

January 16, 2026

Dear Berks Catholic Families,

Happy New Year! There is excitement at BC as we prepare to celebrate another memorable Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is a special time to appreciate and celebrate Catholic schools and all that they do and offer to students and their families. Both across our diocese and the United States, this has become a valuable time to showcase the many amazing opportunities that Catholic schools offer its students. During this week, BC is proud to highlight our academics, spiritual life, service opportunities and social activities.

On Sunday, January 25th, we will begin our annual celebration focused on the theme of “**Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.**” As the theme reminds us, Catholic schools teach how Jesus Christ *united* us as a family of believers. They prepare students for the future by instilling in them *faith* that helps mold them into the future of the Church. Our Saints grow and mature by coming to know the importance of *community* and how together we can make our school and the world better places for everyone.

Berks Catholic High School stands as a model for Catholic education. Our students support and care for one another. Our parents and guardians provide a solid foundation as the first teachers of their children. Our staff exudes love, support and compassion to students daily. Our alumni and generous benefactors support BC so that we can continue provide a distinctive Catholic education to our Saints and the *only* Catholic high school in Berks County.

Below you will find our calendar of events for the week. You are welcome to join us for our Catholic Schools Week Mass on Wednesday, January 28th at 9:00 a.m. This is a special day in the diocese as it marks the start of our diocesan 65th Jubilee Anniversary Year. You are also welcome to attend the home sporting events and the Diocesan Music Festival on Saturday, February 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Catholic High School. On Wednesday, if you are dropping your child off at school, be sure to look for our Saints outside with special treats for you. I am so grateful to all of you who share news about Berks Catholic and Catholic education. I ask that you continue to share that good news with your family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

We are so grateful for all that you do for us. Thank you for trusting us to be your partners in education. We know how important your children are to you and value the sacred trust you place in us. Your family will be in our prayers throughout this special week.

With warm regards,

John P. Petruzzelli

Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES
JANUARY 25 – February 1, 2026

Theme: "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community"

- Special CSW prayers start each day.
- CSW Service Project: Stuffed Animal Collection for Reading Hospital
- CSW Videos focusing on the BC Four Pillars
- Guess How Many Challenges
- Make a Joyful Noise (MAJN) Video premiere
- Saints Scavenger Hunt (Daily Winners)
- Thank you phone calls by students to our special Saint supporters

Monday, January 26th **Daily Focus: Celebrating our Saints**

- Student Appreciation Day
- Dress Down: Decades Day (9th-50's/ 10th-60's/ 11th-70's/ 12th-2000's)
- Student Gift-Card Give-Away
- Treats in Homeroom
- Great Saints Trivia Challenge
- Girls Basketball vs. Reading High

Tuesday, January 27th **Daily Focus: Celebrating our Priests**

- Priest Appreciation Day
- Dress Down: Disney Day
- Boys Basketball vs. Reading High

Wednesday, January 28th **Daily Focus: Celebrating Our Parents & Guardians**

- Parent & Guardian Appreciation Day
- Treats at Morning Car Drop Off for Parents
- School Mass (9:00 a.m.) – Opening of the Diocesan 65th Anniversary year
- 9th Grade President Induction at Mass
- No Dress Down: School uniform for Mass

Thursday, January 29th **Daily Focus: Celebrating Our Alumni & Benefactors**

- Alumni Appreciation Day
- Dress Down: Groutfit
- Saints Day (1:00 p.m.)
- Open House (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
- Partner School Night (6:00 p.m.)
- Boys Basketball vs. Muhlenberg (6:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 30th **Daily Focus: Celebrating our Faculty & Staff**

- Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day
- Faculty & Staff Breakfast
- Dress Down: Class-Themed T-shirts (or colors) and jeans/sweats
- Staff Gift-Card Give-Away
- Class Colors – 9th-Light Blue/10th-Light Pink/11th-White/12th-Black
- Diocesan Music Festival Practice at Bethlehem Catholic
- Dodgeball Game (1:00 p.m.)