

**PRINCIPAL'S PAGE - (January, 2008)**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your children had a joyous and peaceful Christmas. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous and thoughtful gifts. I appreciate your kindness.

As we approach the second half of our school year, I eagerly await the return of your children, rested and filled with the enthusiasm and drive to complete a successful school year.

The CTBS Terra Nova Standardized "Home Report" test results were sent home before Christmas vacation. The interpretation of the results is self explanatory. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the test, please contact your child's teacher. We will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

January is an exciting month for Catholic Schools. It is the month in which Catholic Schools Week is celebrated throughout the United States. Trinity Catholic Academy will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week Sunday, January 27, 2008 through Saturday, February 2, 2008. "Catholic Schools: Light The Way" is the theme of the national campaign promoting Catholic education for the 2007-2008 school year.

Catholic Schools Week promotes the educational learning of the whole child. It fosters academic excellence, social awareness, cultural diversity and the acceptance and love for fellow man. We have incorporated education (academics), school spirit, community service, social and 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 to prepare our youth to be successful, contributing members of society. Let us celebrate Jesus Christ and reflect upon the way we live His Gospel. (A detailed Catholic Schools Week calendar will be sent home at a later date.)

Catholic education is more than developing critical thinking skills and academic acuity. The very essence of Catholic education is its commitment to the development of the whole person with emphasis on the importance of service, social responsibility, spirituality, peace and justice.

Parents choose Catholic education for three major reasons:

- (1) High academic standards with the inclusion of moral education,
- (2) structured discipline code, and
- (3) faith formation within a safe learning environment.

Catholic schools prepare our students to meet the responsibilities of life by instilling a global, cultural vision of the world. We stress the importance of having a better knowledge and appreciation of the world community and a moral compass to guide us on our way. In Catholic education we are called to inform, form and transform. The meaning and ethics of Christian faith impact on who our students are and how they live.

I thank you for entrusting your children to us and for providing them with a Catholic education. As we approach Catholic Schools Week we are, indeed, proud to state that, "A Catholic Education is An Advantage for Life."

Sincerely,

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Principal

