



I thank my God every time I remember you.  
Philippians 1:3

January 25, 2012

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.”



The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one’s time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

Monday evening the St. Philip Neri branch of the Implementation Committee had its first meeting. It was not until I began writing this letter that I realized how the Standards for Quality Catholic Schools and this year’s theme for Catholic Schools Week are synonymous. **Faith**—Catholic Identity—a Catholic elementary school must promote the mission of the Church as it is lived out. **Academics**—Academic Excellence—the regional school must follow the educational policies and procedures and curriculum guidelines established through the Office of Catholic Education. **Service**—the regional school will participate in service projects in all 3 communities.

The local Implementation Committee consists of Pastor, Principal and three parents/guardians. Mr. John Heibeck (Thomas, grade 5 and Jack, kindergarten), Mrs. Amy Porter (Madison, kindergarten) and Mr. Tom Schuler (Cameron, kindergarten) are our representatives and I thank them for agreeing to participate in the process of Catholic school regionalization.

## Name Our Regional School



We need your ideas. Do you have a favorite saint? Why do you pray to them? Talk to your children about naming the new school. Research the name with them. Send the name into school along with a few facts about the saint and why your family thinks that this would be the perfect name for our new school. We will post all the names and have a contest to pick our favorites.

### Mark your calendars:

- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair has been rescheduled for Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- First Penance is also Monday evening, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- NED Program will be presented to the students on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for students in grades K through 8—information about the program will be sent home next week

- PARENT MEETING—Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in the Neri Center at 7:00 PM  
Crossing the Digital Divide:  
The Electronic World of Kids for Parents  
Educational Development Services, LLC  
Deborah McCoy

Deborah McCoy presented this program to the students in grades 4 through 8. It is a very interesting and informative class. Ask them about it. There is a flyer included in today's communication for the parent program.

**Enclosed in today's Communication:**

- Scrip order form
- Letter from Claire Ferdock, Home & School President
- Pot of Gold "FUN"raiser flyer
- Catholic Schools Week Schedule
- Crossing the Digital Divide—flyer
- Updated February calendar
- Dress Down Day—Pennies for Patients
- 2012 Yearbook order form
- Flapjack Fundraiser Supporting St. Philip Neri Parish Youth Ministry flyer
- School Choice flyer

Thank you for all of your support.  
May God bless you and your families.  
Mrs. Schleweiss