



# ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*Our mission is to inspire and empower all learners to become the person God intends by integrating Catholic Virtue, Prayer and Service with 21st Century Learning.*

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**Bruce Richards,**  
Principal

## From the Principal

Do you know how much money you have earned for your Fair Share? You can find out by logging in to your TADS account.

Did you remember that for every \$100 you earn over your \$550 requirement you will be entered into a \$1000 tuition voucher drawing for next year?

Did you know that you can earn Fair Share money through our upcoming Catholic United Raffle and 100% of your sales will go towards your Fair Share?



### Beach Party Time

On Wednesday, Jan. 28th, we will be hosting a beach party for our preK to 5th grade students from 5:30-7:30. We will have hot dogs and chips, face painting, beach style games and the evening will culminate with a concert with [David Landau](#). We hope to see you all there.



Congratulations to our 5th-8th grade spelling bee semi-finalists. Jack McCarty, Joe Tinucci and Luke Sonnek will be representing 5th grade. Anthony Thurk, Camilla David and Mia Dunker will be representing 6th grade. 7th grade finalists are Anna Reichenberger, Natalie Meath and Todd Jager. And, Carly Hilgers, Delaney Devins and Haley Notermann will be our 8th grade finalists. On Monday, Jan. 19th at 8:15 we will be hosting our St. Joe's Spelling bee. The top 3 spellers will advance to the Catholic School Collaborative final round which will be held at Holy Family High School on Jan. 29th followed by lunch with Mr. Richards at a local restaurant.

## Newsletter

### A week at a Glance January 16, 2015

Sun 1/18	KC Free Throw Contest 7:00 pm - St. Joe's Gym
Mon/Fri 1/19- 1/23	<b>Safety Patrol</b> Kaili Palattao Natalie Meath Anna Reichenberger
Mon 1/19	Martin Luther King Day
Mon 1/19	Convocation 8:00 am
Mon 1/19	Spelling Bee 8:15 am - Gym
Mon 1/19	Dance Team - 2:45 pm
Mon 1/19	Basketball Practice 6th Gr Girls - 3 pm 7th Gr Girls - 4:30 pm 7th Gr Boys - 7:30 pm
Tues 1/20	America Reads 7:10 am
Tues 1/20	Basketball Practice 4th Gr Girls - 6:00 pm 5th Gr. Boys - 6:30 pm
Tues 1/20	BBall Games 7th Gr Girls vs SJL (A) 4 pm 7th Gr Boys vs SJL (A) 5 pm
Wed 1/21	Basketball Practice 6th Gr. Boys - 3:00 pm 5th Gr. Boys - 3:30 pm
Thurs 1/22	SJS Mass - Gr 4 8:15 am
Thurs 1/22	BBall Game - 4pm 7th Gr Girls vs Waconia (H)
Thurs 1/22	Basketball Practice 4th Gr. Girls - 5 pm 6th Gr Girls - 6 pm 7th Gr Boys - 7:30 pm
Fri 1/23	Basketball Practice 6th Gr Boys - 3 pm 7th Gr Girls - 4:30 pm
Fri 1/23	Kick-Off Rally - 2:15 pm Catholic United Financial Raffle
Sat 1/24	Girls Basketball Classic
1/24 & 1/25	Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMING UP**

## Mark your calendars!

Our 2nd C-STEM Fair / Open House event will be coupled with our Music in Our Schools Month concert on Tuesday, March 3rd. It will be a night to remember. The event will run from 5:00 until about 7:30.

### *What we heard last time:*

*"This was awesome!" "Do we have to go home already?"*

*"I can't wait until the next one." "Please make the next event longer, we didn't get to see everything."*

Our C-STEM Fair will showcase great work that students have completed, some interactive activities for all, science demonstrations, and the evening will culminate with a "Music in Our Schools" month concert, including the 2nd Annual Family Band!

## **"Kick-Off Rally"**

for Catholic United Catholic Schools Raffle  
Friday, January 23 - 2:15 pm - St. Joe's school gym



\*\*\*As part of this celebration the students are invited to be in spirit wear and it will also be a "FREE" sock school day. Parents are invited (and encouraged) to attend this rally and learn more about this important St. Joe's fundraiser.



January 23 is the Catholic United Raffle kick-off. There are many terrific prizes associated with this fundraiser and 100% of the proceeds stay right here at St. Joe's. Tickets are \$5 each and they will be available in the school/parish office as well as after school at many Masses between Jan. 24th and March 8th. Our goal is to sell 4,000 tickets or \$20,000 for St. Joe's.

100% of the sales that your family produces will go towards your Fair Share amount. Watch for more information coming your way very soon.

## **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Holy Family will be holding their Winter Open House on Thursday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. The Open House will give students and their families the opportunity to come and meet teachers, talk with coaches, learn about our Leadership Institute, hear from current Holy Family students and more! We invite all to learn how faith, service and academics come together at Holy Family. Any interested part is welcome to pre-register online at [www.hfchs.org](http://www.hfchs.org).

## **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - Teens, Technology and Social Media**

Parents are invited to attend Holy Family's Living Room Conversation, "Teens, Technology and Social Media", presented by Dave Eisenmann on Thursday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Catholic High School Media Center.

Eisenmann is the Minnetonka High School's Director of Instructional Technology and Media Services. Tablets, smartphones, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Vine, Minecraft... Technology is a big part of our kids' world! Keeping up can be challenging, but a positive and well-informed approach can have a big impact on your child's future and habits. Learn how to help you kids develop a balanced and healthy use of technology. Get tips and ideas for maintaining open dialogue about technology and understand the significant role you play in helping your child be responsible and safe in today's high-tech world. Numerous ideas and free resources will be shared. Please contact the Holy Family Assistant Principal, John Dols, at [dolsj@hfchs.org](mailto:dolsj@hfchs.org) with questions prior to the presentation!

# PERFORMING ARTS VARIETY SHOW ENTRY FORM

All performances will be performed at the Variety Show on Thursday, January 29, 2014 and on Generation Day, Friday, January 30, 2014. Each student may be in no more than two performances. Selections should not exceed 2 1/2 minutes. Lyrics and subject matter should be appropriate to our Catholic, Christian environment. We reserve the right to screen and/or deny admission of inappropriate subject matter.

Those who are performing any piece will present their performance, in the band room, and must be approved by Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Barker and Miss Cadwallader. Previews will be held on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. or Thursday, January 22, 3:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. on a first come, first served basis.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of act: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title of song

or act performing: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Group - Other participants:

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Return the Variety Show slips to Miss Cadwallader by Thursday, January 22.



A CAMPAIGN FOR ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



## **MAKING ALL THINGS NEW SCHOOL NEWS LETTER – WEEK 1**

Dear Faithful,

Our *Making All Things New* capital campaign is underway, and our outstanding volunteers are making phone calls, setting up appointments and meeting with fellow school families. If a volunteer calls to set up an appointment with you, I ask that you please take the time to meet with him or her to discuss our campaign and your potential participation. The volunteer will walk you through the process and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Because it is impossible to meet with everyone, some of you have recently been mailed a pledge card with an appeal letter and case booklet. Please consider the suggested amount in the letter, pray over it and return the pledge card with your commitment in the return envelope enclosed with that letter.

This campaign is a vital step in continuing our growth and mission at St. Joseph School. It is important that we, as a faith community, step forward in a sacrificial manner to make our campaign successful. Doing so ensures we will continue to work toward making St. Joseph School a beautiful, comfortable and welcoming place to learn, grow and worship.

Finally, as you contemplate your commitment, please remember Jesus' story of the widow's offering at the temple, Mark 12: 41-44. After watching the widow place two small coins into the offering, Jesus called together his disciples and said, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

The facilities at St. Joseph School that we enjoy today were built by the selfless sacrifice of those who came before us. Now it is our calling, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to work together in *Making All Things New*.

Thank you and God Bless,

Fr. Bennet Tran