sundae*" and so all our students made their own delicious ice cream sundaes with every topping imaginable. On First Friday we celebrated the Feast of St. Blaise. Mr. Costa's 6th Grade prepared the Catholic Schools' Week Mass at which we all had our throats blessed. The annual *Snow Ball 2017* was held on Feb. 4th. Everyone had a great time dancing to the



music of DJ Ming. Our Gym was transformed by Mrs. Sharon Mangonon, (our resident Martha Stewart) into a Winter Wonderland. She provided just the right lighting and ambiance for a fun filled evening. All in all, it was a great week and a reminder to everyone just how lucky we are to be a part of this great school and parish.

By now you all should have received your child's re-registration packet. It is a new process this year. You have been given directions to open a TADS Account and update your child's info for the next academic school year, 2017-2018. You must do this online for each child, the reason being TADS, formerly called Cornerstone, is the Student Information System we use. You will be asked to input certain information directly into the system rather than having to fill out paperwork which Mrs. Costa and I have to enter into the system. The new tuition rates were also enclosed with directives on

family grants and parishioner grants, as well as information on scholarships available if you meet the income levels displayed within the chart at the top. If you do not meet the income level, please do not apply for a scholarship as this will bog down the system. Re-registration fees remain at \$75 per child until Feb. 28th. After that time the fee is raised to \$100 per child. Please try to re-register on time to avoid unnecessary expenses.

We have had a very enthusiastic Home School Association Board for the past 2 years. Mrs. Denise Milianta, Mrs. Angela Benzinger, Mr. Chris Vella, Mrs. Susan Scotto, Mrs. Stacie Magnussen and Mrs. Anne Schiller have all worked enthusiastically to coordinate events, run meetings and raise the necessary \$40,000 SHS is expected to fundraise annually. It is time however for them to turn over the reigns to someone new. If you are at all interested in running for a position on the board, or know someone who you think would be great working for our school, please let me know. We are looking for a President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer with 2 untitled positions open as well. Remember you must be with the school for at least 2 years and registered for next year. Nomination letters will be going out shortly. Elections will take place before the last HSA General Meeting in May. So think about your talents and consider becoming part of our next Home School Association Board. You may know someone you can work with to Co-Chair. Think about it! This is a perfect opportunity for our younger mothers or fathers to get involved. If you have new ideas share them with us or get a team together and run for the Board.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb. 20 - President's Day No School
- Feb. 23 - Science Fair in the Gym at 7:00 PM
- Mar. 01 - Ash Wednesday - 9:00 Mass
- Mar. 03 - First Friday - 9:00 Mass 11:45 Early Dismissal
- Mar. 06 - Spirituality Day for Faculty - No School
- Mar. 11 - Cheer Competition at MSMC



Just as a reminder, Spirituality Day for our region has been moved from March 10th to March 6th. School will not be in session on Mar. 6th but will be open on Mar. 10th. All Bus Transportation Departments have been notified of this change.