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# Transfiguration Catholic School Newsletter January 24, 2024

## A Prayer for Our School (Written by Pre-K)

Dear Jesus, You are our king. We love You. Thank you for loving us. We pray every day so that we can be more like You, Jesus. Amen

# **Special Dates**

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Thurs. Jan. 25	Women's Night Swap Party, 6:30-8:00 pm
	Church
Friday, Jan. 26	Family project "Bricks" due (see attachment)
Saturday, Jan. 27	School Mass for Catholic Schools Week, 4 pm
Sunday, January 28	Catholic Schools Week Begins
	School Masses for Catholic Schools Week 8:00
	and 10:30 AM
	Transfiguration Show Case, 9am-12pm
Monday, January 29	Mass of the Holy Spirit for grades 4-8
	Dress in Holy Spirit Red for grades Preschool-3
Tuesday, January 30	Dress Your Best Day
Wednesday, January 31	School Spirit Day
Thursday, February 1	Sports Jersey Day
Friday, February 2	PJ and Wacky Hair Day
Saturday, Feb. 3	Black and Gold Mardi Gras Gala, 5pm
Wednesday, Feb 7	Financial Help Night, 3-6 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 13	St. Valentine's Celebration
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:30 am

### **Upcoming Events**

**Girls Soccer Open Gym** - This Friday girls in grades 3 and up are welcome to work on soccer skills in the gym! Please wear comfortable clothes, sneakers, shin guards (if you have them) and bring a water bottle. Contact Coach Becky at <a href="mailto:becky.robs5@gmail.com">becky.robs5@gmail.com</a> if you would like your child to come!

**School Masses** - Families are encouraged to assist at Masses this weekend to help kick off Catholic Schools Week! Students are invited to bring up the gifts, greet at the door and hand out bulletins. Please arrive 15 minutes early, check in with Ms. Schallenkamp, and she will help you with any questions! Sign up here before spots fill up: <a href="School Masses">School Masses</a>

**Choir** - All students in kindergarten - 8th grade are invited to sing in the choir for 10:30am Mass this Sunday! Please arrive about ten minutes early and come to the choir area of the church.



Also, if students wear their uniform to Mass, they will earn a non-uniform pass! Check in with Mrs. Berthiaume or Mrs. Eberspacher after Mass to get your pass!

**Catholic Schools Week** - A handout was sent home today with details about Catholic Schools Week. Please note, any non-uniform days that week do not require a pass or money, but all students must follow the out of uniform dress code (no leggings as pants, no holes, no inappropriate graphics, etc). Please see the Parent/Student handbook with questions. This will be a fun week to celebrate 70 years of Transfiguration!

One way we are celebrating Christian Discipleship is having a Food Drive! Our goal is to bring in at least 70 items for the drive - one for each year Transfiguration has been educating children! Students may bring non-perishable food donations throughout the week!

Mass of the Holy Spirit - Students in 4th - 8th grade must have a completed permission slip in order to attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Monday. Please follow this link if you have not filled it out for your child: Mass of Holy Spirit

#### **Enrollment**

**Enrollment for next year** - Please notify Mrs. Berthiaume if you are not planning on having your child(ren) attend Transfiguration next year by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Jan. 31</u>. All students in K-7 were automatically enrolled for next year unless we have heard otherwise. Families will be charged the registration fee through TADS on February 15th.

**Middle School Information Night** - Families of 4th and 5th graders are invited to a Middle School Information discussion with Father Erickson and Mrs. Berthiaume. This will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 31st at 6pm in the Church Gathering Space. We have great information to share, and are looking for your input! If you can attend, please email <a href="mailto:tiger@transfigurationmn.org">tiger@transfigurationmn.org</a> so we can be sure to have enough refreshments. We hope to see you there!

**Financial Help Night** - Families requesting financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to Mrs. Berthiaume's classroom any time from 3-6pm on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Representatives from the Aim Higher foundation will be on hand to answer questions and assist with Spanish translation, if needed. This is a drop-in event, please come any time and we will help you request the assistance you need!

**St. Valentine's Day** - Because St. Valentine's Day is also Ash Wednesday this year, our school will be celebrating one day early. Students are invited to wear red and white on Tuesday, Feb. 13th for \$1. Proceeds benefit student council.

### **Black and Gold**

Our **Gala** is almost here! Thank you so much for your support for this event! We are excited to welcome all guests, as well as Archbishop Hebda. There is still time to sign up to volunteer, particularly with child care. Sign up here: <a href="Black and Gold">Black and Gold</a> Any time volunteered counts toward your family volunteer requirement. Haven't bought your tickets yet? Click here: Tickets

#### Mrs. B.'s Bulletin

We have a jam-packed calendar over the next few weeks, and I am so thankful! Catholic Schools Week is going to be a great experience for our students, starting with the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Monday. I have not had the chance to attend one of these Masses yet, but have heard about what an incredible, moving experience it is. How powerful for students (and adults!) to see hundreds, if not thousands, of other children just like them worshipping Jesus. What's more, according to Pew Research, it is faith filled experiences like this which help preteens keep their faith as they grow to adulthood. I am so grateful for the opportunity this gives our students!

Of course that is not the only event for Catholic Schools Week! We have several services projects



planned along with our food drive, as well as fun ways to celebrate. Teachers are incorporating "70" in their classrooms all week to celebrate our 70 years as a school. I'm hoping that means solving 70 math problems, but Mrs. E. is probably planning on reading 70 pages instead! Either way, it is a great time to be together in a Catholic school!