

# The Cardinal Flyer

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## BJ's Corner

Dear Families,

Benjamin Franklin said, "Without continued growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

February 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> is National Catholic Schools Week and today at mass we recognized Sergio Herrera as Young Catholic of the Year, and David Buchholz, Isabella's dad as Volunteer of the Year and several 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their award winning essays on "When Do We Honor Our Troops." Sponsored by the VFW!

Congratulations to :

Kaitlyn Archibeque, she took 1<sup>st</sup> in District and 2<sup>nd</sup> in State.

Brianna Chavez, Katrina Llamas, Rachel Baca, Maegan Martinez, Sergio Herrera, Jasara Benedict, Katelynn Johnson and Rayleen Ortiz. Good Job Cardinals!

**A very large Thank you to Lois Brakenhoff, Jens and Joseph, as well as, Lynn Jeffries and Samantha who provided a great deal of support to me at last Saturday's Catholic School information fair at St. Pius.**

**\*\*\* Registration will end February 12, 2010 at 12:00 noon. If you have not registered, please do so before that date. If you are having difficulties and need an extension, please call Nancy Searle at 243-5788.**

## *Calendar Update*

**February 5<sup>th</sup> - Class Picture Day (uniform)**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal 12:30p.m.**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> - President's Day No school**

The last two weeks have been extremely busy for me! I have tried to return phone calls, but I may be remiss on some. Please call me back and I will try harder to get with you.

I continue to appreciate all you do and for your support of Catholic Education.

B.J.

## Financial Aid Scholarships

All financial aid applications for the school year 2010-2011 will be done online through FACTS. The web address is [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). There is a \$25.00 fee to FACTS for this service. The deadline is April 15, 2010. We do not have any applications in the finance office due to "Going Green." This applies to the Maloof Scholarship, which is given in August and the Archbishop's Scholarship, which is given at the end of October or the first of November. If you wish to apply for any of these scholarships, this is the only way to do it.

# Yearbook Final Offer!

There is still time to order your 2010 Yearbook. Don't miss out on our first full color book with all your classmates and events of the year. The yearbook is available for \$40. Reserve your copy online today at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). This is your last chance, don't delay!

## First Reconciliation

A mandatory parent meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents and other students receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion will be held in our cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on February 11, 2010. Father Mueller will discuss parent responsibilities regarding the sacraments and I will discuss location, clothing, and behaviors and am open to all questions. See you February 11<sup>th</sup>.

B.J.

## Class Pictures

Class pictures will be taken on Friday, February 5, 2010. If you wish to purchase pictures, please send in the envelope with the money on picture day.

## A Message from St. Charles School Advisory Council

Dear Parents and Friends,  
Happy Catholic Schools Week! This week, throughout our country dioceses are celebrating Catholic Education and focusing on the value of Catholic education in the lives of young children. It is a very challenging world to be a child in 2010. It is also a very pronounced financial investment for some families to make on behalf of their children. This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week, "*Dividends for Life*", reminds us that our investment in Catholic education generates lifetime dividends for our children.

These tools for future successes in life are constructed through children's preparation in faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline. The seeds of success, the foundation of compassion, confidence, and competence developed within Catholic education, are essential antecedents of our children's future accomplishments. Whether they be in education, or other areas of focus, or future contributions as adult members of society, Catholic education through faith formation and compassion for others assures that our children's futures are filled with many future achievements.

As parents of children in Catholic education, I think we can be confident that we are investing in helping make this world a better place for all. Children of Saint Charles Borromeo have helped feed thousands of people, have helped clothed many children during the winter months, have helped prepare new parents with essential materials to care for their newborns. The children of Saint Charles have blessed this community with artistry in visual arts, musical arts and theatrical arts, they have sung our nation's anthem to thousands of individuals, they have performed thousands of hours of community service in our community, and have participated in competitions within our archdiocese and within our community that celebrate the outstanding education they have received at St. Charles and

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its result on personal growth and achievement. Clearly, the dividends have become and will continue to be realized.

Catholic Schools Week is the result of an on going collaborative between the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is a time of the year set aside to focus on the excellent pedagogical efforts done by our nation's Catholic schools. Catholic education is a large part of Catholic identity. Over the past four or five centuries, the connection between our Catholic faith and its pedagogical mission has been formalized by a series of documents from the Vatican. According to Karen Ristau, NCEA president, "Catholic schools provide good things for students and families—high expectations and daily experience of faith. There is no better way to invest in a child's future—or the future of our world." Marie Powell, executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, seconds this view of Catholic education and argues that "We realize that in most parts of the country a Catholic education is not without some cost. But I can't think of a better investment in the future than to invest in the education of a child." Neither can I. I also cannot help but reflect on the importance of celebrating Catholic Education this week and this past Sunday's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians:

*If I speak in human and angelic tongues 2 but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

Isn't this what it is all about? As parents, we love our children with all our heart, mind and soul. As teachers we love our pupils and love through commitment to excellence in our practice as educators. As a community of faith we love one another as Christ love's us. Catholic education is rooted in the greatest gift of all.

Please pray for our leaders from NCEA tomorrow who travel to Washington to speak on behalf of all Catholic schools to our nation's leaders.

Respectfully,  
David Atencio

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2010

### FACT SHEET

- **What is Catholic Schools Week?**

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country play in providing a values-added education for America's young people. Catholic schools are proud of their educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in their students. Catholic Schools Week is a key part of the yearlong National Marketing Campaign For Catholic Schools.

- **When is Catholic Schools Week 2010?**

Catholic Schools Week begins the last Sunday in January. This year it is Jan. 31- February 6, 2010.

- **What is the theme of CSW?**

The theme is: "Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals."

- **What does Catholic Schools Week celebrate?**

Catholic Schools Week celebrates education that goes beyond

preparation for a secular life – it is education that prepares students for

a Christian life. CSW also celebrates the high standards of excellence

and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic

elementary and secondary schools across the U.S.

- **What is the purpose of the Catholic Schools Week celebration?**

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools throughout the country. During this week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. CSW also is an occasion for schools to interest citizens in volunteering their time and talents to the local Catholic schools.

- **Who sponsors Catholic Schools Week?**

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. (USCCB). Individual dioceses and local Catholic elementary and secondary schools develop and promote their own CSW activities each year.

- **How long has Catholic Schools Week been around?**

The Catholic Schools Week celebration became an annual event in 1974. The first national Catholic Schools Week slogan was "Different Where It Counts--Message, Community, Service." Themes for each year are listed below.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK THEMES

Catholic Schools Week began in 1974 and is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Catholic Conference. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) starts the last Sunday in January and the celebration lasts all week. The National Marketing Campaign started in 1992 and is a year long campaign which includes CSW. The themes were:

1974 - *Catholic Schools, Different Where It Counts--Message, Community and Service*

1975 - *Making the Difference Count*

1976 - *A Declaration of Interdependence*

1977 - *Catholic Schools: A Plus for America*

1978 - *Catholic Schools: Everyone Grows*

1979 - *Next to the Family, The Catholic School*

1980 - *The Catholic School: One of the Family*

1981 - *Choosing a Tradition - Catholic Schools*

1982 - *The Good News in Education*

1983 - *In God We Trust & Teach*

1984 - *Catholic Schools: Beacon of Hope*

1985 - *Catholic Schools: Sharing Vision, Teaching Values*

1986 - *A Rainbow of Excellence*

1987 - *Catholic Schools Touch the Future*

1988 - *Share the Spirit*

1989 - *Communities with Memories*

1990 - *Catholic Schools: A Parent's Choice*

1991 - *Catholic Schools: A Kaleidoscope of People*

#### **National Marketing Campaign & CSW Week Themes:**

1992 - *Discover Catholic Schools*

1993 - *Choose Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education*

1994 - *Support Catholic Schools: Your Choice for Education*

1995 - *Catholic Schools: Schools You Can Believe In*

1996 - *Catholic Schools: Schools You Can Believe In*

1998 - *Catholic Schools: Restoring Faith in Education*

1999 - *Catholic Schools: Faith for a Brighter Future*

2000 - *Lighting the Way to a New Century*

2001 - *Celebrate Catholic Schools*

2002 - *Where Faith & Knowledge Meet*

2003 - *Making a World of Difference*

2004 - *Catholic Schools: A Faith-Filled Future*

2005 - *Catholic Schools: Faith in Every Student*

2006 - *Catholic Schools: Character. Compassion. Values.*

2007 - *Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education*

2008 - *Catholic Schools Light the Way*

2009 - *Catholic Schools Celebrate Service*

2010 - *Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals*

