

## Dates to Remember

- Jan 3:** School resumes  
Begin 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
Casual Day
- Jan 5:** Report Cards go home
- Jan 11:** Spirit Day  
5/6 BBB game @SPPS
- Jan 12:** Early dismissal  
@11:30 – no lunch served
- Jan 15:** **NO SCHOOL**
- Jan 16:** GPD \$1 Casual Day
- Jan 24:** Spirit Day  
5/6 GVB game @NC  
January Birthdays
- Jan 28 – Feb 2:** Catholic Schools Week

## Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 – February 2

**Catholic Schools Week** is when we celebrate the high standards Catholic education instills in our students and the value it adds to our community. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week; "**Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**" Encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country.

SPPS will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many activities including a student Mass, a service project, Grandparents' Day, Talent Show, as well as different dress code days. A Scholastic Book Fair will also be held during the week.



**Catholic Schools**  
**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

*The CSW Committee is Trisha & Josh Mitchell, Kelly & Keith Feikert, Rebecca & Jordan Bodily, Gaby & Elgin Berry, Alicia & Brandon Titus, Chris & Rick Wisheart, and David Powelson.*

More details will be sent home soon!

## **New Scholarship Information**

Through the "Invest in Kids Act," Illinois children enrolled in private schools will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover 50 to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year. Key information about the program and application process is available on the diocesan website ([cdop.org](http://cdop.org)) and select CATHOLIC EDUCATION. Applications are being accepted as soon as December and scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis starting January 24, 2018, so it is very important to act quickly!

## **Acts of Random Kindness**

Students are encouraged to BE LEADERS FOR CHRIST every day - a leader is someone who does the right thing even when no one is looking – and we like to recognize those students with a weekly "ARK" drawing. Congratulations to our December recipients: **Cooper Kaminski, Carson Schaefer, and Trenton Hanks!** They will be honored with an ARK t-shirt at Mass on Friday, Jan 5.

*Don't forget to start planning your **Talent Show act** – there will be limited spots available for the show on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign up will be in January!*

**God's Portion Day  
Committee News**

- Winter Breakfasts will begin in January. Each grade level will be asked to help. Please see the enclosed information sheet.
- March 3 – Chili Cookoff

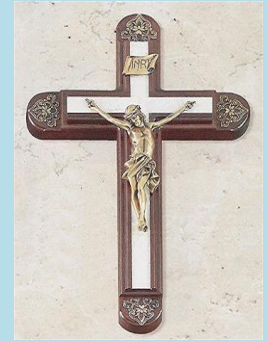
**RECESS DUTY:** Parents are expected to help with recess duty or pay a \$25 fee. If you haven't signed up to help or paid the fee, please contact Linda in the office ASAP – **there are many days without a supervisor.**

From the SPPS Handbook:

**Absences**

*Parents are expected to call the office by 9:00 a.m. explaining the reason for the child's absence from school.*

Parents, please remember to call if your child will be absent. We cannot accept this information from a sibling; we need to hear from a parent. Thank you.



***With the help of  
God's grace,  
we form the mind,  
body, and spirit  
of each child  
within our school  
family;  
we form children  
to be  
Leaders for Christ.***

**JANUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 – Liam Metternich
  - 5 – Terry Schott
  - 6 – Oliver Koechle
  - 9 – Rodney Swanson
  - 10 – Porter Bodily
  - 12 – Maci Haas
  - 15 – Grady Henson  
Brennan Grotts
  - 16 – Finley Juhasz
  - 18 – Kade Metternich
  - 25 – Naomie Kinne
  - 28 – Lainey Sullivan
- Mrs. Schweizer  
Fr. Szydlik

Winter is here and we continue to have recess outside as much as the weather and temperature will allow. Please make sure your child(ren) have a warm coat, hat and gloves; we do have some extra hats and gloves available for students to borrow if needed.

***SPPS follows the Nauvoo Public Schools regarding the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.***

Be sure to listen to the local television and radio stations for information regarding school closings; you will also receive a call from our Parent Alert system.

**Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood  
(Listen Before You Talk)**

**I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.**