



Catholic Schools Week 2021  
January 31-February 6

*"Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."*

*Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.*

*As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. 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 through social learning.*

*Dear St. Rose Families,*

*We arrived at the end of our first semester this week; and began our journey into the second semester! It is not an understatement to say that those first quarters of the year were challenging, and not just in academics! I'm sure there were days you held your breath wondering what the upcoming weeks were going to bring our way! We experienced a few interruptions, but I think we can all agree that with faith, and community spirit we stayed the course and can celebrate that we made it through the first half of the school year! As we embark on the second half of the year, I want to thank you for your cooperation and dedication; the care and respect for each other's well-being demonstrated by our students and families, in following the changing and many protocols released by administration, the state, and the CDC; definitely made the difference!*

*As we begin to wrap up January and look forward to February, we have much to celebrate and look forward to. We have enjoyed counting the days of school through the decades! On January 28th we will already arrive at day 90; and February 11 ushers in the 100th day! Catholic schools week is quickly approaching, and even with our current situation, we have taken traditions, some with a few updates, and added a few new ones to remind us how blessed we are to be together educating our children in a Catholic School environment!*

**Let's Get Ready to Celebrate Catholic Education and Our St. Rose School Community!**

*We are still finalizing a few activities, and look forward to sharing a full schedule of events early next week! In the meantime, here are some highlights, just in case you want to make sure your child has their "wardrobe" ready for that week.*

*Spirit....Dress in RED and WHITE.*

*Student Appreciation...Dress down for all. (PJ's for Pre-K through grade 2).*

*Community Outreach...Dress in BLUE to say thank you to our Newtown Community!*

*Vocation/Career Day...What do you want to be when you grow up...show us!*

*Staff/Faculty Appreciation....Dress in teacher's favorite color(s)*

*Our students and faculty are looking forward to our annual Pig Races, 8th Grade vs. Faculty Fun, Knowledge Bowl, Movie Day, showing appreciation for members of our community and those who support Catholic Education, and giving with a variety of service opportunities! These, plus a few more surprises await our SRS community for the celebration of Catholic Schools Week!*

### **Distance Learning:**

*We wanted to clarify policy for making requests for Distance Learning.*

*Distance Learning was an option given to families who wanted to keep their children home instead of sending them for in person learning. We realized that these concerns have fluctuated in the first half of the year and will continue to change in the upcoming months. Parents can make the request for Distance Learning if they have concerns regarding covid and in person learning. The request has to be for a designated amount of time (minimum of 1 week) and to allow for teacher planning, we need at least 24 hours notice; if requests come in on a school day morning, your child will not be able to join remotely until the next day, if the request is approved.*

*Distance Learning is not for absences due to illnesses (unless related to covid, quarantine, and covid testing). These are regular absences; will count as an absence; and students will have access to Google Classroom for assignments and will have the usual makeup days=to days absence for catching up on work and assessments.*

*For parents planning family trips in the upcoming months. Please note that Distance Learning cannot be used while on the trip or during required quarantine upon return from your trip (Nurse Bonnie keeps us updated in the weekly newsletter on quarantine requirements),*

### **Class of 2021:**

*We have been busy submitting transcripts and recommendations for our high school bound 8th graders. If you still have recommendations or transcripts that need to be sent, please let us know. Transcript requests go to Mrs. Coppola [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com) Recommendation requests go to Mrs. B [dean@srles.com](mailto:dean@srles.com)*

*Our 8th graders also have a lot to celebrate in February.*

*We will be honoring those 8th graders who would have been recognized at 8th grade night for being a part of our varsity basketball teams.*

*February 17th we will be “Flippin’ for Our 8th Graders” with a surprise!*

*February 25th is the 100 Days ‘Til Graduation Celebration!*

*Also, start collecting t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and other spirit items for the high school you will be attending; we will be having a special dress down day to reveal your school choices!*

*We met during the past week to finalize plans for other upcoming events and activities for our 8th graders; Mrs. Petrillo will be sending a letter to our 8th grade parents early next week.*

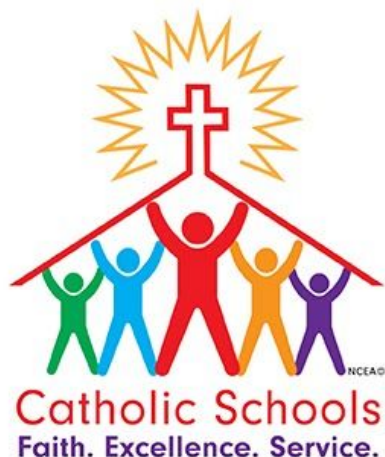
*There is a lot to look forward to as 2021 continues and we take-off into the second half of the school year! We hope you will join us in prayer and spirit as we celebrate our students, families, teachers/staff, our commitment to Catholic Education, and share our blessings with the community!*

*We are proud of our students and their achievements during the first half of this school year! We also know that it has not been an easy road for them; thank you for working with us to serve our children in these trying times, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns about your child and their school day.*

*We offer this prayer for our teachers and parents as we work together in the new quarter...*

*Christ our Teacher,  
You dwell deep within each of our students;  
In those who struggle academically,  
and in those who excel;  
In those who seek attention by acting out,  
and in those who remain silent and try to hide from notice;  
in those surrounded by friends,  
and in those feeling lonely;  
Give us the grace to know your presence in each  
of them and to respond to their needs  
as you would to ours.  
Amen.*

*Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead!  
Warm Regards,  
Mrs. B*



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