

# The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

## Bennington, Vermont

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF INFORMATION

## 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.



## THANK YOU

Special thanks for all the many kindnesses the school staff received during the holiday season. We are extremely grateful for the 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.



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will begin our week long celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 31.

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.

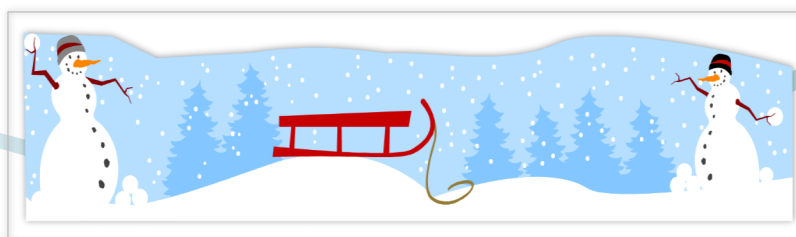
Catholic Schools Week 2021 provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to the community what Catholic school parents, administrators

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.

Although everything will be a little different this year with COVID 19, we still have much to be thankful for and we can certainly celebrate everything that is wonderful about our school.

A complete calendar of events will be sent home soon. Please note the daily themes listed on the second page of this newsletter.

Celebrate with us!



## CALENDAR NOTES FOR JANUARY

We have several dates in affecting the month calendar. They are noted below:

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4**

**NO SCHOOL ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18  
IN HONOR OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.**



**NOON DISMISSAL  
STAFF IN-SERVICE  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22  
CSW 2021 BEGINS ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK THEMES

**Sunday-January 31**

***CELEBRATING OUR  
PARISHES***

**Monday-February 1**

***CELEBRATING OUR  
COMMUNITY***

**Tuesday-February 2**

***CELEBRATING OUR  
STUDENTS***

**Wednesday-February 3**

***CELEBRATING OUR  
NATION***

**Thursday- February 4**

***CELEBRATING OUR  
FAMILIES***

**Friday-February 5**

***CELEBRATING OUR  
FACULTY AND STAFF***

## ***A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, EXCELLENCE, AND SERVICE***

### SAFETY UPDATE

As cases are rising at an alarming rate in Bennington County, we must continue to be practice good safety habits if we want to keep everyone healthy. We must remain vigilant especially now. Please remind your children about wearing masks appropriately, washing or sanitizing their

hands frequently, and social distancing. Our Governors' orders are in place for a reason. If you had to gather over the holidays, please do what is right. Keep your children home for a period of fourteen days or for seven days with a negative test result.

If your children are sick, follow the protocols and consult your primary care providers. We cannot over emphasize the importance of following these guidelines. Everyone's health and safety are on the line.

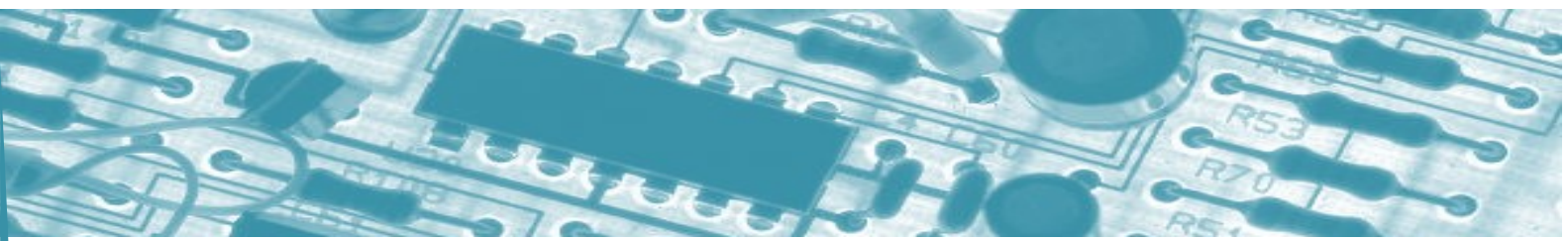
### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

***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 about 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 2020. Thank God for everything that He has given you. Ask for forgiveness for all your mistakes and at last, wish for an even better year in 2021.





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We see a world filled with 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.

These are especially trying times and we all need to remember to be patient and kind despite these difficulties.

Let's model for our children 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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