



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

A Ministry of St. Joseph Parish

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Dear Parent:

“From Paris with Love”

This is our tenth annual Benefit Dinner. The enthusiasm has grown each and every year for this event. The chairpersons, who this year are Mrs. Jenni Buerk, Mrs. Andrea DuBois, Mrs. Carol Lindsley, and Mrs. Maegen Verkennes, began working in August to build the Eiffel Tower. The evening is a combination of a wonderful dinner, music, and a live and silent auction. It is also great fun. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday evening, January 30, as we celebrate *From Paris, with Love*.

Catholic Schools’ Week, January 31 - February 6, 2016 Catholic schools provide a daily experience of the Gospel message of love. They create learning communities where each student is taught that he or she is created in God’s image, and is a beloved child of God. Along with high standards for the academic subjects, Catholic schools hold students to high moral standards. We expect young people to put their faith into action by serving others, especially the poor.

“We help others not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic”...so said the late Cardinal James Hickey of Washington, D.C.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week across the nation this year is “**Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service**.” We, as Catholics serve everybody, no exceptions. And our school really does take this seriously. As an example, middle school students are supporting the collection of personal hygiene items to restock local pantries...the campaign is called, “The Annual Have A Heart Restock Drive” and runs from February 1- February 12, 2016. This drive is sponsored by the Sylvania Franciscan Village. A flyer is included in today’s envelope with more information. The primary grades will be collecting hundreds of jars of baby food for *Mom’s House* during their celebration of the 100th Day of School, which falls during Catholic Schools’ Week. Grades four and five are collecting small baby items, also for *Mom’s House*, in conjunction with their Math-a-Rama Day. Catholic Schools and the students they serve, **can** and **do** make a difference - remembering always - that what we do for others, we do for Jesus!



Watch next week's Thursday Envelope for each day's activities during Catholic Schools' Week.

We look forward to celebrating **Catholic Schools Week as a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.**

Sincerely,

Sally A. Koppinger
Principal