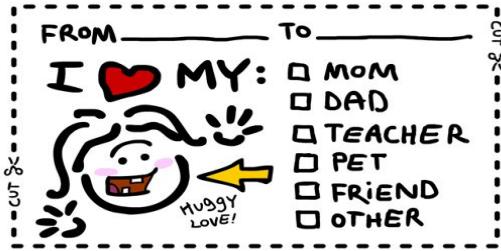




St. Joseph Catholic School

Newsletter

January 28, 2016



The Month of **February is dedicated to the Holy Family**. The first ten days of February fall within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful, the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.



We are pleased that so many of you have already **pre-registered for the 2016-2017 school year**. Registering early provides us with the opportunity to guarantee your child's place for next year. Most importantly, it helps us properly prepare for the next school year. **If you have not pre-registered yet, please do so by Friday, January 29**. Referral credits can be offered to families registered prior to the referral family. **Enrollment paperwork was sent home two weeks ago. It is also available on our school website**.



During the summer we asked you to complete the [Title I Survey](#). 68% of enrolled families completed that survey. **As a result of your responses, we found that SJS is eligible for up to \$13,000 in Title I assistance**. Title I is a federal grant that provides low-income students who need, academic support the extra help they need to succeed. We cannot over stress the importance of your participation in this survey. **We encourage everyone, regardless of the needs of your daughter or son to complete the survey**. The data collected from this survey will be used to determine the amount of Title I Federal funds for which Saint Joseph School will be eligible to receive from each public school district.



We are happy to tell you that with tax season nearly upon us, FACTS Management has a feature available to each of you on a payment plan, that will enable you to **quickly and easily create a payment summary. By simply clicking "View Printable Payments Summary" on the Payments tab, you can retrieve and print a summary of payments for the 2015 tuition year or any other specified timeframe**. Be sure to use this valuable tool for your 2015 tax filing process.



Everyone is reminded that **students in grades 4 through 8 are dismissed at 3:05pm through the side exit (Intervale St)**. They can walk to a predetermined location to meet you. This may be more convenient for you rather than waiting in the car lanes.

Mission Statement

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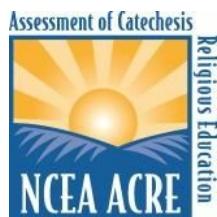


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Catholic Schools Week Activities

January 31 through February 6

	Sunday 1/31	Monday 2/1	Tuesday 2/2	Wednesday 2/3	Thursday 2/4	Friday 2/5
Celebrating	Parishes	Community	Students	The Nation	Vocations	Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers
Dress Code, students not participatin g in the CSW dress must be in uniform		Regular Uniform	Crazy Dress, dress up in wacky zany shoes, pants, shirts, hats, ties, hair styles etc. No Make Up	Decades, jazz up your style by dressing up from the past	Career, time to be serious and dress up showing your dream job	Dress in class colors AND SJS Sports Jerseys, show your school pride (colors listed below)
Activity		Mass at	Buddy Bingo	No Homework Day	Quiz Bowl	SJS "Olympics" all grades
Open House	12:00 to 2:00				5:00 to 7:00	



The NCEA Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education (**ACRE**) is a **standardized religious education test administered to students in grades 5 and 8**. It is designed to evaluate the religious education program at schools and churches across the country. Teachers in grades 5 and 8 will select the day and time of the test between **February 1 and February 12**. This is not a test for which one can study.



Join us for our **Catholic Schools Week mass at 9:30 on Monday, February 1** in St. Joseph Church.



On Thursday, February 4, we will hold our second Open House from 5:00 to 7:00pm. We welcome you to invite friends and neighbors who may be interested in a Catholic Education. Remember, if they write your name on their registration form, you will be eligible for a tuition discount.



Middle school students are invited to the **dance at St. Peter's School on Friday, February 5**. Permission slips/flyers were distributed in January. Stop by the office if you need an extra one.



It was an honor to recognize the 16 classroom Spelling Bee winners. We are honored to have **Cooper Lee Silverman (gr.7) and Hannah Collins (gr.8) represent SJS at the Regional Spelling Bee taking place on Wednesday, February 3 at 4:00pm** at St. Mary's School in Cranston, RI. Cooper and Hannah were the winners of our school spelling bee in January.



Join our second grade students at the **Family Sacramental Prep Mass on Saturday, February 6 at 5:00pm**.



Our **monthly Rosary is scheduled for Monday, February 8**. We encourage student in grades 3 through 8 to bring their Rosaries to school.



We will be holding another **Parent Focus Group on Tuesday, February 9 at 5:00pm**. This time, Mr. Woodmansee will be meeting with interested parents who have children in grades 1 through 5. A detailed invitation will be sent home closer to the date.



The February **PTP Meeting** will be held in the school on **Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!



Friday, February 12 is the DEADLINE FOR FACTS FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS. All families who would like to be considered for financial aid for the 2016-2017 school year MUST apply by this date. Financial awards will be distributed based on applications. Think of Diocesan Financial Aid like a full pot of soup; most of the aid is given out in the first wave. If you apply after this date, the funds available decrease.



Volleyball AND Soccer Registrations are due by Tuesday, February 9. We will be registering our school teams and making rosters based on the registrations received by this date. Practices will begin in March and the game schedule will be published on the [SJS Athletic Calendar](#). Registration and ALL additional forms needed are available for download in the "Student Life" section on the "[Athletic Forms Page](#)" (<http://www.sjsww.org/athletic-forms.html>) of the school website.



On **Tuesday, February 9, at 6:00 p.m., the Parent Federation will hold its first meeting**. This is a group of Catholic School Parents who advocate for Catholic Education at the public policy level. Currently, SJS does not have any parents representing our school at this level. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Woodmansee.



Wednesday, February 10 we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday at 9:30am. Ash Wednesday begins the Easter season by kicking off Lent. Lent is the 40 days of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter. On Ash Wednesday, Christians go to church to receive ash on their foreheads. It is often a day of fasting. The receiving of ashes has a long tradition in the Church. In the past, Christians who had committed grave sins performed their penance in public, so on Ash Wednesday, the Bishops would bless them by sprinkling ashes over them. Today, they are a symbol of penance and contrition, which is why believers are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return" when he/she receives the ashes.

**Dress
Down
Day**

Our monthly dress down day is on a Thursday this month, **Thursday, February 11. Students participating must bring a \$1.00 donation and one canned good.** All financial donations will be given to Hasbro Children's Hospital. Canned goods are given to the Food Cupboard at Emanuel Lutheran Church.



Winter Recess begins on Monday, February 15 and extends through Friday, February 19.



The next **Healing Service at St. Joseph Church will on Sunday, February 21 at 1:30 pm.** It will begin with the Rosary. Confession is available. The Healing Mass will begin at 2:00 pm to be followed by Fr. Bob praying over those in attendance. The Service concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. ALL ARE WELCOME!



The February **Restaurant Night will be held at Cowesett Pizza in West Warwick on Thursday, February 25 all day.** Take a break from cooking dinner and have some pizza with your SJS family. Plus, you can earn money for our school! We hope to see you there!



Our **Eagle Pass Dress Down Day is on Friday, February 26.**



Please join us for the **14th Annual St. Joseph School Live and Silent Auction**, the Parent Teacher Partnership's largest annual fundraiser! This semi-formal event features a sit-down dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, a photo booth and several raffles. It is a festive celebration of our school attended by parents, grandparents, teachers, staff, parishioners and alumni. So mark your calendar and line up a babysitter - it's an event you won't want to miss! The event is on Saturday, March 12th beginning at 6pm at the Quonset "O" Club. **Tickets cost \$40 per person or \$350 for a table of 10 and are on sale now!**

So many amazing items have come in that you don't want to miss. A big THANKS to the following companies: Applebee's, Boloco, BounceU, Button Hole Golf Course, Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard, Chipotle, Dave's Marketplace, Ohana Family Camp in Fairlee, VT, Old Sturbridge Village, Red Sox Nation, Seven Stars Bakery, Sylvan of Coventry, Thompson Speedway, Walt Disney World and Whole Foods Cranston. Avis Rent a Car, Biomes, Block Island Ferry, Canobie Lake Park, Cardi's Furniture, Chapel Grille, Nate the Great Kids' Kutz, Newport Playhouse, Paul Mitchell School and Rhode

Island International Film Festival.

Thank you in advance to those who have already donated your time or contributed to one raffle items. Without your support our event could not be a true success! To those still looking to volunteer or donate a raffle item please reach out to the event chairs, Kim Hannigan k.hannigan@live.com and Christine McDermott christine@tribro.com.

Peace,

Mr. Jim Woodmansee

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Principal

Continue to support our no cost fundraisers



You can use [this link to access and print money saving coupons on participating products](#).



A percentage of your purchase through [Schoolstore.com](#) goes to our school from stores like: Kohl's, Target, disneystore.com, and Barnes & Noble. There's also 50% off Magazines



Labels for Education is similar to the Box Tops program. Please cut these labels along with the product barcode and deliver them to your child's teacher. For a complete list of [participating "Labels for Education" products use this link](#). "Labels for Education" also publishes coupons, use [this link to access and print these money saving coupons](#)



Log in to your "[my Stop & Shop Card](#)" account to designate SJS as the recipient of the A+ School Rewards, St. Joseph School's ID# 05784. You may also call S&S at 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop earns CA\$H for our school! Last year St. Joseph School raised \$1,470.02. Registration begins 9/14/15.



The Shoparoo App ([iTunes](#) & [Google Play](#)) allows you to earn money for SJS by taking pictures of your grocery receipts. It doesn't matter where you shop or what you buy - every receipt submitted results in a donation to our school. When searching for SJS, make sure to type in "St Joseph School West Warwick RI".

ATTENTION SJS FAMILIES!

For a limited time, we have an improved incentive program for new students AND their referring families.

See back for more details....



WE HAVE A SPECIAL OFFER FOR YOU!



Do you know someone interested in a high quality Catholic education?

We have openings in select grades for new students!

St. Joseph School Tuition Incentive Program

Many families are looking for a safe, structured, disciplined and nurturing school environment to send their children to in our area. Please help these families choose St. Joseph School. Our families are our best advocates. You believe in us and we believe in your commitment to our school. This is our way of saying thank you.

Who is eligible for this tuition incentive program?

Every family enrolled at St. Joseph School & all previously enrolled families who re-registered for the 2016-2017 school year prior to Friday, January 29, 2016. (*registration forms and non refundable \$250.00 deposit turn into office*)

First time registrants who are referred by one of the above mentioned will be eligible for a waived registration fee.

**Referred first time registrants only will be eligible to a waived registration fee.*

How does it work?

You will earn 10% off your tuition responsibility (after all discounts) for every **accepted** and **enrolled** new **student** that names you as their referral. Through this incentive, it is possible to receive 100% free tuition for your child/children!

Example: Current family (parishioner rate) with two children that referred two new families with three new students.

\$9000-Tuition responsibility (excluding fees and other incidentals)

-\$900- 1st student-10%

-\$900- 2nd student -10%

-\$900- 3rd student-10%

\$6300 Adjusted tuition balance

Example: Current family (parishioner rate) with one child that referred two new families with four new students

\$4500-Tuition responsibility (excluding fees and other incidentals)

-\$450- 1st Student -10%

-\$450- 2nd Student -10%

-\$450- 3rd student-10%

-\$450- 4th Student -10%

\$2700 Adjusted tuition balance

For more details, call (401) 821-3450.

Additional terms and conditions:

- All families must be enrolled in the FACTS Tuition Management System.
- Must be reenrolled on or before Friday, January 29, 2016, with registration forms and non refundable \$250.00 deposit
- There is no limit to the number of families a referral may refer.
- Only one referring family may receive tuition credit for a new family. Multiple families cannot "jointly" refer a new family.
- Credit will be distributed to a referral's tuition account once the first tuition installment has been paid by new family.
- There is no cash value, unless your tuition is paid in full for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Space availability and final approval is determined by the SJS principal.
- Offer expires March 16, 2016.

Remember: No tuition payment due during January



St Joseph Catholic School

*Yesterday's Traditions
Building Tomorrow's Future*

Pre-K through 8th Grade

Extraordinary Teachers
A Great Family Community
Competitive Athletic Teams & Clubs
Drama · Band · Robotics · and More

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
NOON – 2PM
&
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
5PM – 7PM

**Schedule a tour, or spend a day with us.
Visit us at www.sjsww.org
401.821.3450
West Warwick, Rhode Island**

Catholic Schools Offer Academic Excellence and Faith-Filled Education

Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools are challenged by declining enrollments and school closures, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools – many have waiting lists for admission and new schools are opening. For more information, visit www.ncea.org.



Number of Catholic Schools in the U.S.

TOTAL SCHOOLS	6568
ELEMENTARY	5368
SECONDARY	1200



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary 2014-2015:
The Annual Statistical Report on Schools Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA)

Staffing Ratios

The average pupil/teacher ratio in Catholic Schools, determined by the full time equivalent teaching staff, was approximately 13:1.



NATIONAL AVERAGE 13:1



ELEMENTARY 14:1



SECONDARY 11:1

Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary 2014-2015:
The Annual Statistical Report on Schools Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA)

College Attendance Comparison*

CATHOLIC	85.7%
OTHER RELIGIOUS	62.1%
NON-SECTARIAN	56.1%
PUBLIC	39.5%**

*data not available for community colleges,
technical schools or enlistment in the military

Source: Broughman, S.P., Swain, N.L. (2013); Stillwell, R., and Sable, J. (2014)

National Secondary School Graduation Rates

CATHOLIC	99.0%
OTHER RELIGIOUS	97.8%
NON-SECTARIAN	95.2%
PUBLIC	78.2%*

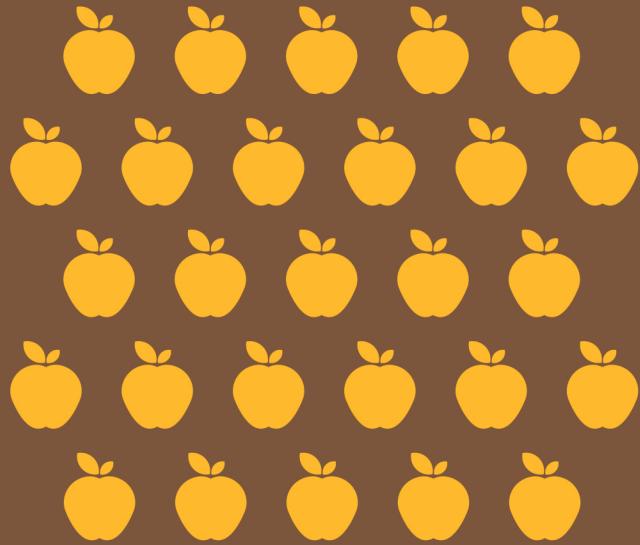
*actual high school diplomas awarded



Source: Broughman, S.P., Swain, N.L. (2013);
Stillwell, R., and Sable, J. (2014)

New Schools

In the 2014-2015 academic school year, **27** new Catholic schools opened across the country.



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary 2014-2015:
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A Gift to the Nation

Based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$12,054, Catholic schools provide **\$24 billion** in savings each year for the nation.

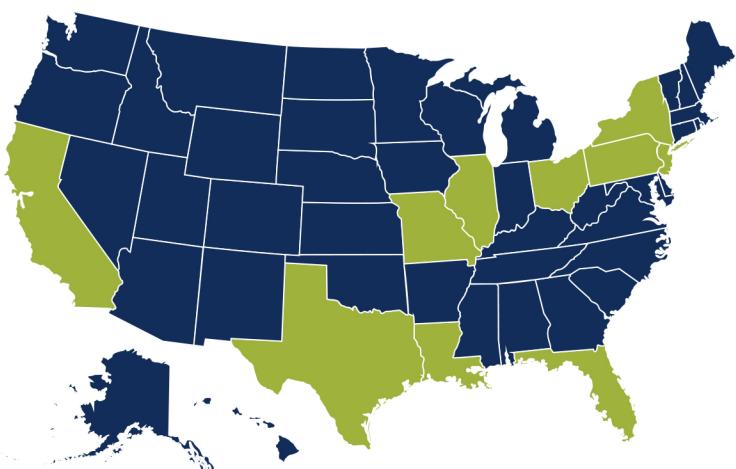


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Top Ten States with Highest Catholic School Enrollment

CALIFORNIA
NEW YORK
ILLINOIS
PENNSYLVANIA
OHIO

NEW JERSEY
FLORIDA
LOUISIANA
TEXAS
MISSOURI



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary 2014-2015:
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Schools With Waiting Lists

Across the country, 2,044 schools (31%) have a waiting list for admission.

	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	% IN REGION
NEW ENGLAND	134	32.8%
MIDEAST	465	32.3%
GREAT LAKES	334	21.2%
PLAINS	175	21.7%
SOUTHEAST	394	42.1%
WEST/FAR WEST	542	38.6%
TOTAL	2,044	31.1% of all schools

Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary 2014-2015:
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National Catholic Educational Association

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, January 31 - February 6.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." This theme focuses on three key characteristics central to the identity of what it means to be a student, parent, alumni, faculty, staff member, and friend of SJS. We are first and foremost a community of faith. Here, all students have the opportunity to learn about and experience the love of God. We are an inclusive community which welcomes and accepts all of our neighbors as sisters and brothers.

In the broader perspective we are a small part of a larger global community. Recognizing this, we strive to instill the values of Christian Service by extending a hand of love by helping our local community.

Finally, we are part of the eternal community as members of the Body of Christ. With a never ending mission to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.

SJS has a long history of guiding students through their early years by helping them to learn about God, the world, and themselves so that they can become the person God intends them to be.

Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of Catholic Schools. Our Student Council has planned and will help lead this week long celebration. The following pages of this newsletter detail the week's events along with information, open house, and registration information.

For me, Catholic Schools Week is a week to reflect on our school mission and how it is integrated into the lives of our students, your daughters and sons. I am grateful for the experience of serving in this community and working with this talented group of students.

Peace,

Mr. Jim Woodmansee



Catholic Schools Week Activities

January 31 through February 6

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Activity		School Mass at 9:30am	Buddy Bingo	No Homework Day	Quiz Bowl	SJS "Olympics" all grades
Open House	12:00pm to 2:00pm				5:00pm to 7:00pm	

Remember appropriate dress is still required.

Class Colors

Pre-Kindergarten	Neon Colors
Kindergarten	Rainbow of Colors (think Punky Brewster)
Grade 1	Red
Grade 2	Orange
Grade 3	Purple
Grade 4	Green
Grade 5	Pink
Grade 6	Blue
Grade 7	Yellow/Gold
Grade 8	Blue and Yellow/Gold



**Our Open Houses are on Sunday Jan. 31 from Noon-2:00pm
and Thursday Feb. 4 from 5:00pm-7:00pm,**

All Registration information is online www.sjsww.org/admissions

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ST. PETER SCHOOL WINTER DANCE

\$5

GRADES
6-8

WHEN

February 5th, 2016
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE

St. Peter Church,
Lower Church

Please drop off and pick up your student(s) at the side door.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Parent

Parent Signature: _____

Cell #: _____

This portion may be returned with \$5 at the Door. Cash only Please.



YOU'RE INVITED To an SJS Restaurant Night FUNDRAISER

Redeem this flyer with your order
and Cowesett Pizza will donate

20%

Back to St. Joseph School

Good On Dine in, Carry Out and Delivery Orders!

When: Thursday, February 24, 2016

Time: All Day

**Location: 306 Cowesett Ave.
West Warwick, RI
T: 401-821-5551**





St Joseph School

Eagle Dress Down Passes

Once again, Dress Down Passes will be offered as a separate fundraiser and not sold at specific events/fundraisers throughout the school year.

A general dress down pass can be used for any of the ten dress down days established for the 2015-2016 school year.

Parents can purchase all ten passes at once if they choose or on a month to month basis. Passes may be purchased through your child's back pack using the form below. Passes may also be purchased on the day of a scheduled Dress Down Pass day by sending \$5.00 in an envelope marked with PTP Dress Down Pass and your child's name.

You can also contact Valerie Saccone for additional passes (hoth21@gmail.com).

Eagle Dress Down Days

Price: \$5.00

Sept. 25th, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 24th, Dec. 18th, Jan. 22nd,
Mar. 24th, Feb. 26th, Apr. 29th, May 27th, Jun. 10th
(pass must be given to homeroom teacher on day of use)

Eagle Dress Down Pass Order Form

Family Name _____

Students Name(s): _____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

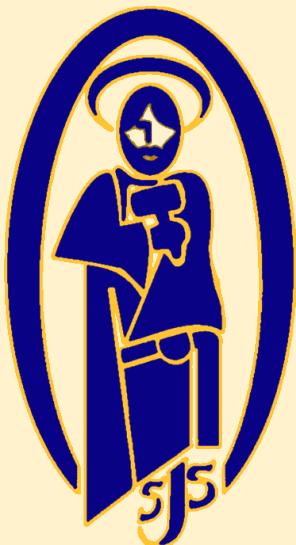
_____ Grade: _____



Note, maximum order is ten (10) passes per Student

Total # of Eagle Passes Ordered: _____ (at \$5.00 per pass)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



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February 2016

ACRE testing grades 5 & 8 1-12

Catholic School Week (CSW) Jan 31-Feb 6 Student Council Activities



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 31 Open House 12-2	1 	2 BUDDY 	3 <i>Decades Dress Day</i> Regions 4PM	4 Career Day QUIZ BOWL Open House 5PM-7PM	5 Class Color Day	6 Gr. 2 Family Mass 5PM
7 	8 Rosary AM 	9 Registration Due 1-5 Parent Focus Group 5-6 Parent Teacher Partnership Saint Joseph School Parent Federation 6-8 6:30PM	10 ASH WEDNESDAY Mass 9:30AM	11 Wear red or pink Dress Down Day Grade 3 <i>\$1.00 and a canned good</i>	12 <u>FACTS Financial Aid Deadline</u> Stations & Confessions	13
14 	15 No School 	16 No School	17 No School	18 No School	19 No School	20
21 St. Joseph Church 2PM Healing Service	22	23	24 	25	26 Eagle Dress Down Day - \$5 Stations & Confessions	27
28	29					