



# Wildcat Weekly

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We are now fully back in the swing of things after Christmas break. This is a very busy time of year at St. Mel's as we are all, parents, teachers, and students, preparing for Catholic schools week. The students can't wait to welcome you and new families to show of what they have been working on. As I have been working in high school for the past few years, this is my first Catholic School's Week in over 13 years and I think I am just as excited as the students. We have a lot to celebrate. We hope to see you at our Open House, and at the many family centered events that we have planned for next week. Let's make this the best Catholic School's week yet! - Mrs. Barron & Mrs. Volpe

## Eighth Grade Superheroes

We already knew our eighth graders are heroes, but now, thanks to the St. Mel's Men's Club, they are learning how to save a life. They are learning how to assess an emergency situation, proper CPR technique for an adult, child and infant victim, and how to stop a victim from choking. Hopefully, they will never have to use these skills, but it is good to know they can come to the rescue if necessary. Here they are, brushing up on their life-saving skills. The future is in good hands!!



## Spotlight on 5th Grade

**ELA**—Students have been reading Island of the Blue Dolphins. They are strengthening their reading, writing listening and speaking skills as well as using reasoning and critical thinking skills to relate the events and feelings of characters in the novel to their own lives and experiences.

**Math**—Students have been practicing their division skills. They are using reasoning skills to analyze the context of a problem to determine how a remainder should be interpreted.

**Science**—Students are examining how people’s need for energy is taxing the Earth’s supply of resources. They are evaluating alternative energy sources in terms of their costs and benefits.

**Social Studies**—Students are exploring the causes of the American Revolution. They are making judgements as to whether or not the war was justified from the colonists point of view. They have also been exploring the regions of South America in preparation for our Culture Fair.

**Religion**—As a project for Catholic schools week, students are examining Religious themes in StarWars ex: suffering through ordeal on path toward salvation, balance between good (light) and evil (dark) side of the “force”, etc.

**TAC**—Students are exploring human genetics through a simulation of trait transmission from one generation to the next. They are creating the genetic code for a family of three and creating a digital family portrait using Powerpoint.

### Looking Ahead

- Wednesday 1/20—No School: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Friday 1/24—NUT/\$3 dress down
- Sunday 1/26—Catholic School Week Kickoff
  - 5th Grade Family Mass @ 10:30
  - Open House—Invite your neighbors, friends, etc. to tour St. Mel’s Catholic Academy!
- Monday 1/27—Open house/crazy hair and hat day (regular uniform) and Family Game Afternoon
- Tuesday 1/28—Culture Day
- Wednesday 1/29—Pajama Day (pancake breakfast in AM & student assembly in PM)
- Thursday 1/30—Career Day
- Friday 1/31—Teacher Appreciation day (1/2 day for students)

