



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 28 – February 3, 2024

A week of celebration

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools observe the week with Masses, assemblies, and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and showcase the benefits of Catholic education. The theme is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community. The Catholic school is not just a building or institution, but it is the people, a family working together in building skills so that students become of service to others.

St. Brendan School

Catholic Schools have a rich legacy in our diocese. The importance of their presence is highlighted every year during Catholic Schools Week. This national celebration brings children, teachers, parents, and priests together at the local level to remind them of their common faith and the sense of community it celebrates. It is an opportunity to celebrate the gift of our parish school as students have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacraments regularly, to study Sacred Scripture and learn how to apply it to their lives, to pray, and learn from the lives of saints what it means to live a life as a disciple of Christ. Students also come to understand that they are beloved sons and daughters of God made to grow in relationship with Him and one another. The importance of a strong foundation of faith among young Catholics is needed now more than ever as children at a young age are constantly influenced by the secular world. Building a sense of community based on our Catholic faith will lead to a future that flourishes for them and for our community.

Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person—mind, body and spirit. As shown in test scores and student achievements beyond their attendance at school, our students are given opportunities

to develop their knowledge, interests, and skills so they are prepared to live the life God has prepared for them. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants serving in their community. Students participate in many acts of service within their school as well as in their community.

St. Brendan School is a Preschool-8th grade parish school that has 184 students. Each grade receives instruction in religion, math, literacy, personal-social development, art, physical education, and music. With a highly qualified faculty in a faith-filled, nurturing environment, students are given a strong academic foundation beginning in preschool through 8th grade. In each grade level, students' needs are identified and supported so that each is able to grow according to his/her ability. Additionally, students participate in speech, athletics, House, News Class, and fun weekly exploratory classes. This well-rounded approach in a small, family setting sets our students up for success now in an future years.

St. Brendan School has been busy planning Catholic Schools Week events and activities. Mass will be held on Sunday, January 28th at 9:00 am with stu-

dents representing their class processing in carrying a banner reflecting their class theme. A meal of breakfast casseroles provided by parents and parishioners will follow.

Additional activities include:

Monday - Celebrating Your Community, St. Joseph Medals presented to chosen students, wear PJ's and cozy socks and bring a pair of socks to donate to the homeless shelter.

Tuesday - Celebrating Your Students, St. Maximilian Kolbe Medals presented to chosen students, dress up for the role God created for you.

Wednesday - Celebrating the Nation, St. Bernadette Medals presented to chosen students, meals with families, dress in your Sunday best!

Thursday - Celebrating Vocations, St. Cecilia Medals presented to chosen students, dress as a star!

Friday - Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers, St. Padre Pio Medals presented to chosen students, dress in St. Brendan apparel and jeans.

Students will enjoy fun activities throughout the week including an obstacle course, meal with grandparents, Prayer Family Scavenger Hunt, bowling, a movie with popcorn provided by Home and School, and a celebration with a concert by a local praise band group!



St. Brendan
Catholic School Alumni



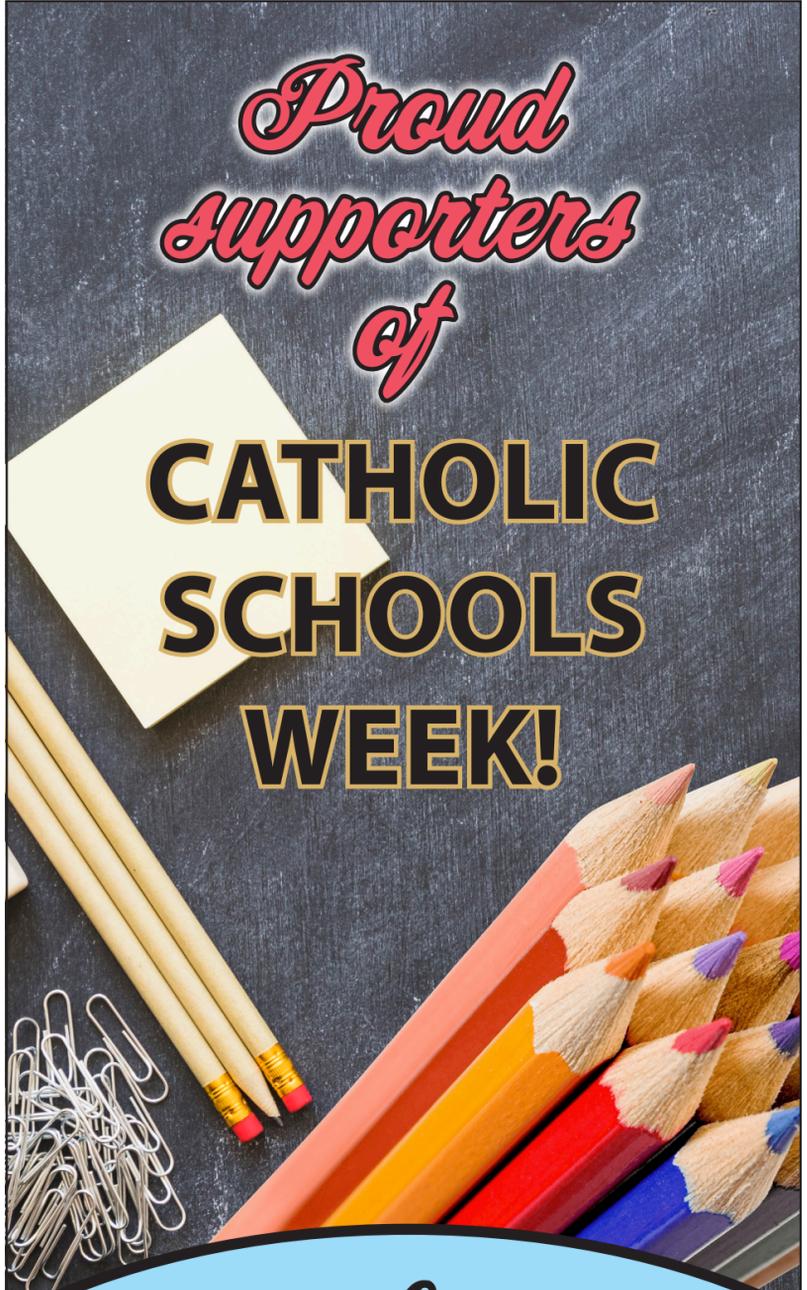
Onward to excellence of Catholic Education for another 100 years!

We alumni of Saint Brendan's Catholic School have been blessed by God's fulfillment of our lives with His bountiful blessings. Many of our successes were derived upon our fundamental "Building Blocks" of a disciplined and organized Catholic Education derived from Saint Brendan's Catholic School. Our group's mission is to enthusiastically support the St. Brendan's School. Furthermore, we seek to promote donations from alumni and "friends" in the near future for its continued success. We invite all to follow us on Facebook by submitting your social media addresses so that we can build a better communications and solicitation of financial support.

Contact **Warren Hagan M.D.** at **haganweh@gmail.com** or **850-508-0734** for further information or to inquire about donations to the of St. Brendan's School, a ministry of St. Brendan's Catholic Church.

~ The Saint Brendan's Alumni Association

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CSW Royalty Candidates 2024

At St. Brendan School each year, one girl and one boy from each grade level are selected to be candidates for king, queen, prince, and princess. Names are randomly chosen by a committee of teachers.

Containers labeled with the candidates' names are in front of the school office and votes are cast by placing money in the containers. Students raising the most money throughout the week will be crowned and serve as our royal court during Catholic Schools Week.

This tradition has a long history of being an act of service, the money donated is given to a local charity serving community members needed. Last year students raised

\$2,839 for the Agape House of Vandalia. This year money will be given to the United Way of Mexico, MO. They support local non-for-profit organizations.

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Tell why you are glad to go to a Catholic school

Declan - Because I like being taught about God.

Ellie - Because the classes are all separated.

Alivia - Because we have a good church, I learn more, and we have good teachers.

Bentley - Because I can learn about Jesus.

Karter - Because they teach you good things about Jesus.

Kolton - Because I can make friends.

Aaron - So I can learn more about God.

John - Because they have religion and we go to church to receive communion and Reconciliation.

Logan - Because they give you religious education.

Aubrey - because I have good friends.

Teresa - Because I get to meet new friends, go to church, and learn kindness.

Myra - Because we get to go to church as a class.

Killian - Because we get to learn about God.

Lucas - Because it is a holy place to be.

Avery - Because we

learn more about God.

Gideon - Because it is more Catholic than other schools.

Cade - Because we get to go to church and learn more about God.

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St. Joseph Catholic School

What Snowmen Do at Night

First my snowman did a somersault. Next he went sledding down the hill. Then my snowman played soccer with other snowman. Last he went back home. **By Bryden Deimeke-2nd Grade**

Did you know snowmen play sports at night? First he played with his friends at different houses. Next he played one on one basketball at my house. Then he played flag football and he made a touchdown. Finally he cleaned up the balls before sunrise. **By Pearson Bohr-2nd Grade**

Did you know Frosty eats snow? First Frosty made a snow angel in the snow and she made a snow baby in the snow. Next she took a break and ate snowballs. Then she sled down a hill ten times. Last she threw snowballs at my house. **By Hazel Sachs-2nd Grade**

Did you know snowgirls play a lot of games and races? First my snowgirl put on warm boots, a warm sweater, a warm jacket and fuzzy mittens for her hands. Next she went out in the snow and played a bunch of snowgirl games like Monopoly, Uno and Guess Who. She also played a lot of snowgirl races. Then she took a break and went to the ice cream shop. She ordered an eight scoop ice cream cone. Last she went to my house and played games with her family (aka my family made snowgirls and snowmen too). Then went to bed in her soft snow bed. **By Samantha Bukovac-2nd Grade**

Did you know that snowmen play basketball at night? First my snowman put his basketball shoes on and got the basketball. Next my snowman shot the ball from really far away. He made it! Then he did a lay up and made it. I think my snowman played one on one against another snowman. In the end they were still playing basketball and my snowman dunked on the other snowman! **By Reid LaRue-2nd Grade**

Did you know snowmen make snow days? First sneezy throws snow and ice into the road. Next she grabbed a plow and her friends. Her and Paige got to drive the plow. Sneezy's friend ran and kicked snow into the roads. Then they saw an ice cream truck. They grabbed the ice cream and launched them at the school doors. Last they had a contest to see who could go down the hill the most times. Sneezy won the contest. **By Elise Cochran-2nd Grade**

Did you know that my snowgirl makes treats for me at

night? First my snowgirl crushed the ice in the ice maker. Next she puts the crushed ice in the cone. Then she got the flavoring and put some in the cone. Last, my snowgirl had a snow cone waiting for me. **By Claire Williams-2nd Grade**

Did you know that snowgirls can cook? First my snowgirl puts on gloves, boots, a hat and a scarf. Next she makes cakes, cookies and macaroons. Then she plays soccer with her friends and her team is winning the game. Last she plays fetch with my dog. **By Adelynn Robnett-2nd Grade**

Did you know snowgirls play basketball? First she played basketball. Next my snowgirl made a new friend. Then they threw snowballs at each other. Last my snowgirl and her friend went home. **By Baylor Deimeke-2nd Grade**

Did you know snowgirls can play at night? First my snowgirl went sledding and missed a tree. Next my snowgirl road the four wheeler to the park. Then she played basketball. Last she ate cookies and cake. **By Blakelyn Swaim-2nd Grade**

Did you know my snowman's name is David? First my snowman plays football. Next he rode my side by side to the hot tub. Then he threw a snowball at the target. Last he went inside and had cold chocolate. **By Dallas Cochran-2nd Grade**

Did you know that snowmen work? First my snowman got ready for work. Next my snowman drove to work. Then my snowman got to work at the power plant. Last my snowman got home and went to bed. **By Lincoln Shramek-1st Grade**

First my snowman watched tv and he turned it all the way. Next he made a snow sandwich. He put snow on his sandwich then he ate it. Then he throws snow at my house. In the end my snowman made another snowman. **By Owen Deimeke-1st Grade**

Did you know snowmen eat at night? My snowman steals my candy. His two favorites were Starburst and Reese. Next he made a snow sandwich with sardines. When he ate his sandwich he did my homework. Then my snowman watched TV and he watched Unspeakable. Last, he was going outside but then he saw my cat and stopped to

pet it. **By Bennett Freie-1st Grade**

First my snowman ate hot chocolate. Next he watches tv and finishes drinking his hot chocolate. Then he did a cartwheel. In the end he went to bed. **By Braylie Walker-1st Grade**

First my snowman ate all of my candy. Next my snowman drew a picture. Then my snowman got home and ate frozen pizza. Last my snowman made some ice cream. **By Reagan Hill-1st Grade**

First my snowgirl made a snow cone. Next she went to work. Then when my snowgirl got home from work she ate dinner. Last my snowgirl had to watch tv. **By Stevee Alm-1st Grade**

Snow Day Acrostic Poems

Mrs. Rice's 3rd and 4th grade class

Sledding No school Oh it's so cool Winter has come. Days of will Another day of chill Yelling and yay when we get a snow day we say hoo- ray! -Ryan Arens	Snow days are fun. Noses are pink. Ohhh so cold. Watch my dogs play, Drifting off in the snow. "Aye come back!" Yelling, "It's my turn to play!" -Ellie Lynch
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Snow is cool New snow falls Occupying kids Winter is very cold Day slipping away Again snow falls Yelling kids say yay! -Remington Chism	Sledding No school Oh it's so cool Winter has come Days are passing Again again the snow never ends Yelling and laughing. -Evan Lynch
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Snow fall is coming No school today Outside kids play Wind is light Dancing with delight Away snow falls Yeah, snow calls! -Easton Hill	Sleep in Night blizzard Off school Windy weather Deep snow Another day of chill Yellow snow, lol. -Andrew Miller
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Students in grades 5-8 enjoyed our new soccer goals this year.



Grades 5-8 students honor our local veterans by making and presenting a flag painting to Father Derek and Diana Renstrom as well as the local VFW members.



Pictured are the 5th and 6th grade students. Here, they planted, harvested, cleaned, and prepared parsley to be sold in the Country Store for the St. Joseph Parish Oktoberfest this past fall.

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