

TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

Dear Parents,

Trinity Catholic Academy will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week, Sunday, January 27 through Saturday, February 2, 2008. An educational, fun-packed week is scheduled. "Catholic Schools: "Light The Way" is the theme for the new national campaign promoting Catholic education for the 2007-2008 school year. Catholic Schools Week gives us the opportunity to celebrate the values and virtues of Catholic schools – a place where faith and education meet. It also brings attention to the quality education being offered at nearly 8000 Catholic schools in the United States. An annual event since 1974, this week honors the more than 163,000 teachers who educate 2.5 million children. Trinity Catholic Academy would also like to thank and recognize the tremendous contributions of parents and volunteers. You are a gift to us.

Catholic Schools Week promotes the educational learning of the whole child. It fosters academic excellence, social awareness, cultural diversity, acceptance, and love for fellow man. We have incorporated education (academics), school spirit, community service, and social/cultural awareness throughout our Catholic Schools Week activities. By being exposed to this atmosphere of service, love and acceptance, we build the character so necessary for our children to succeed in the world. We are blessed to be able to teach the Gospel values and to share the love of Jesus.

As we approach Catholic Schools week (January 27 – February 2) we are, indeed, proud to state that, "A Catholic Education is An Advantage for Life". This calendar is to provide you with the necessary information so that your child may participate fully in this celebratory week.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and for providing them with a Catholic education.

God Bless

Peace

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008: "KICK-OFF SUNDAY MASS/RELIGION FAIR/OPEN HOUSE

- Today is our OPEN HOUSE RELIGION FAIR. We will start our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy with Mass at 9:30 AM at Saint Edith Stein Parish.
- Our OPEN HOUSE RELIGION FAIR will feature our children's work depicting the theme: "Catholic Schools: Light the Way". Please join us at the school immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass, from 10:30 AM – Noon. Light refreshments will be served.

RELIGION THEMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Pre-Kindergarten: "God's Gift of Light"

Kindergarten: "God's Gifts"

Grade 1: "Bible Stories"

Grade 2: "The Ten Commandments"

Grade 3: "Saints"

PAPA GINO FUNDRAISER: tonight, at all Brockton locations, from 4-9 PM, 20% of all food orders, (whether it be take-out or eat in) will be donated to Trinity Catholic Academy. This is a P.T.O. fundraiser and a wonderful, easy way to raise money for our school and ultimately for your children. Please show your school spirit and eat at PAPA GINO's this evening. Thank you!

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008: **"Sweatshirt"/"Crazy Hat Day"/Service Project**

Today is "Sweatshirt Day"/"Crazy Hat Day": Each student is permitted to wear an appropriate/acceptable Sweatshirt and Hat of their choice.

Today we will choose the winner of the **"Decorate A Door" contest**. This year's Theme is: Catholic Schools: "Light The Way".

SERVICE PROJECT: During the month of January each class is collecting **NEW** socks, hats, scarves and gloves (ADULT SIZE ONLY) in an effort to provide warmth to the area homeless. **EACH STUDENT** who participates will receive a "NO UNIFORM DAY" on Monday, February 4, 2008. This drive will conclude on Friday, February 1, 2008. Other items needed are: stick deodorant, Q-Tips, individual size shampoo, lotion and conditioner, combs, brushes, bar soap, lip balm, toothbrushes, individual size toothpaste, non-refrigerated Microwave meals, juice bars, hot chocolate, instant oatmeal and canned fruit. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW!** Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need. God Bless....

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008: **"The Singing, Ringing Tree" 1:00 PM**

Sarah Salerno-Thomas is a Boston Theater professional and educator with 17 years of experience bringing Literature alive for young audiences. Inspired by her love of children's Literature, Ms. Thomas will provide Grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 3 with a Language Arts, cultural enrichment assembly. "The Singing, Ringing Tree" is a one hour production highlighting interactive children's theater. Audience members are the "stars" of "The Singing, Ringing Tree", a play about transforming the power of love. This interactive play incorporates the themes of kindness, loyalty, respect and the ability of all people to change. It also reinforces the values that Catholic schools teach while supporting the Language Arts curriculum. The combination of visual theater and audience participation vividly brings this fairy tale to life. Learning can be fun! Parents are welcome to join us!!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008: **"Movie & Popcorn Day"**

"Movie & Popcorn Day" will feature an age appropriate movie. As always, all movies will be curriculum based and educationally sound.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008: **"Pajama Day"/"Math Fair"**

Today is "Pajama Day". Each student is permitted to wear appropriate/acceptable PJ's of their choice. (Please use common sense when choosing this outfit!)

"Math Fair" Measurement, weight, counting, multiplication, etc. will be the focus. Groups in Grades 2 and 3 were required to "design" a Math Game from "beginning to end". They developed the concept, the rules, the name and the winning objective of the game. **ONE** game from each class will be chosen. Grades Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 1 will "play" these games with the help of their "Math Buddies" in Grades 2 and 3. What a unique and creative educational experience for all!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008: **"First Friday Mass"/"Student Appreciation Breakfast"**

All grades will attend the 9:00 AM first Friday Mass as a school community. Please join us at Mass as we celebrate Jesus Christ and reflect upon the way we live His Gospel.

"School Appreciation Breakfast": A complimentary light breakfast will be provided to each student as our way of saying thank you for entrusting your children to us.