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National Catholic Schools Week } 2017

STUDENT SMILES—Above, Jay'Don Green and Kalen Murphy, currently third-grade students at St. Paul's School in Manhattan, show their love of learning during a classroom lesson last year.

Through the pages of this special section, Catholic New York is proud to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week and recognize the efforts of elementary schools in the archdiocese to provide students with a solid foundation in education and the Catholic faith.

National Catholic Schools Week is a weeklong annual tradition dating to 1974. This year, it runs from Jan. 29 through Feb. 4 and has the theme "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."



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Elementary School Open Houses

"Touring Tuesday" will be held at more than 140 elementary schools on Jan. 31, 9-11 a.m. The following have additional Open Houses scheduled during Catholic Schools Week:

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM

St. Patrick, Bedford: Sunday, Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m.
St. Columbanus, Cortlandt Manor: Sunday, Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

St. Augustine, Ossining: Sunday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Shrub Oak: Sunday, Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., and Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7-9 p.m.

St. Patrick, Yorktown Heights: Sunday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 30-31, and Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2-3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CENTRAL WESTCHESTER

Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary, Port Chester: Sunday, Jan. 29, after 11 a.m. Mass.

Immaculate Conception, Tuckahoe: Sunday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Tuesdays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, 6-8 p.m.

Iona Preparatory Elementary, New Rochelle: For Kindergarten through Grade 5: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.; and for Grades 6 through 8: Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows, White Plains: Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 9-11:30 a.m.

Resurrection, Rye: Grade School, Monday, Jan. 30, 9-10:30 a.m., and Middle School, 10-11:30 a.m.

St. Ann, Yonkers: Monday, Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 2, 9-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

St. Anthony, Yonkers: Sunday, Feb. 5.

SS. John and Paul, Larchmont: Sunday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

St. Peter, Yonkers: Sunday, Jan. 29, after 9 a.m. Mass

Holy Name of Mary Montessori, Croton-on-Hudson, Saturdays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 4, 9 a.m.-noon

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarsdale: Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9-11 a.m.

Transfiguration, Tarrytown: Monday-Friday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 1-4 p.m.

St. Barnabas, the Bronx, Sunday, Jan. 29, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

ROCKLAND

St. Gregory Barbarigo, Garnerville: Jan. 31, 9-11 a.m., and Thursday, Feb. 2, 5-7 p.m.

St. Anthony, Nyack: Monday-Thursday, Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 9-11 a.m.

St. Margaret of Antioch, Pearl River: Sunday, Jan. 29, 9-11 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Suffern: Jan. 29, 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

ORANGE

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown, Monday-Thursday, Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 9-11 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Monroe: Sunday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Newburgh, Sunday, Jan. 29, after 10 a.m. Mass

Most Precious Blood, Walden: Sunday, Jan. 29, 9-11 a.m.

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood: Monday, Jan. 30, 5-7 p.m.

DUTCHESS

St. Mary, Fishkill: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 8:30-10 a.m., for current families.

St. Denis-St. Columba, Hopewell Junction: Sunday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-noon.

Holy Trinity, Poughkeepsie: Saturday, Jan. 28, 6-7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

St. Martin de Porres, Poughkeepsie: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

St. Peter, Poughkeepsie: Sunday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31, 4-6 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

St. Mary, Wappingers Falls: Sunday, Jan. 29, after the 9 a.m. Mass, 10-11 a.m., and Thursday, Feb. 2, 9-11 a.m.

ULSTER

Kingston Catholic, Kingston: Jan. 29, after morning Masses

St. Joseph, Kingston: Jan. 29, after Masses until 1 p.m.

MANHATTAN

St. Paul: Monday-Friday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for pre-kindergarten

Good Shepherd: Saturday, Jan. 28, 9-11 a.m. for pre-kindergarten-grade 7.

Guardian Angel: Thursday, Feb. 2, 9-11 a.m.
Immaculate Conception: Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m.

Our Lady of Pompeii: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Angels: Friday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.

St. Joseph, Yorkville: Monday-Friday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, by appointment.

NORTHEAST/EAST BRONX

St. Clare of Assisi: Friday, Feb. 3, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

St. Helena: Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Holy Cross: Friday, Jan. 27, 9-11 a.m. and Friday, Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m.

SS. Philip and James: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

St. Frances de Chantal: Thursday, Feb. 2

St. Theresa: Sunday, Jan. 29, noon-2 p.m.

Santa Maria: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9-11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier: Sunday, Jan. 29, 12:30-2 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption: Sunday, Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m.

St. Raymond: Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 9:30-11 a.m.

NORTHWEST/SOUTH BRONX

St. Angela Merici: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Refuge: Tuesday, Jan. 24, Thursday, Jan. 26, Wednesday, Feb. 1, and Friday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

St. Brendan: by appointment

St. Luke: Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9-11 a.m.

St. Anselm: Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9-11 a.m.

STATEN ISLAND

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Thursday, Feb. 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Our Lady Queen of Peace: Saturday, Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Benedicta: Sunday, Feb. 12, 1 p.m.

St. John Villa Academy Elementary: Sunday, Jan. 29, following 9 a.m. Mass in the Villa Chapel, from 10 a.m.-noon.

St. Patrick: Friday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

St. Peter-St. Paul: Monday-Friday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3

St. Rita: Sunday, Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

St. Teresa: Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-noon.

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Immaculate Conception (151st Street), the Bronx: Wednesday, Jan. 25, 5 p.m.

Sacred Heart School, the Bronx: Sunday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.

St. Mark the Evangelist, Manhattan: Thursday, Feb. 2, 6 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Manhattan: Friday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.

Catholic Schools Week 2017: Celebrating Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service

With the conclusion of the Christmas season and the dawning of a new year, our annual celebration of Catholic schools is right around the corner. Catholic Schools Week is more than an annual exercise of fun activities. Rather, it is a unique and special opportunity for all of our Catholic school communities to come



DR. TIMOTHY J. MCNIFF

Superintendent of
Schools

together and celebrate the exceptional blessings that Catholic education has furnished in the lives of our students, families, educators, pastors and neighborhoods throughout the archdiocese.

The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week, chosen by the National Catholic Education Association, celebrates Catholic schools as *Communities of Faith,*

Knowledge and Service. These are fitting pillars because, as we know, the mission of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York, led by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, is to ensure our schools are Christ-centered, academically excellent and welcoming communities that teach students to lead successful personal and professional lives, and make a positive impact on society through service to others. It is a *faith-based, future-focused* education

not only of the mind, but indeed of the whole person, including the heart and soul. As Proverbs 22:6 commands, we must "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

In reflecting on the past year, our Catholic schools have outstanding achievements to celebrate. Perhaps the crowning recognition came at the annual Seton Awards Gala in October when the National Catholic Education Association named the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of New York as a recipient of the 2016 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for excellence in Catholic education. The award recognizes our Catholic schools for their innovative and creative approaches to teaching and learning, including the inclusion of lay advisory boards to support and promote our schools. In addition, one of our proudest achievements this past year has been partnering with Engineering Tomorrow, a nonprofit that has hosted science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) conferences at several of our schools to promote interest in these crucial fields. The archdiocese was also praised for its continued investment in "advanced teacher training, technology in classrooms; and new academic programs including 'blended learning' which utilizes both online/digital and in-person learning experiences."

Furthermore, this past year, our archdiocesan schools outperformed both New York City and New York State schools in English Language Arts (ELA) and performed better than most New York City schools in math. Additionally, overall performance in both ELA and math increased from last year, particularly our students' ELA scores, which saw a significant 10.1 percent increase. As for our outstanding high schools, our data show that 99 percent (up from 98 percent last year) of our seniors graduate, and 99 percent go on to enroll in post-secondary education.

Coupling these marvelous successes with the recent early opening of Catholic school applications on Dec. 1, I am thrilled to report that the response in terms of student applications received has been robust. We have already received more than 30 percent of the total kindergarten applications that we received by the conclusion of admissions last year. Clearly, parents recognize that a quality education in one of our Catholic schools will set their child on the path for long-term academic, personal and spiritual success. I encourage all of our parents and prospective parents to go to ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org or call (646) 794-2885 to submit their applications, learn about the many financial aid and scholarship resources available and to take advantage of our

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CULTURE LESSON—

Third-grade students at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Shrub Oak gather behind a large Japanese folding fan during a lesson on Japanese culture and history last January.



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Catholic Schools Week runs from Sunday, Jan. 29 through Saturday, Feb. 4. The theme for 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

Elementary schools within the archdiocese are celebrating the annual observance with Masses, open houses and social activities and service within the classroom, the parish and the wider community. Below is a sampling of what many schools are doing!

ROCKLAND

St. Gregory Barbarigo School in Garnerville begins with Sunday Mass, Jan. 29, 9 a.m. The Catholic Charities’ “Feeding Our Neighbors” food drive kicks off Monday; that day is also “Literacy Day.” On Wednesday, students get a chance to prove their skills in a “Minute to Win It” game. Class colors can be worn on Thursday for eighth-grade volleyball game and a Talent Show will be performed at 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Friday, with a Blessing of the Throats for St. Blaise Day. The week concludes Saturday with a fashion show at 7 p.m. at Patriot Hills.

In Pearl River, St. Margaret of Antioch School will participate in the “Feeding Our Neighbors” food drive and hold activities that are academically focused and service oriented.

St. Paul School in Valley Cottage will hold a gathering for a student breakfast and reading. Tuesday, principal Michelle Pitot will host a “Story Hour,” and there will be a faculty versus student volleyball game. On Wednesday, “Mad Scientists” will participate in an assembly and students will show their appreciation to those most dear to them

and express what their St. Paul’s experience means to them. A Religion Bee will take place on Thursday for the entire school. The week concludes Friday with a prayer.

At St. Anthony’s School in Nyack, older and younger students will gather for “Buddy Bingo,” cheer on the eighth grade in a faculty versus students’ volleyball game and participate in the Science Fair. Students will be asked to research a famous person or book character for a “Wax Museum.”

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At Sacred Heart School in Suffern, class colors can be worn on Monday to show school spirit; "Religion Bingo" and "Religion Jeopardy" will take place. Students will take on the faculty in a volleyball game. Wednesday is the day of the book fair; students can invite a loved one to join them 8:30-10 a.m. for the fair and breakfast. The Home School Association is sponsoring a movie day on Thursday. Friday Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 a.m.

ORANGE

Sacred Heart School in Newburgh begins with the kickoff of the "Feeding Our Neighbors" campaign, a Penny Challenge for charity and a religion bee all on Monday. Teachers, parents and students will play basketball Tuesday afternoon, with the recitation of the Sports Prayers before and after each game. The Junior Honor Society will be honored on Wednesday and students will create cards for military veterans. A family brunch and a prayer service will take place Thursday. Friday ends with a prayer service.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Middletown will hold a book fair throughout the week. Students will be treated to "An Afternoon at the Movies," a Blue and Gold Spirit Day, and a book character day. A trivia game will retrace the history of the school. The week ends with the celebration of Mass on Friday, followed by a family breakfast in the gymnasium.

St. Mary's Little Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center in Port Jervis will celebrate by holding a Scholastic Book Fair.

Most Precious Blood School in Walden kicks off the week and the "Feeding Our Neighbors" campaign on Monday. The D.A.R.E graduation ceremony will take place Wednesday. On Thurs-

day, everyone will make an ice cream sundae! First Friday Mass will be offered.

The 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday starts the week at **St. Stephen-St. Edward School in Warwick**. At 6:30 p.m. that day, youth minister and actor Frank Runyeon will perform "Luke's Stories on the Run." Students will enjoy a spirit day, crazy sock day, hat day and doughnut day. The week ends with an ice cream social.

At Sacred Heart School in Monroe, students will hold "Bus Driver Appreciation Day." On Wednesday, eighth-graders will host a presentation about the life of St. Dominic, the founder of the Dominican Order; the Sisters of St. Dominic teach at the school. There will be an ice cream social, a crazy hat and sock day, and a religion bee. First Friday Mass will be celebrated. The "Snow Ball Dance" for Catholic elementary school students in Ulster, Sullivan and Orange counties will be held Saturday.

St. John's School in Goshen will kick off Catholic Schools Week with a pancake breakfast on Sunday. Students will dress in their best for Career Day and wear school colors on Spirit Day. The week will focus on the school's namesake, St. John the Evangelist. Students will participate in the "Feeding Our Neighbors" campaign. Students will dress as their favorite saints one day and become "Mad Scientists" the next! Friday ends with First Friday Mass, a religion bee and a math night.

DUTCHESS

All Dutchess County Catholic elementary schools will participate in the "Little Read Day" on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts through the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, all students from second to eighth grade received a novel about Mexican immigration, either "Crossing the Wire" or "Any Small Goodness."

St. Mary's School in Fishkill will hold a "Spirit Day" on Monday; students are invited to wear crazy

hats and mix-matched clothes. There will be an ice cream social sponsored by St. Mary's School Parent Partnership Association. Wednesday is a sports-themed dress down day. Students will hold the annual food collection for the "Feeding Our Neighbors" campaign. Students will dress down in comfy sweats on Thursday and take on the faculty in a volleyball challenge! First Friday Mass will be celebrated.

In Hopewell Junction, St. Denis-St. Columba School, a Scholastic Book Fair will be held throughout the week. Students will act as "Heroes Against Hunger" and collect nonperishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Pantry as part of the "Feeding Our Neighbors" campaign. On Monday, faculty and staff will "Switch It Up" by swapping roles and classes. Donuts and Dads and an ice cream social will be held. Students, faculty and staff camp out together for a "Read In." A luncheon will be held for the faculty and staff. Thursday will be a no-uniform day. The week ends with Friday Mass.

Holy Trinity School in Poughkeepsie will hold a pancake breakfast for the parish on Sunday, Jan. 29. A prayer service Monday kicks off the school week. Students will show their spirit at a pep rally, and take their shots at a basketball challenge in the gym. On Tuesday, faculty will challenge students in a volleyball game and students can sport a wild hairstyle. The Home School Association will host an ice cream social. Students will write thank-you notes for those in the community, thank bus drivers and have a "Carnival of Saints," and participate in a "Religion Quiz Bowl" competition. A Penny Challenge and collections for the "Feeding Our Neighbors" campaign will be held weeklong. Food collected will benefit the Holy Trinity Parish Pantry. First Friday Mass, organized by the student council, concludes the week. Family movie night will be held Friday at 6 p.m.

At St. Martin de Porres School in Poughkeepsie, a pancake breakfast prepared by the Parent School Association will be held Sunday. Monday will be

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“Let Our Faithful Spirit Shine Day,” with students joining together in a school-wide “Fun Faithful Followers Trivia Game.” A morning of “donuts with dad” and “munchkins with mom” and an ice cream social will be held. On Thursday, students will prepare games and treats for shut-ins in the parish community and seniors in the Avalon Nursing Home and The Landings Senior Center. A Blue Mass to honor those who keep the community safe will be offered Friday, followed by a social and presentation in the gymnasium.

At **St. Peter School in Poughkeepsie**, students will share thoughts on the value of Catholic education with the congregation at Masses Jan. 29 and host a pancake breakfast. A spirit day, with students dressed in green and gold, will take place Monday. The annual Talent Show will be held at Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Students will collect food for the “Feeding Our Neighbors” campaign. Wednesday is Family Night for students at Bounce, a trampoline park in Poughkeepsie, 6-9 p.m. Friday ends with the celebration of Mass and a game of Bingo.

Students at **St. Mary’s School in Wappingers Falls** will collect items for the parish food pantry as part of the “Feeding Our Neighbors” campaign. There will be a Catholic book fair. On Monday, the students will be treated to an ice cream social. Wednesday will be “Grandparents’ Day,” with a student presentation of music, poetry and skits. There

will be a “Color Day,” with each class wearing a specific color. Friday is “Teacher Appreciation Day,” and a volleyball game between the seventh- and eighth-graders. First Friday Mass will be celebrated along with Benediction at 1:30 p.m.

NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

St. Patrick’s School in Bedford will honor the 200th anniversary of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s founding of the Sisters of Charity of New York, the founding order of the school, with a prayer service on Monday. A Sister of Charity, Sister Kathleen Fitzgerald, S.C., is a member of the school’s staff. Reading partners will work together. The annual spelling bee will take place Tuesday, Jan. 31, with parents invited to attend at 1 p.m. A school-wide pancake breakfast will be shared on Wednesday. Dressed in sports team apparel, students will participate in a “Mini-Olympics” on Thursday. The week ends with the celebration of Mass, followed by the second annual Pig Race Contest (with motorized pigs).

St. Columbanus School in Cortlandt Manor will take part in the “Feeding Our Neighbors” campaign. Students will compete in “Religion Jeopardy,” and dress-down days for wearing crazy socks, ties and hats, and favorite sweatshirts. “The Magic of Character” assembly by Educational Productions will take place Tuesday. A student versus faculty “Snowball” fight is on for Wednesday and an ice cream social will be held Thursday. The eighth-

grade pin ceremony will be Friday. Mass will be celebrated to conclude the festivities.

St. Augustine School in Ossining will hold a game-show assembly “Hollyrocks.” A student appreciation day will include crazy hats and hair—and skip homework and tests! A readathon will begin Thursday. The week concludes with a pep rally on Friday. Students will collect food for the “Feeding Our Neighbors” campaign. There will be a Penny War to benefit Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital in Valhalla and St. Christopher’s Inn at Graymoor.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Shrub Oak will join together for an art show on Monday, and host “Donuts for Dads” and “Munchkins for Moms.” Eighth-grade math students will create mathematical games and challenges for younger students on Tuesday. On International Day, students will share projects about locations where the Blessed Mother has appeared. The festivities close Friday with the celebration of Mass and Blessing of Throats, followed by a pizza lunch. Students will participate in the “Feeding Our Neighbors” campaign.

At **St. Patrick School in Yorktown Heights**, a hospitality breakfast will be hosted by the Parents Association, Sunday, Jan. 29, after the 9:15 a.m. Mass. A teacher versus student volleyball game will be played. Students will compete in a spelling bee

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Salesian High School



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and participate in a Math Carnival featuring math games created by eighth-grade students. A “wear red” dress down day will benefit the American Red Cross, and a blood drive will take place Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8 a.m.-noon. A Multicultural Day Fair will be held. First Friday Mass will be celebrated. The week ends with a “Student and Faculty Appreciation Day.”

ULSTER COUNTY

Kingston Catholic and St. Joseph’s School in Kingston will join together for Family Fun Night at the Wood N’ Wheel on Friday.

Kingston Catholic School will hold a science fair, parents and teachers will take on students in a volleyball game. A pancake lunch and an ice cream social with Ulster county priests will be held during the week. A Penny Challenge will be held to raise money for the technology program. Hoops for Heart and CPR training will be offered and the Scholastic Book Fair will run all week. Students will compete in an indoor Field Day. Eighth-graders will visit neighborhood Head Start programs to read to children. There will be a children’s author assembly, and seventh-grade classes will volunteer at the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. For “Winter

Fest Wednesday,” students will write thank you letters to individuals and agencies that support Catholic education. The sixth-grade class will visit with veterans on Thursday. The week concludes with the celebration of Mass.

St. Joseph School in Kingston will take part in the “Feeding Our Neighbors” campaign. St. Joseph’s School will host its neighbors from Kingston Catholic School for a Field Day during gym classes on Monday, and there will be an ice cream social! There will be a sports day, hat day, and a break from schoolwork for a movie and popcorn. Thursday’s “Story Book Character Day” is all about reading and will include Buddy Class reading. The week ends with the celebration of Mass and a “College of Knowledge” trivia event.

CENTRAL WESTCHESTER

St. Peter’s School in Yonkers will host a blood drive on Sunday. There will be a career day, student art day and an inter-school/regional basketball game, the Catholic School Week Classic. The festivities end with the celebration of Mass followed by a pep rally on Friday.

St. Eugene School in Yonkers will celebrate beginning with a Mass and pancake breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 29, after the 10 a.m. Mass. There will be a crazy sock day, crazy hat day and favorite T-shirt day. Students will play a game of school-wide Bingo on Tuesday.

The week ends with First Friday Mass. An afternoon parent versus faculty basketball game will be played.

Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School in Port Chester will sponsor a dress down day on Monday with students bringing in a dollar for the “Feeding our Neighbors” campaign. On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of Don Bosco, the school’s patron saint. Eighth-graders will challenge the faculty in a volleyball game. Wednesday is STEM Day—students will sharpen science, technology, engineering and math skills through activities. On Thursday’s vocations day, Salesian priests and sisters will give presentations.

Holy Name of Jesus School, New Rochelle, celebrates on Monday with Math Madness. Tuesday is Game Day, including time for board games and basketball. Students can wear a crazy hat or mismatched socks on “Wacky Wednesday”; in the evening, the band will perform a concert. On Thursday, “Spirit Day,” students can dress in school colors; Chinese New Year will be celebrated. There will be a spelling bee and another day for music-related games. Mass will be celebrated Friday. The week concludes with the student choir singing at 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Students at the **John Cardinal O’Connor School in Irvington** will celebrate the first day of Catholic

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Schools Week by wearing their “craziest” hat. On Tuesday, students can bring their favorite board game in to play with classmates, and on Wednesday, they can wear wacky socks. Special activities are planned for Groundhog Day on Thursday, and students can play a game of Bingo on Friday. The school community will participate in the “Souper Bowl” by collecting canned goods to benefit the Hope Soup Pantry and the Little Sisters of the Poor throughout the week.

At **Our Lady of Sorrows School, White Plains**, grandparents are invited to visit on Tuesday. On Thursday afternoon, eighth-graders will play the faculty in a volleyball game.

Our Lady of Victory School, Mount Vernon, starts the week with the celebration of Mass. Activities include a book fair, a spirit day rally and a day with ice cream treats. On “Good Citizen Day,” students will be treated to a movie in their classes.

At **Resurrection School, Rye**, Tuesday is “Grandparents and Special Visitors Day.” There will be faculty versus students’ games on Wednesday and family Bingo on Friday. Thursday, students will gather for the “How to Build a Storm: The Weather Show” assembly. Mass will be celebrated on Friday.

At **Sacred Heart School in Hartsdale**, a “Brain Challenge” competition for students will be undertaken on Monday. On Thursday, students can dress down for their field day trip to Homefield Bowling Alley in Yonkers. The week concludes Friday with the celebration of Mass.

At **St. Ann School, Yonkers**, students will be treated to an ice cream social, compete in a game of Bingo and hold an international fair. A sports tournament will be held Friday, Feb. 3, at 8:30 a.m. in the gym.

St. Anthony School, Yonkers, students will celebrate with a “Pajama Day” during which socks will be collected for St. Elizabeth Seton Children’s Foundation in Yonkers. A “Souper Bowl Day” is planned to

collect canned goods. The Scholastic Book fair, a game of “Education Baseball” and a school-wide scavenger hunt are part of the lineup. The week closes at Sunday Mass.

St. John the Baptist School in Yonkers invites parents to the school on Parents’ Day, Monday, Jan. 30, and Grandparents’ Day, Tuesday, Jan. 31.

At **Transfiguration in Tarrytown**, the week begins with a Communion breakfast after Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. Students will have a chance to be silly with “Silly String” when the five students who sold the most wrapping paper in the school’s fundraiser are allowed to spray the principal, GinaMarie Fonte. There will be a “Heritage Day” on Thursday, and students will be asked to bring a cultural dish. There will be a “Crazy Sock Day” and a “Teacher Appreciation Day.” On Friday, “Student Appreciation Day,” the principal will make ice cream sundaes for every student.

St. Barnabas, the Bronx, will celebrate with a school spirit day on Monday. Students are invited to wear gold and maroon and asked to bring in one canned good for collection. Students will also participate in a “Red, White and Blue Dress Down Day.” Deacon Bob Gay will give a talk on vocations on Thursday. The week ends with Faculty Appreciation Day.

St. Joseph’s School in Bronxville will begin with the celebration of family Mass on Sunday. There will be a weeklong book fair. Days include a “Pajama Day” and “Crazy Sock Day.” The week ends with the second annual pep rally on Friday and then students will play teachers in volleyball.

At **SS. John and Paul School, Larchmont**, students can wear their favorite sports team apparel for “Team Sports Day.” Tuesday is “munchkin day” and Wednesday is “Crazy Hat Day.” Thursday is the eighth-grade pinning Mass, ceremony and luncheon. On Friday, the school will go back in time, with each class dressing up in clothes from a particular decade.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Scarsdale, will hold the “IHM’s Got Talent” show on Friday, Jan. 27. President’s Fitness awards will be given on Tuesday. Students will participate in the “Feeding Our

Neighbors” campaign. A Mass on Friday ends the week.

The week begins at **Immaculate Conception School in Tuckahoe** with the celebration of Mass. The band will perform in the church at 7 p.m. Themed days include a teacher and staff appreciation day, a parent appreciation day and a spirit day. A faculty versus eighth grade volleyball game will be played in the gym. The Feast of St. Blaise will be celebrated with Mass and Blessing of the Throats on Friday. Other activities include making rosaries for nursing home residents and creating Valentine’s Day cards for hospitalized children. On Saturday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m., the Home School Association Pot Luck Family Dinner will be held in the cafeteria.

MANHATTAN

Corpus Christi School will celebrate with special themed days including “Teacher Appreciation Day,” “Parent Appreciation Day,” “Buddy Day” and “Spirit Day.” On Tuesday, students will Skype with their counterparts at a Catholic school from the West Coast. There will be a spelling bee, and the students will enjoy a concert performed by the Manhattan School of Music. On “Community Service Day,” students will decorate lunch bags and fill them with food for the St. Joseph of the Holy Family soup kitchen in Harlem. The faculty will take on students in basketball and volleyball games. A middle school dance will be held Friday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

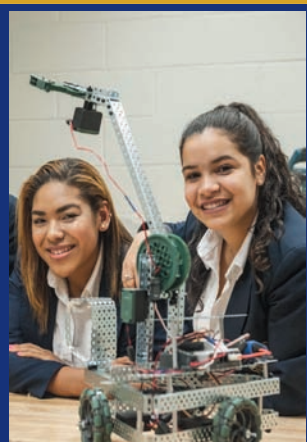
Good Shepherd School begins the celebrations with a Scholastic Book Fair and concludes with the celebration of Mass. Theme days include a “Grandparents Day,” and “Vocation and Career Day.” Students will participate in service projects with local Catholic high schools. There will be spelling, math and speech bees. The school will host the North Manhattan Basketball Classic.

Immaculate Conception School will begin with the celebration of a family Mass Sunday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m., followed by brunch. Monday’s feature activity will be a math bee. On Tuesday, “Science Day,” kindergarten through second-grade students will do projects and give presentations; Upper grades will participate in a “Culture Day.” On Wednesday, the school will transform into an art gallery featuring student

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works. There will be a “Career Day” on Thursday and the week ends with a basketball game of parents and faculty against students.

A parent and student breakfast and prayer service starts the week at **Incarnation School**. Activities include a visit from Schmittie the Weather Dog for pre-kindergarten students, basketball games for the varsity teams and an “Alumni Career Day.” Students will make bag lunches for those in need. Students can compete in a speech bee and take on the faculty in a basketball game on Thursday. The week concludes with Mass on Friday. The school will host the North Manhattan Basketball Classic.

Our Lady of Pompeii School will have a Special Person’s Breakfast, an International Food Night and Buddy Days. The week concludes with the celebration of Mass on Friday.

St. Brigid School will celebrate with a Mass on the Feast of St. Brigid, Wednesday, Feb. 1. The House Council will sponsor a collection drive for local food pantries. A Candy Gram fundraiser for UNICEF benefiting Syrian refugee children will be held during the week. There will also be a “School Spirit Day” and a “Buddy Day.”

For students at **St. Joseph School, Yorkville**, festivities include a “Community Appreciation Day” with students writing thank you letters to members of the community who support the school. On “Parent Appreciation Day,” mom and dad are invited for coffee and cake. There will be a speech bee on the topic “What does it mean to be a hero?” Thursday will be “International Day” and Friday is “Spirit Day.” Students are able to show their school pride by wearing blue and white.

STATEN ISLAND

Students at **Our Lady Help of Christians School** will dress as literary characters and attend the annual book fair. “International Day” will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and students will present artwork and research about different countries. “Military and Community Helpers Appreciation Day” will be on Thursday and feature a patriotic assembly for parents who serve in the New York Police Department and Fire Department, officers from the nearby 123rd Police Precinct, firefighters from the Tottenville Firehouse and Staten Islanders in the Armed Forces. The week ends with a spirit day. Canned goods will be collected for the food pantry at Mount Loretto and Councilman Joseph Borelli will visit.



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CHRIS SHERIDAN

Our Lady Queen of Peace School students will celebrate with the Scholastic Book Fair, have a special principal for a day, and host a “Teacher Appreciation Day.” On Wednesday, faculty will challenge the students in a volleyball game: the cost of admission is a pair of gloves, a hat or a scarf for the needy.

A prayer service starts the week at **Sacred Heart School** on Monday. There will be theme days including a “Literary Day,” during which upper grade students dress as a literary character and lower grades will work on lessons and art projects. There will be a “Grandparents Day” and a “Buddy Day.” There will be a Social Studies Fair at the school Wednesday. Friday ends the week with a danceathon to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research.

Our Lady of Good Counsel School is planning a showcase of student artwork, STEM projects and family tree research throughout the week.

Notre Dame Academy kicks off the celebration Monday with a school-wide prayer service. Games and crafts will focus on the Catholic Schools Week theme. The week ends with the annual faculty versus eighth-grade volleyball game.

St. Adalbert School kicks off with “Operation Toasty Tootsies,” an annual collection of socks for homeless veterans. There will be a community helpers breakfast and assembly. On Wednesday, Feb. 1, furry friends will visit for “Kids Best Friends Day” to teach students about animal care. There will be a student art exhibition on Thursday. On Friday, Feb. 3, the sixth grade is sponsoring a “Love Is in the Air Festival” with treats and goodies for purchase. Money will be donated to the Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis Freedom Foundation, which has partnered with the school to raise funds for a life-sized statue of Father Vincent Capodanno, M.M., on school property.

St. Ann School celebrates with a “Career Day” and a “Comfy Cozy Day” with donations for the dress down benefiting the Holy Childhood Association. Students will compete in the “Color Wars.” Mass will be celebrated Friday, followed by the “Community Patriot” awards ceremony.

St. Anselm School students will begin the week with parent “guest speakers” discussing his or her profession. Mass will be celebrated on Friday. A book fair will be held throughout the week.

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St. Clare School will conduct a weeklong “Feeding Our Neighbors” food drive, and celebrate with a teacher and staff appreciation breakfast, a “Comfy Cozy Day” and a “Get Up and Move Day.” The week ends with “Spirit Day.”

St. Christopher School students will celebrate café-style with a book and bake sale in the school gym on Wednesday. Also on tap are “Career Day,” “Community Service Day” and “Teacher Recognition Day.” Parents and teachers will challenge students in volleyball games on Thursday. Mass will be celebrated Friday.

Students at **St. Joseph-St. Thomas School** will participate in “CAN”struction and collect non-perishable food for the “Feeding Our Neighbor” campaign.

St. Joseph Hill Academy students will participate in an anti-bullying assembly that will teach students who witness bullying to speak up. Officers from the New York Police Department will visit the school to begin a “Too Good for Drugs” program with fifth-graders. Pre-kindergarten students will collect baby items for donation. Mass will be offered.

St. John Villa Academy Elementary will celebrate with theme days including “Teacher Appreciation Day,” “Career Day,” “Student Appreciation Day” and “International Foods Day.”

St. Peter-St. Paul School will celebrate with a pep rally, a penny drive and a “Literary Character Day.” Grandparents will be recognized during the week. The winter ball will take place Thursday and a pep rally will be held Friday.

St. Rita’s School students participate in the annual “Souper” Bowl on Monday collecting food items for local food pantries. Other activities include Parent Appreciation Day, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day and Student Appreciation Day, which includes making your own ice cream sundae during lunch. The Scholastic Book Fair will take place. Mass will be offered Friday for the Feast of St. Blaise.

St. Teresa’s School activities will include a faculty versus eighth grade volleyball game, visits from elected officials, community workers day, grandparents day and celebrate our culture day.

Students at **Blessed Sacrament School** will raise funds for the American Heart Association through a “Jump Rope for Heart” event. A Chinese auction will be held by the fifth grade with proceeds going to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Children’s Foundation in Yonkers. Students will collect baby items for the Crossroads Foundation before a representative from the foundation visits for a special presentation. Kindergarten students will put together a large baptismal quilt containing photos of the students’ baptisms. The second grade will invite grandparents to read with them.

Holy Rosary School starts off with a prayer service. The Annual Global Genes Project—Jeans for Genes dress down day will be on Wednesday. Students will collect food for the “Feeding Our Neighbor” campaign. Students will visit the senior center to complete service projects. Thursday is “Special Persons Day” for students and family members. Activities and treats are planned for Friday.

The week at **Our Lady Star of the Sea School** begins with a prayer service. Students will play “Catholic School Bingo” and “Catholic Identity Scavenger Hunt” and participate in a “Cranial Crunch” competition. There will be a “Career Day” and a “Super Kids Day,” along with a “School Spirit Day” and “Teacher Appreciation Day.” There will be a performing arts showcase. Students will collect donations for a Staten Island man with Epidermolysis Bullosa. On Thursday, students will enjoy an afternoon movie. A Mass organized by the National Junior Honor Society will be celebrated on Friday.



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St. Luke School students will gather to celebrate a special Mass. There will be bowling outings on Tuesday and Thursday. Students will compete in a Jeopardy-like game and play Bingo on Wednesday. A scavenger hunt will be held Friday. Other activities include a crazy sock day and a dress down day.

Students at **Visitation School** will attend Mass Wednesday celebrated by Father Christopher Devron, S.J., the president of Fordham Preparatory School in the Bronx. A spelling bee and an appearance by magician Joseph Fields are also scheduled.

St. Simon Stock School will hold a science fair and teachers will play against students in volleyball. Theme days include "Colorful and Crazy Hat Day," a "Movie Day" and an "Around the World Day." There will also be a "Career Day," a "Pajama Day" and "Teacher Appreciation Day."

St. Thomas Aquinas School kicks off the week with students kicking off their shoes while dancing during "Blue and Gold Spirit Day" on Monday.

A day focused on careers and science projects will be presented Wednesday. Students will have a "Crazy Sock Day." The "Souper Bowl/Jersey Dress Down Day" will be on Friday. A special Mass will be celebrated Thursday.

St. Philip Neri begins the week with "Movie Monday." Students will participate in the "Hollyrocks Game Show." A "Blue-Gold Spirit Day" will be held on Thursday. Mass will be celebrated Friday.

St. Angela Merici School will hold a "Spirit Day" and a "Silliest Hat and Sock Day." On Monday, older students will read stories to younger students and help them draw a picture of their favorite part. There will be a bake sale Tuesday to raise funds for the eighth-grade pinning ceremony. Students will take on teachers in a volleyball game.

NORTHEAST/EAST BRONX

St. Francis Xavier School will celebrate beginning with a school-wide magic show on "Magic Monday." Students will be able to show their fun side during an activity-filled "Wacky Wednesday." The week ends with the celebration of Mass, coordinated by the eighth-grade class.

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St. Theresa School will kick off the week with a family Mass on Sunday, Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m. The school will celebrate with a "Parent and Grandparent Day," "Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day," "Student Appreciation Day" and "Pastor Appreciation Day."

Students at **Our Lady of the Assumption School** will participate in activities that include a spelling bee, a parent breakfast and a student art show. The school science fair will take place on Wednesday. Parents, the parish community, teachers, staff and teaching assistants will be honored. The week ends with a "Student Appreciation Day" on Friday, along with the school ring ceremony and Mass.

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