

**Catholic School's Week**  
**Monday 1/30—Celebrating our Nation**



*Land of the free  
because of the brave*

- \* Dress down in red, white and blue (patriotic colors)

As a service project we will proudly be supporting Operation Gratitude, a non-profit organization which sends care packages to US military and first responders, serving around the world as well as US veterans. We will be collecting the following items:

- \* Each child is asked to bring in a Beanie Baby, Webkinz, or similar small stuffed animal (less than 6 inches) to donate to troops.
- \* Each family is asked to make a decorated pillowcase. See attached flyer for details.
- \* Grade 4 and 5 students will be making paracord lanyards/bracelets—these can serve many purposes and be used for many life saving purposes in the field.
- \* Grades K-3 will be assembling comfort kits to send to those serving. Each kit will include a notecard and the following items. Please consider donating the following items as well:

A Penny.....so you'll never be broke

A Rubberband ... to stretch beyond your limit

A (Hershey) kiss.....to remind you that you are LOVED

A peppermint... to soothe the nerves and soul

A Jolly Rancher...because being jolly will brighten your day

A string ... to hold things together when they are falling apart.

- \* All grades will be writing letters and/or making cards to include in care packages.

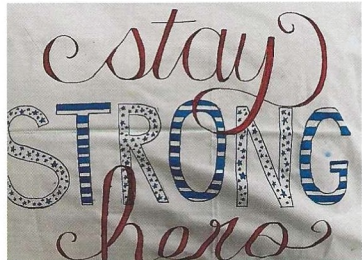
For more information on Operation Gratitude,  
please visit their website [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com)


## Pillowcase Service Project Guidelines

**We welcome you to Join Us On The Journey of saying  
"Thank You" to All Who Serve!**

- All pillowcases **MUST** be new.
- Pillowcases should be Queen Size and be a standard shape. Please do not add tassels or ties.
- Please use 100% cotton or a cotton blend, or flannel. Flannel would be appreciated because it is so soft, but cotton works just as well.
- There are no color restrictions for the pillowcases and we encourage you to be creative when choosing your fabric.
- **NO GLITTER** please, nor use of 3D items. (ie: no bedazzling rhinestones, pearls, puffy stickers, etc.)
- We suggest using indelible ink pens (ie: Sharpies for fabric), alcohol inks or color markers. You may also tie-dye your pillowcases. Do not use crayons or paint of any type.
- Create artwork of your choosing and feel free to decorate one or both sides. Please place a towel or cardboard inside the pillowcase to prevent your decorations from bleeding through to both sides.
- You may write letters of appreciation on your pillowcases. Please follow our letter writing guidelines for content.
- We ask that you do not wash your pillowcases. Many people are allergic to specific laundry soaps and the fragrance from the detergent or dryer sheets will overwhelm the taste of any food items in the care package. If you must wash them, please use a hypoallergenic unscented laundry soap.
- Shipping instructions: [www.operationgratitude.com/ship-packages/](http://www.operationgratitude.com/ship-packages/)
- Have Fun Being Creative!

**To learn more ways to volunteer or donate, please visit [operationgratitude.com](http://operationgratitude.com)**





## Catholic School's Week

### Tuesday 1/31

### Celebrating our Community

**Dress down** in attire that represents your particular cultural heritage.

3K, PK and K will have cultural celebrations in their classrooms. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more details.

Grades 1-5 will attend a multicultural celebration in the cafeteria from 1:30-3pm.

- The Dance Project will provide a presentation and demonstration on cultural dances from around the world.
- Students will participate in a brief dance workshop
- Parents/Family members are invited to share aspects of their cultures with the children and/or prepare foods from around the world for tasting.
- If you would like to participate, please scan the QR code to sign up to assist.





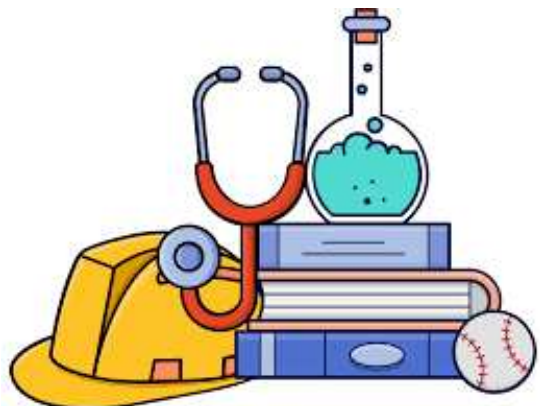
## Catholic School's Week Wednesday 2/1 Celebrating Vocations

**Dress down** in attire that represents what you want to be when you grow up.

3K and PK will have career day speakers visit their classrooms. To volunteer, please reach out to your child's teacher to participate.

Grades K-5 will attend a career day assembly in the cafeteria from 1-3pm.

- Keynote speaker—Councilwoman Vickie Paladino
- If you or a family member would like to speak to the children about your career, please scan the QR code to complete the survey.



**Catholic School's Week**  
**Thursday 2/2**  
**Student Appreciation Day**

**Wild and Wacky Dress Down**—Wear your wildest, wackiest and most creative outfits, accessories and hair styles

Bagel breakfast will be provided for all students

**Prismatic Magic Laser Light Show**

- 9am—3K and PK Preschool Sing-a-Long
- 10am—K-5 Space Explorer

**Special Person's Game Day Afternoon**

- 1-2pm: K-5 Students can invite a special person to come to class for a family game afternoon
- K-5 Chess tournament



**Catholic School's Week**  
**Friday 2/3**  
**Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day**

**Dress down** — Freebie

**9am Mass**—Grades K-5 will attend the 9am mass. All families are invited to attend.

**10 am**—K-5 Faculty and Student games in cafeteria

**1/2 Day Dismissal Schedule**

- K-5 dismissal at 12 noon
- 3K dismissal at 12:50
- PK dismissal at 1pm

**\*\*\*NO AFTERSCHOOL\*\*\***

