

Catholic Schools Week 2018



THE SCHOOL OF

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

We will begin our week long celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 28.

At Sacred Heart St. Francis we continue to build the Kingdom of God each and every day. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ because our school community has been enriched by God's gift of faith. We must build on that and create a faith filled future for our children, for our school, and for our parishes.

Catholic Schools Week 2018 provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to the community what Catholic school parents, administrators teachers, and students have known all along...that we are truly forming a future full of faith and promise. Our school is strong and vibrant because of the faith that we share. We invite you to celebrate Catholic

education by participating in the activities that we have planned beginning with the CSW kickoff at the 9:30 AM Liturgy on Sunday, January 28, at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church followed by our CSW Breakfast at the Parish Center. A complete calendar of events will be sent home soon. Please note the daily themes listed page 3 of this newsletter. Come celebrate with us!



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Mission Statement

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.

A Note of Appreciation

Special thanks for all the many kindnesses the school staff received during the holiday season. We are extremely grateful for all the notes, cards and gifts that were given to us. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was over the top. It is, as always, a pleasure to work with your wonderful children.

We would also like to express



our appreciation to all those who helped in any way at our annual Christmas programs. “Jingle Bell Beach” and “Jesus: Light for the World” were a lot of fun

for everyone and the children performed them amazingly well. Our choral and instrumental concert was also exceptional.

Thank you to Holly at the Bennington Banner for such great photos in the newspaper.

The Christ Child was certainly present as the children sang and played with joy and enthusiasm. We were all so proud!

New Year's Resolution

For a happy New Year...

just stick to some simple and basic rules. Have faith in yourself and your abilities. Count your blessings before you cry on your misfortunes. Learn to take each day one at a time. Create opportunities for yourself because quitting is never an option. Above all accomplish all you take under your wings – never abandon without completion.

And then...

Close your eyes, say a warm

goodbye to the year 2017. Thank God for everything that he has given us. Ask for forgiveness for all our mistakes and at last, wish for an even better year 2018.



JANUARY 15—NO SCHOOL



CALENDAR



Public schools in Bennington will not be in session on Friday, January 26. Since this is the case, school lunches will not be available for SHSF. All students are asked to bring a lunch to school on the 26th.

Catholic Schools Week Highlights

Sunday—January 28

Catholic Schools: In Our Parish

Monday—January 29

Catholic Schools: In Our Community

Tuesday—January 30

Catholic Schools: In Our Students

Wednesday—January 31

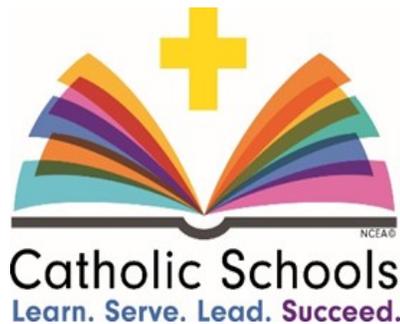
Catholic Schools: In Our Nation

Thursday—February 1

Catholic Schools: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers (Teacher Appreciation Day)

Friday—February 2

Catholic Schools: In Our Families



PLEASE NOTE

Students in Grades 3 –8 should have received their individual achievement awards prior to the Christmas Break. This will be done each trimester replacing the Awards Assembly at the end of the year.

Morning Routine Change

Starting Tuesday, January 2, students will **no longer** be allowed to play on the grounds before school. When your child arrives between 8 AM and 8:15 AM, they will go directly to their classrooms. This will give them an opportunity to put their things away, get themselves

organized, and begin the day on a more productive note. There will be a teacher at the front door to let the students in when they arrive each morning, **but not until 8 AM** (even on very cold days). As stated in our handbook, we are not responsible for children

who are dropped off before this time.

We appreciate your support as we work through this new routine.





Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.
The School of Sacred Heart
St. Francis de Sales

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From the Principal

We see a world filled with war, crime, suffering, and hatred, and we ask God for mercy and for help. The answer we seek was given over two thousand years ago in the words “Love one another.”

We teach our children by our words and our actions. If we want them to be considerate of others and to respect all life, we must show them the way. Human relationships in our homes and in our community should reflect our care and concern for others, as exhibited in simple “good manners.”

Good manners require us to respect the rights and property of others, to be kind in both action and words, and to share what we have with those in need. We must be slow to anger and quick to forgive. Children who develop these habits will find the command “Love one another” easy to follow.

Let’s model for them the behaviors we want to teach. Let’s help them see Jesus Christ in everyone they meet, regardless of race, nationality, or language. Let’s respond to those suffering from illness, disabilities, or poverty with help and understanding. Then we’ll truly be teaching our children about God’s love.

Happy New Year!

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