



January 23, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's almost here - Catholic Schools Week - a week where we emphasize our faith, our unity, and our time together - "United in Faith and Community". It's a fun week for the students. And you are invited to be part of our celebration whenever possible - as participants, as volunteers, as family.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26: Worship with us at the 11:00 AM Mass to open our Catholic Schools Week. St. Philip's School will serve hospitality following Mass.....The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Free Throw Contest for boys and girls aged 9-14 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM in the school gym. All are welcome. Give it a shot!

MONDAY, JANUARY 27: Pajama and Gum Day.....Two favorites to kick off the week: Wear your favorite, warm, and appropriate PJs to school and chew gum at the same time [Keep in mind that your gum can be chewed only in your regular classroom.] Fridays With The Father will lead us In Praise and Worship at Monday morning prayer...pop tab count....CSCOE Honors....Today, we collect pennies for the United Way.... 8th graders begin their classes at Bemidji Middle School.....Today's Lunch: Grilled Chicken Wrap.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28: Sport and Jersey Day while carrying **Anything but a Backpack**.....Wear your team's jersey and use something other than your regular backpack to transport your books and supplies. How creative can you get?..... Nickels are collected today for the United Way..... Today's Lunch: Taco In a Bag.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29: Dress Your Best Day We go to Mass! Students from PreKindergarten through 8th grade will be our Mass ministers....4th & 5th graders meet again with the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra....We'll pray the Rosary at 1:30 PM in the church.....Report Cards will be sent home.....Dimes are the coin donation of the day.....Today's Lunch: Hot Dog and Beans.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30: Blackout and Hat Day.....Black Is the color of the day accented by a stylish hat or cap....Quarters, quarters, quarters are collected all day....Today's Lunch: Chicken Gravy on Mashed Potatoes.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31: Color Day....Dress in your class's assigned color: PK-red; KP-blue; K-navy blue; 1st-green; 2nd-maroon; 3rd-Vikings purple; 4th-white; 5th-blaze orange; 6th-hot pink; 7th-mustard; 8th-black, bright blue, and gold.....Our morning will be filled with activities and our afternoon with special Prayer Partner get-togethers.....Share your loose

change and dollars on this final collection day for the United Way's Backpack Buddies....Today's Lunch: Macaroni and Cheese.

COINS FOR UNITED WAY

Our coin drive is for the United Way's Backpack Buddies program. Backpack Buddies was developed to help ensure that children in the Bemidji School District have access to nutritious, non-perishable and easy to prepare food at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacations.

WE WILL EAT IN THE SOCIAL HALL

From Monday through Thursday, students in PK-8th grade will eat lunch in the social hall at their regular lunch time. Family members may come and join them there. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF YOUR PLANS. For those of you who might want to eat lunch with your child/ren, we are limited to 15 extra meals each day. The cost is \$5.00 per extra meal. Reservations must be made by noon the day before you plan to dine.....Breakfast will also be served in the social hall on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. [The school cafeteria will be used when we are not in the social hall.] We need volunteers for the lunch line this week. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on this link to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4FACAE29A0FB6-50328585-january>

Approximate lunch times: PK-11:25 KP-11:30 K-11:40 1st-11:50 2nd-12:00 3rd-12:10 4th-12:20

5th-12:30 6th-12:40 7th & 8th- 12:50

STAFF TRIVIA FUN

Check the wall across from the St. Kateri Room to learn little known facts about each of our staff members - and then figure out who the fact refers to..... Might be more difficult than you think.

ACTIVITY MORNING

On Friday morning, students will participate in their choice of activity, including a bouncy house, the BSU pool and rec center, BCA ice rinks, bowling, watching a movie, or doing an art project. Parents, please complete the online Activity Morning form which gives your child permission to participate in an activity (even if they are remaining at St. Philip's) and gives you the opportunity to sign up to volunteer as a chaperone.

Please note: All PK and KP students will remain on campus playing on the bouncy house; All kindergarten students will go to the movie theater; bowlers must bring their own money for the arcade and refreshments; students may not change their activity choice once the form is submitted.

Activity Morning Form

Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgq5H4vjIS39SA7rgv_rMV-3o83gkIGoD24BnIv0ZqlhMPQ/viewform?usp=sharing

SUNDAY MASS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, WEDNESDAY MASS, and ROSARY

Please join us as we share our faith with one another throughout the week.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please volunteer your services to help with Hospitality after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday; Hot Lunch all week; chaperone for the Activity Morning happenings. All volunteers must have their Safe Environment certification before volunteering.

May we be "United in Faith and Community" this Catholic Schools Week and beyond.

Very truly,
Carol Rettinger

CUF RAFFLE: This is the perfect time to ask people to buy a raffle ticket. Might be a winning one!