

Dear Visitation Parents/ Guardians,

January has always been a special time for the Nation and for us to celebrate Catholic Education!

“Catholic education is also evangelization: bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel and its power to renew our communities and provide hope and strength in facing wisely the challenges of the present time.”

Pope Francis

The CSW 2023 theme is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

“As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become Saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.” NCEA

We are making many plans to create a fun and educational Catholic schools Week for you and your children. Please take a moment to review the schedule below. Remember to share the OPEN HOUSE information with your family, friends and on your Social Media!

Notable Items This Week:

School Closed Monday, January 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MAP Growth Winter Testing

Map Growth testing will be administered next week. January 17th – 20th from 8:45 am-10:00 am to all students in grades 2-8. Students in grades 2-8 will be tested in Reading, Math, and Language. Additionally, students in grades 3-8 will be tested in Science. Testing begins promptly at 8:45 am. Please be sure that your child arrives at school well-rested and on time.

Tuesday, January 17th – Barksdale Studios will be here for Re-takes, Graduation pictures, Faculty picture and Clubs. Click below to order.



ABSENTEE & RETAKE PICTURE DAY

**BACKGROUNDS MAY VARY
- MORE CHOICES ONLINE!**

RETAKE:
For a no charge retake, return the entire package to the photographer on retake day.

ABSENTEE:
Please Order Now!



Take advantage of these two great features to **enhance your order!**

1

Build Your Own

You can select multiple backgrounds & build your package. MUST PURCHASE ONLINE TO SELECT MULTIPLE BACKGROUNDS!

2

Digital Bundle

You can save by bundling digital with any of your online orders. PERSONALIZATION & BASIC RETOUCHING

VISITATION ACADEMY

Absentee/Retake Picture Day is

January 17, 2023

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order code for online purchases
(password expires 24 hrs. after picture day)

CLICK TO ORDER

THIS IS A PREPAY EVENT. PAYMENT IS DUE ON PICTURE DAY. *Este es un evento prepagado. Pago se debe entregar el día de las fotos.*

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PARENT NIGHTS!

- **Thursday, February 2nd – Parent Information Night - Map Growth testing will be discussed. Tuition Raffle winner will be pulled! HSA Information! Questions and Answers! Visitation Voices! 6pm in auditorium.**
- **Friday, February 3rd – FAMILY PAINT NIGHT for the entire family! See flyer below!**



REMEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR TUITION RAFFLE TICKETS! TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM OUR WEBSITE OR CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK! THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$4995.00 TOWARD TUITION AT VISITATION ACADEMY OR ANY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE ARCHDIOCESE! ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. SPREAD THE WORD!

Tickets can be purchased up to 02/01/23.

I am always available by phone during school hours at 201-262-6067 or email at principal@visitationacademyparamus.org, and I will promptly respond to your questions or concerns.

Let us continue to work and pray as a family...
Mrs. Drew

IMPORTANT!

If you are not receiving TEXT MESSAGES through our SCHOOL MESSENGER System, please review the "Opt In" steps below.



The Trusted Platform
for School Community Engagement

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 67587**

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th - Come join the faculty and staff as we “kick off” our Catholic Schools Week by celebrating Mass together at Our Lady of the Visitation Church at 12pm. Visitation Voices will be singing at the Mass.

Mass will be followed by our Open House and refreshments. A short presentation will be given at 1pm by grade level coordinators. All are invited. Please “Spread the Word!” Open House will end at 3pm.

~ We will also be holding an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, February 15th 10am-2pm.

Come and see...Why Visitation Academy?!

- First and foremost, Visitation Academy is a community of faith. We start each day with prayer and attend mass together once a week. Throughout the year, faith continues to be molded as we hold special prayer services and participate in Catholic devotions such as praying the rosary.
- The importance of service is instilled in our students through various food and toy drives in addition to praying for people suffering. At Visitation we know we are part of a bigger family. When one of us is suffering or is in need of prayers we know that the entire school community will be there to pray for us and give support in any way possible.
- Academics at Visitation is second to none! We are a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and Middle States Accredited. Our belief is that by infusing the Archdiocesan curriculum with technology and cooperative lessons in our classrooms, we will help prepare our students for the challenges that lie ahead of them.
- Our Early Childhood Center is equipped with State of the Art security, a fenced in play area, a break out room for dance and play time, NJ State Certified ECC Teachers and a technology room enabling hands on technology instruction.



\$4,995

Join us for our 2nd Annual Visitation Academy Tuition Raffle!

Prize awarded toward tuition at Visitation Academy or can be transferred directly to ANY Newark Archdiocese High School for the 2023-2024 school year. Prize will be paid directly to the school of choice.

Drawing during Catholic Schools Week!

ONLY 200 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

\$100 PER TICKET

[Link to purchase tickets are on our website or click here!](#)

Official Rules

Raffle ends February 1, 2023

One winner will be chosen.

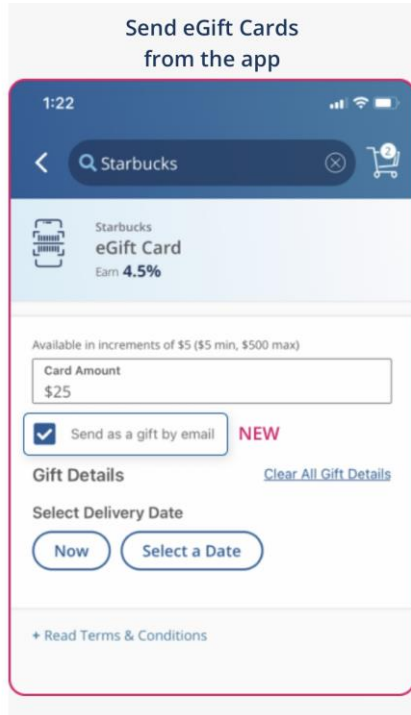
Eligibility-The Tuition Raffle is open only to legal U.S. residents who are 18 years of age or older at the time of entry.

There is no limit to the number of tickets an individual may purchase. Full ticket purchase price will be refunded if a minimum of 50 tickets are not sold.

Tickets are non-refundable. No cash option is available.

****Any taxes applicable are the responsibility of the winner.***

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Raise right

1. "Send as a gift by email" feature for eGift cards is now available on the mobile app

Now you can send eGift cards as a gift on the mobile app, in addition to RaiseRight.com. Simply select a brand and eGift card denomination, then check the "Send as a gift by email" box. Fill out the Gift Details section—choose instant delivery or schedule it to send at a later date, provide the recipient's name and email address, then add to cart and checkout. The recipient will get an email with a link to view, print, or screenshot their eGift card.

2. Purchases via Bank account fee is going up from .15 cents per order to .29 cents per order.

SPRING GALA IS COMING!!!



~Do you have unwanted Christmas presents cluttering your home?

~Duplicate items that you do not need?

~Unopened items you can no longer return?

~Get a head start on Spring Cleaning!

Please consider donating your NEW UNOPENED Christmas Presents/Duplicate items to the Visitation Academy Gala Fundraiser. No item is too big or too small!

Send in your NEW UNOPENED donations to the main office with a note indicating "GALA" and your name.

Thank you---- HSA Gala Solicitation Committee



FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

When: Friday, February 3, 2023.

Time: Doors open at 4:30pm. Painting begins promptly at 5:00pm.

Celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week! Join us for a great evening painting your choice of glassware! Come with your children or bring your friends for a great night out!

Instruction from a professional artist, chose from many designs!

**Raffles and a 50/50!*

**Bring your own refreshments.*

**Coffee, juice, snack and cookies served.*

\$35 per adult, \$10 per child includes event admission, and glassware of choice, all art supplies and 5 raffle tickets for fabulous prizes. Earn 20% credit toward your obligation for each event ticket purchased.

This is a family event. If you have any questions, please contact kusielewicz@gmail.com

Registration forms are on our website!

2nd Grade Makerspace STEM challenge ... Create paper cup, Sphero-controlled robots!

Students worked in groups where members took turns completing the steps to create the robot: they used a ruler to measure and cut construction paper to 4" wide, evenly cut the bottom of the cup off, cut slits on opposite sides to create arms, rolled and attached the construction paper to create the head, cut slits for spiked hair and drew a face at the top between the two arms. Then each group placed a Sphero robot under the paper cup robot and connected and controlled its movements using an iPad. The students were so excited to control their cute, little robots!

[Click here for videos!](#)





Catholic Schools Week 2023 January 29–February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw

#CSW23

THEME: Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service”

SUNDAY, January 29th – 12pm Liturgy; Visitation Voices

Showcase for new families will be taking place in the auditorium at 1pm. Tours following until 3pm.

MONDAY, January 30th (Celebrating Community): A day to encourage Thankfulness and Service.

- School Wide Service Project - Hearts of Joy International
- **Parent Career Day-** Various classes will invite parents to remotely visit and talk about their careers in the community- like firemen, police, and first responders.
- **Student Career Day** – Students may dress up in attire to match the career of their choice.
-and more

TUESDAY, January 31st (Celebrating Students): A day to encourage students to reflect on the benefits of Catholic education and how the grounding in faith, knowledge, and service it provides will help them through their lives.

- **Sports or College T-shirt Day (no hats). All students wear Gym Suits!**
- **Door decorating contest! WINTER THEME!**
- **PreK4 Little Angels – praying a decade of the rosary**
- ...and more

WEDNESDAY, February 1st (Celebrating the Nation): Learning about, praying for, and celebrating the significant contributions that Catholic schools make to the nation.

- **No uniforms: Wear Red, White and Blue to celebrate our Nation!**
- Evening Zoom Rosary led by Mrs. Willi. Open to all students, parents and staff at 7PM
- 9am ECC ~ Cookies and Hot Chocolate
-and more

THURSDAY, February 2nd (Celebrating Vocations): By answering the call to religious vocation, by nurturing a family through sacramental marriage, by volunteering in church activities and charities, students make the world a better place.

- International Lunch. Teachers will be reaching out to class parents.
- Middle school Volleyball.
- Thursday evening. Assembly for parents. Pull raffle. Map growth. HSA. Visitation Voices

FRIDAY, February 3rd (Celebrating our Faculty, Staff. Parents & Volunteers): Today we will honor our teachers, principal, staff and volunteers... all who together as a community support this important work of Catholic education. We also thank grandparents, alumni, parishioners and school board members who provide support in the way of prayers, donations and volunteer services.

- Mass at 8:45am
- NJHS Induction in Church
- Students wear uniforms
- 12pm DISMISSAL. Aftercare available

A Night In Paris

Ooh la la!

Annual Spring Gala

March 29, 2023

The Venetian, Garfield

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