



Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week: January 29th-February 3rd 2012

Dear Sacred Heart School Families,

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.” The theme expresses three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children learn about faith—not just basic Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. They concentrate on academics, which in Catholic schools are held to the highest standards, so they can reach their highest potential. They practice service—giving time, talent and effort to help others—as an expression of both faith and good citizenship. This combined focus on faith, academics and service prepares students for full and meaningful lives.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held all week in the library, beginning on Friday January 27th and ending on Friday, February 3rd. The library will also be open on Sunday, January 29th from 10:00-2:00 p.m. for a special family event to allow parents and grandparents to peruse the marvelous book selections.

Our **7th annual Cake Auction** will be held on Wednesday and Thursday during Parent Visitation times. Ideas for cake themes are detailed on a separate flier. Please be sure to stop by the administrative lobby when you visit to see the amazing cakes on display. Better yet, put in a silent bid, win, and take one home! All proceeds from this year’s auction will go to the emergency food pantry at The Community Crisis Center.

Invention Convention & Science Fair Day: Inventions and Science Fair Projects created by students will be on display in the gym on Thursday, February 2nd for parents to enjoy.

Many **Service Projects** will take place this week. Our students will *make cards for the homebound members of our parish*. We will also be *collecting school supplies* all week

for our sister parish, St. Ann's. During these difficult economic times, Sacred Heart School recognizes the call to serve those in need in the local community surrounding our school. In the fall of the year, we collected toys for the Sykes Toy Project at Northminster Church. Now, for the first time, we will be raising funds to donate to The Community Crisis Center located right here in the Reisterstown area. "The Community Crisis Center is a nonprofit human service organization dedicated to the prevention of homelessness for residents of Reisterstown, Owings Mills and Glyndon through the provision of emergency food items, personal hygiene products, school supplies, career clothing, financial literacy, and monthly grants for eviction-prevention and utility assistance." More information about The Community Crisis Center can be found on their website at <http://www.communitycrisiscenter.org/> *Specifically, we will be collecting funds to purchase emergency food supplies (through The Maryland Food Bank) to stock their emergency food pantry.*

Each morning at Sacred Heart we begin our day in prayer. During this week, we will say **an additional special prayer each day**. You will find those prayers included on a separate page in this packet. We thought you might like a copy of your own to share/discuss again with your children at home.

DAILY EVENTS

MONDAY 1/30:

Open House for Prospective Families from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Our doors will be open to families considering a Catholic education for their children. School tours will be given and refreshments provided by the Home School Association. Applications for the 2012-2013 school year will be available.

Our wonderful Home School Association will also make this day a special one for our students. First, they will provide a special treat for all in the cafeteria during lunchtime. Then, later in the afternoon, they will lead our students in **an exciting CSW kick-off event** in the gym that will send our school spirit soaring!

TUESDAY 1/31:

School Mass: We will celebrate Mass together as a school community at 10:00 a.m. with Msgr. Lloyd Aiken, our Pastor, presiding. Our 8th grade Liturgical Dancers will enhance our worship experience with their beautiful expression of faith through dance. We are thankful that our parish staff works closely with our school community to provide our students with a well-rounded, faith-based education that prepares them for life. On this day we encourage students to reflect on the variety of ways people can serve God. We thank those who have made service to God their life's work, particularly in our schools and parishes, and we pray that more will answer the call to service.

WEDNESDAY 2/1:

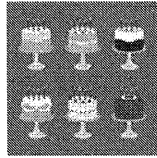
Parent/Guardian Classroom Visitation Day for four-year old classes and K-3rd Kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms are open beginning at 8:20 until each grade's lunch period begins. Please know that 2nd grade has recess before lunch.

Please keep all cell phones and other electronic devices on mute when visiting classrooms.

Important information regarding lunch:

Due to space limitations and fire codes, parents may not eat in the cafeteria with their children. We kindly ask that you please *end your visit when your children go to lunch.*

The **four-year-old classes** will be open for visits anytime during their regularly scheduled class hours.



*****Cake Auction Day #1**

THURSDAY 2/2:

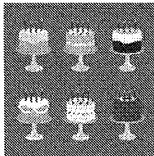
Parent/Guardian Classroom Visitation Day for three-year old class and 4th-8th 4th through 8th grade classrooms are open from 8:20 until each grade's lunch period begins. Please keep all cell phones and other electronic devices on mute when visiting classrooms.

Important information regarding lunch:

Due to space limitations and fire codes, parents may not eat in the cafeteria with their children. *We kindly ask that you please end your visit when your children go to lunch.*

Please keep all cell phones and other electronic devices on mute when visiting classrooms.

The **three-year-old class** will be open for visits anytime during their regularly scheduled morning class hours.



****Cake Auction Day #2**

Invention Convention & Science Fair Day: Projects will be on display in the gym for parents to enjoy.

FRIDAY 2/3:

Out-of- Uniform Day – Students, faculty and staff are invited to come to school “Out-of-Uniform” for a small donation of \$1 per person. Larger donations are, of course, accepted and appreciated. All proceeds will go to The Community Crisis Center to help stock their food pantry.

We look forward to seeing you during Catholic Schools Week!

In the event of inclement weather during CSW, we will attempt to reschedule missed events the following week on the same week days.





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Monday January 30, 2012

Today's Prayer: Prayer to Live as a Child of God

Father in Heaven, when the Spirit came down upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved son. Keep me, your child, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to my calling. May I, who share in your life as your child through baptism, follow in Christ's path of service to people. Let me become one in his sacrifice and hear his word with faith. May I live as your child, following the example of Jesus.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Today's Prayer: A Student's Prayer

Most blessed Lord, send the grace of your Holy Spirit on me to strengthen me that I may learn well the subject I am about to study and by it become a better person for your glory, the comfort of my family and the benefit of your church and our nation. Amen.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Today's Prayer: Prayer for Catholic Schools

Loving God, Catholic schools are communities that inspire by teaching your word, living your message and loving your children. Grant that we will grow and flourish in this mission. Give us strong wills and generous hearts to build values for a lifetime in our school communities of today. Give us the courage to accomplish your desire for us. We ask this in the name of your Son, our brother, Jesus. Amen.

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Today's Prayer: Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call many members of our community to be generous workers for your people and to gather in your harvest. Send them to share the good news of Jesus with all the people on earth. Father, we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday, February 3, 2012

Today's Prayer: Teachers' Prayer to Saint Joseph

Saint Joseph, foster father of Our Lord, guardian and teacher of the young Jesus, help us as we teach our children to grow in the love and truth of Jesus. Guide us so that we will lead them in the right path to acknowledge the truth that Jesus teaches. Amen.

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Parent Visitation Days:

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Preschool 4's and K-3rd grades

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Preschool 3's and 4th -8th grades

Dear Parents and Guardians,

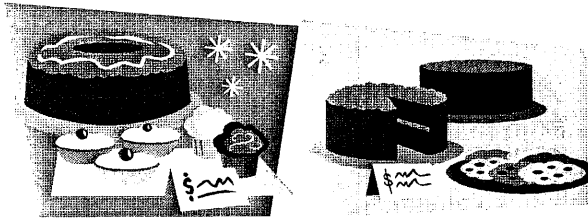
This schedule is provided for your convenience. Ask your child to fill it out so you know where to find them when you visit. See you there!

	Subject	Room # and/or Teacher
1 st Period		
8:20-9:05	_____	_____
2 nd Period		
9:07-9:52	_____	_____
3 rd Period		
9:54-10:39	_____	_____
4 th Period		
10:42-11:26	_____	_____
5 th Period		
11:28-12:13	_____	_____

Visitation ends for all grades at the **beginning** of their lunch period. Thank you for visiting!!

Lunch and Recess Schedule

<i>Grade K</i>		<i>Lunch 10:50-11:15</i>
	<i>Recess</i>	<i>11:15-11:35</i>
<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>11:01-11:25</i>
	<i>Recess</i>	<i>12:15-12:35</i>
<i>Grades 2,3</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>11:28-11:50</i>
	<i>Gr. 2 Recess</i>	<i>11:02-11:26</i>
	<i>Gr. 3 Recess</i>	<i>11:53-12:15</i>
<i>Grades 4,5</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>11:52-12:13</i>
	<i>Gr. 4 Recess</i>	<i>11:29-11:50</i>
<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:15</i>



Seventh Annual Cake Auction

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Seven years ago, we started the tradition of hosting a cake auction during Catholic Schools Week. We have come to love this tradition! We wait in excited anticipation to see what creative ideas and beautiful cakes will be on display! As always, the cakes will be on display outside the administrative offices and silent bidding will take place from 8:30-11:30 on Wednesday and Thursday during CSW.

We invite you to DECORATE YOUR CAKES IN ACCORDANCE WITH The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012. "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." The theme expresses three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children learn about faith—not just basic Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. They concentrate on academics, which in Catholic schools are held to the highest standards, so they can reach their highest potential. They practice service—giving time, talent and effort to help others—as an expression of both faith and good citizenship. This combined focus on faith, academics and service prepares students for full and meaningful lives.

All proceeds from the auction this year will go to the emergency food pantry at the Community Crisis Center.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday February 1st

The cake auction for:
4 Year Olds, Kindergarteners
1st - 3rd Graders

Thursday February 2nd

The cake auction for:
3 Year Olds, 4th - 8th Graders

Last year, we were able to accept cakes from everyone and no lottery was necessary. If we receive too many entries, we will hold a lottery drawing to see who is selected to participate in the auction. We have many slots available! Everyone is encouraged to bid!

If you would like to bake a cake and want to submit your name for the lottery drawing, please complete the form below and return it to the school office no later than the morning of Wednesday, January 18. Complete guidelines for the cakes are on the back of this flier.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____
(Please Print)

Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Guidelines

The Theme is Catholic Schools. Faith. Academics. Service.

Round Cakes: No larger than 10" in diameter

Rectangular

or Square Cakes: No larger than 9" x 13"

Height: No cake should be higher than 12" including the decorations. *Wow! What a cake!*

IDENTIFICATION: *The name of the child submitting the cake along with a description of the cake, including flavor, icing, etc. should be written on a separate index card for display purposes. Please place the cake on a strong plate/platter to avoid accidents. Additionally, please use plates/platters that do not require return.*

DUE DATES:

4 Year Olds, Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders

Please have your cakes delivered to the school kitchen on Tuesday, January 31, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. These cakes will be included in the auction that will take place on Wednesday, February 1st, 2012.

3 Year Olds, and 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

Please have your cakes delivered to the school kitchen on Wednesday February 1st, between 7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to deliver your cakes during the morning hours, please call. These cakes will be auctioned on Thursday Feb. 2nd, 2012.

Remember... we will be holding a Silent Auction to sell all of the cakes that have been entered in this great event!

If you have any questions at all about this contest, please call Mrs. Helen Smith ext. 122 or Ms. Lisa Russell ext. 106.

Catholic Schools Week Outreach

Sacred Heart School HSA Outreach Committee Collection of school supplies and other necessary items for students around St. Ann's Church in Baltimore (Mother Seton Academy and Cecil Elementary School). Please send in these items into the school lobby during Catholic Schools Week:

Preschool – Crayons & Glue Sticks

Kindergarten – Pencils & pencil cases

First – Solid color pocket folders & markers

Second – Colored pencils & Black fine point Sharpies

Third – Hi-lighters & erasers

Fourth - Marble Composition Books

Fifth – Notebooks & Loose leaf paper

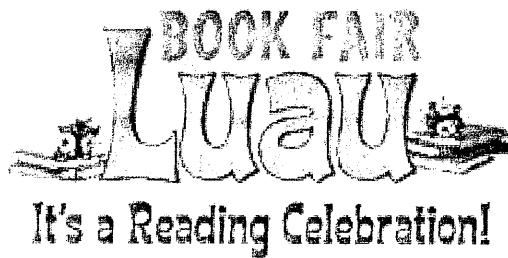
Sixth – Hats and gloves for elementary age children

Seventh – Nut free afterschool snacks (ex. Cereal bars)

Eighth - \$5 Walmart gift cards for snacks OR anything listed for grades preschool – 7

Thank you in advance for your generosity! The principals at both schools by St. Ann's Church are very grateful for our help.

Please contact Adele Kootz at : gatorlion@comcast.net with any questions.



2012 Sacred Heart School Library Scholastic Book Fair

Heluhelu! (Read!) Announcing the 2012 Sacred Heart School Library Scholastic Book Fair coming to an island near you this January...

The fun-filled tropical theme for our Book Fair is "Book Fair Luau. It's a Reading Celebration!" Our Sacred Heart School library will be transformed into a tropical reading experience from Friday, January 27th through Friday, February 3rd. Each student will visit the Luau themed Book Fair during their library period. Parents and grandparents are also invited come with or without their relations. Don't miss our special family event on Sunday, January 29th, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Volunteers are our "island locals" behind a successful Book Fair. We hope you will break out your Hawaiian shirts, flip flops and sunglasses and join us as a volunteer to help us kick back and spend some down-time in the tropics during this reading event at our school. Be on the lookout for a detailed packet in January with this year's selection of books, volunteer opportunities, schedule of when your Pre-K through 8th grade class will visit the fair as well as entry forms for this year's Book Fair contests.

Announcing Sacred Heart School Online Book Fair Web Site

If you're all booked up during Book Fair week (or just want to keep shopping), be sure to visit the Book Fair online at <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2918818> ... The online Book Fair is available for an extended time from January 23rd, 2012 to February 10th, 2012.

- Find an expanded selection of books for the whole family—preschool to adults
- Share your Book Fair with family and friends by sending wish lists or eCards
- All orders ship to school for FREE and each purchase benefits our school
- Books will be sent home with your child