

Why were we in school when others weren't? I am guessing that if Hastings has school scheduled today, they might have called it off and we would have followed suit. When the weather is extremely cold, the biggest concern is students waiting at a bus stop. Since we already did not have busing scheduled today, families had already made plans to get their kids to school, so we decided to keep school in session.

This was a unique situation, as we typically follow the district's calendar. When we were setting our calendar last year, we decided to take a workshop day on January 3rd to extend winter break to a full two weeks. To help make the call about today, I reached out to office staff, our lead teachers, and SAC. The majority felt that, as long as the building had heat, we could be in session.

Catholic Schools Week begins this weekend! On the next page you'll see our lineup for Catholic Schools Week. As in past years, we start and end with Mass. Due to a previously scheduled workshop day, we extended our celebration to the Monday after.

There is a lot going on next week and you can check page two or the Parent Calendar. There are a number of out-of-uniform days, so please make sure you're checking each day.

Please attend Mass at SEAS this weekend to show our gratitude to the parish for their support! It costs approximately \$9,400 to educate a student at SEAS. Tuition makes up over half our income, but our school would not exist, or tuition would be at cost, without the continued support and investment from our parish. **Please show your appreciation this weekend by attending weekend Masses at SEAS Church.**

The Patriot Tournament is coming soon! Our tournament remains the longest running parochial basketball tournament in the state. Next Friday, January 31st-February 1st, our girls and boys A teams will be competing. We are hoping to pack the gym each day and students get a free box of popcorn on Friday night.

SEAS is switching from TADS to FACTS for our student information system and enrollment. Over the last few years, the cost of TADS has skyrocketed while service has been lacking. One of the reasons we switched to teachers filling out report cards was that they were going to charge us between \$1800-2600 to make changes that previously had been part of our plan. TADS will still be used for financial aid applications, as they are connected to several scholarships, but soon we will transition to FACTS. Many schools in the Archdiocese use FACTS and have had a positive experience with them. As we begin to transition over, you'll see more information from the office.

God bless you all,

Mr. Sullivan

- 1/25-26 **Celebrate SEAS Parish**
 - Attend weekend Mass in uniform to earn **an out-of-uniform pass**.
 - Knight of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after all Sunday masses.
- 1/27 **Celebrate our Community**
 - Teacher Workshop Day- no students.
- 1/28 **Celebrate our Students**
 - Pray for our students during the day.
 - Carpenter Nature Center Assembly
 - **Favorite Jersey/Sports Day**
- 1/29 **Celebrate the Nation**
 - Pray for our nation during the day.
 - Mass at 9:30.
 - Preschool 4s spend the day at the “big school.”
 - **Dress Your Best/Perfect Uniform Day**
- 1/30 **Celebrate Vocations**
 - Pray for vocations during the day.
 - MS Religion Bee @ 8:30- the winner moves on to the regional final!
 - Saint family service project @ 10:30
 - **Hawaiian Shirt/Bright Colors Day**
- 1/31 **Celebrate Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers**
 - Pray for faculty, staff, and volunteers during the day.
 - Patriot Tournament Assembly @ 1:45
 - Patriot Tournament opening night
 - **SEAS Spirit Wear Day: Students dress in SEAS gear or school colors.**
- 2/1-2 **Celebrate Families**
 - No homework this weekend so students can spend time with families.
 - Celebrate the Eucharist together at Mass this weekend.
- 2/3 **Celebrate SEAS School**
 - Pray for our school and our mission to make Christ known and loved.
 - **PJ/Comfy Day (shoes must be worn, no slippers)**

Taco Bingo will be Friday, February 7th, at the church!