



Spotlight on Our School

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
~Proverbs22:6

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The St. Mary's Parish School family has been celebrating the wonder and beauty of the Christmas season and setting the stage for a 2017 guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired to serve God and neighbor. Here's a quick snapshot of our recent and upcoming activities and initiatives.



Catholic Schools Week Begins Saturday, January 28!

Please join us all week long as we celebrate with a series of special events:

- Preschool to Grade 8 Open House (January 28, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.; mass to follow @ 4:00)
- Bounce House
- Hot Chocolate Bar
- Special Guest Breakfast & Lunch
- Cookies & Canvas Paint Party
- Special Buddy Activities
- ...and more.

Stop by to meet our special guest, renowned author Susan Conroy, who is inspired by real-life experiences with Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Susan has made numerous television appearances for worldwide audiences, including a host role on an EWTN mini-series, "Speaking of Saints."

Christmas Is a Time to Remember Our
Very Special Veterans: **The Mr. CJ
Project**

Inspired by our very own gym teacher, Mr. CJ, who

is now overseas serving our country, our National Junior Honor Society, led by Mrs. Reed, raised over \$500 to buy DVDs, candy, magazines and other items for our troops overseas. Mrs. Romani's PreK2 class made the delivery extra special by creating hand-made Christmas cards to remind our soldiers that they are appreciated and remembered in our prayers. Mr. CJ is pictured at far left in the photo.



Our Saints Make the Christmas Season Even Brighter!

Christmas is a time to celebrate and St. Mary's students exemplified the Christmas spirit! Mrs. Lisella and a group of our high school students made yule logs and sang Christmas carols with residents at Quail Run Nursing Home (Agawam); Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Gregoire and Mr. Lepage worked with students to put on a Living Nativity; Maura O'Neill (grade 7) and Marissa Hannoush (grade 11) sang beautiful Christmas hymns during our Christmas services; Mr. Grzgorzewicz and the high school Student Council hosted a Christmas breakfast and "Spirit of the Season Reindeer Games" rally.



Unity Day: The Courage to Be Kind

Kindness is certainly a central value at St. Mary's Parish School. The enthusiasm was high at our recent full-day Unity Day rally. Special thanks to Jessica Demers (grade 12) for her inspiration and efforts in leading this wonderful event! Fr. Warren Savage and Karen Lagace, the Project Safe Childhood Program Specialist at the U.S. Attorney's Office spent time with the students to discuss the importance of kindness, strategies to prevent bullying, the power of unity, and more. And, the students participated in the Unify Selfie Challenge.

For more about the organization Jessica belongs to and the Unify Selfie Challenge, visit [Unify Against Bullying](#).

Support Our Student Athletes

Winter sports are in full swing! Catch a game!!

- Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Boys Ice Hockey
- Skiing

For more on St. Mary's Athletics, [click here](#).

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