

## WEEK OF EVENTS

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...Dividends for Life

#### *Faith, Knowledge, Morals, Discipline*

Now more than ever, Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education. Each year at this time, we focus on the gift that Catholic education provides to America's young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. Particularly during times of change and challenge, Catholic schools provide long-term benefits to the nation's youth: a high-quality, faith-based education that will continue to pay dividends for years to come.

**Saturday/Sunday, January 30/31: Dividends for Life: In Our Parish**

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe."*

The parish is the center of Catholic life in the community so it is fitting that we begin our Catholic Schools Week observance with a special Sunday Mass when everyone gathers to celebrate the Eucharist and to reflect on the lasting value of Catholic education and its role in fostering the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that will prepare the youth of the parish for a life of service to their families, their communities, and the church.

*The weeklong observance of Catholic Schools Week begins with students participating in the Liturgy.*

**Sunday, January 31  
1:00-3:00 PM**

#### Open House at Good Shepherd Education Center

Sponsored by the School Board, prospective students anticipating Fall 2010 enrollment are invited to tour the school, visit the classrooms, and meet with school board members, administration, and current students.

*All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend!*

**Monday, February 1**

#### Dividends for Life: In Our Vocations

*"Religion is the solid basis of good morals; therefore, education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man toward God."*

Today we explore the many ways people can serve God. Through the activities planned for this day, we encourage our students to consider a life of religious service by creating opportunities for them to learn about what it involves. In addition, we encourage them to hone their relationship with God to hear what His vocational call is for them.

**8:30 AM  
School Auditorium**

Mass

*Sister Lisa Valentini, M.S.C., and seminarians from Mount St. Mary's University will participate in Mass then will address students and answer questions about vocations and religious life. Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart, an initiative of the American Heart Association, will begin today in gym class and will continue throughout the week.*

**Tuesday, February 2**

#### Dividends for Life: In Our Community

*"Education is one of the most important ways by which the church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person and the building of community."*

The school and community work hand-in-hand to educate the next generation of citizens. Today we celebrate the school's bond with the community. Just as the community benefits from the school's contributions to excellence and choice in education, the school, in turn, benefits from the support and resources the community provides. We will use today to learn about and honor those who serve our community.

**8:30 AM** Appreciation Service for leaders within the community  
**School Auditorium**  
*Thank you cards from the school community will be presented to representatives from the offices of: the mayor of Camp Hill, police, fire, and ambulance departments, and Holy Spirit Hospital.*

**Wednesday, February 3** *Dividends for Life: In Our Students*  
*“If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.”*  
When we provide students with a Catholic education, we make an investment in their future. We equip them with the essential elements they need to lead fulfilling lives of love and service. Today we devote to the students, for whom the school exists. It will be a day of fun activities and special treats and opportunities to reflect on the benefits of Catholic education and how it will provide dividends throughout their entire lives.

**8:15-9:15 AM** Muffins with Mom; Donuts with Dad  
**Classrooms**  
*Students will dress down in Catholic Schools Week attire or Good Shepherd School gym clothing today and will spend a fun afternoon participating in games of Bingo (K-3), Bowling (Gr. 4 & 5), and Volleyball (gr. 6-8).*

**Thursday, February 4** *Dividends for Life: In Our Volunteers*  
*“I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and thanks.”*  
Today we recognize those who support teachers in the day-to-day operation of our school. The dedicated service and selfless contribution of time and talent on the part of our volunteers ensure the success of the school and support its mission of providing a high-quality, faith-filled education. It is also a day to instill the ideals of volunteerism in our students who will, one day, provide the next generation of Catholic school volunteers, just as their parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents lend a hand now.

**10:00 AM** Volunteer Appreciation Program- entertainment by Kindergarten – Gr. 3  
**School Auditorium** Reception for Volunteers hosted by faculty and staff  
*Student Council officers will greet, serve, and distribute volunteer recognition.*

**Friday, February 5** *Dividends for Life: In Our Faculty and Staff*  
*“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”*  
*“Where there is discipline, there is virtue; where there is peace, there is plenty.”*  
We end our celebration of Catholic Schools Week with National Teacher Appreciation Day. On this day, we honor those who devote their careers to teaching students and infusing them with the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that are the hallmarks of Catholic education. The work they do today is an investment in the future of our church and communities. Their witness and dedication, every moment they are in the classroom and in countless hours beyond it, make the promise of Catholic education real.

**8:30 AM** Prayer Service for faculty and staff conducted by Student Council  
**School Auditorium**  
*Good Shepherd School families will provide a special take home dinner for the faculty and staff.*