

# **Catholic Schools Week – January 28 - February 2, 2018**

## ***Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.***

The following is a schedule of events at the 14 Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown as submitted by the schools.

### **All Saints Catholic School, Cresson**

· Sunday- Celebrating Our Parishes 1/28

Wear your school uniform to your parish Mass this weekend to kick off CSW

ASCS Family Pot Luck at 12:00

OPEN HOUSE from 1:00-2:00 PM

· Monday- Celebrating our Nation 1/29 – Students may dress down in either red, white, and blue or camo clothing. We will kick off our service project which is a project Smile collection for Easter care packages. Monday is our kindergarten visitation day for prospective kindergarten students.

· Tuesday – Celebrating Our Parents and Volunteers 1/30

Parents and guardians are invited to join us for the traditional “Pastries for Parents” from 7:00-8:30 AM in the school cafeteria. At 8:30, our students have prepared a short entertainment presentation in the social hall to thank all of you for the many ways you volunteer either at school, for our teams, fundraisers, etc. We are thankful for all our families’ support, sacrifices, and dedication to this school. Students will wear their uniforms.

· Wednesday – Celebrating Our Students 1/31

All staff and teachers may dress down, and teachers/staff will be treated to a catered luncheon.

· Thursday—Celebrating our Staff and Teachers 2/1

Beach Day!-Students may dress-down in summer shorts and shirts. Swimsuits and flip flops are not allowed. We will have beach themed games and events throughout the day.

· Friday- Celebrating Vocations and Our Pastors 2/2

Our pastors have been invited to join us for Liturgy at 9:00 AM. We will have several religious visiting school and giving talks about their vocations. Students are in uniform. We will end the week with an ASCS Pep Rally Friday afternoon.

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### **Divine Mercy Catholic School, Johnstown**

East Campus Open House - January 30, 2018 Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, 2306 Bedford St, Johnstown, PA From 5:30-7:30 pm, interested parents and students are welcome to tour our East Campus for grades Pre-K-6 in the 2018-2019 School Year.

West Campus Open House - January 31, 2018 Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, 114 Tioga Street, Johnstown, PA From 5:30-7:30 pm, interested parents and students are welcome to tour our West Campus for grades Pre-K-6 in the 2018-2019 School Year.

DMCA Middle School Open House - February 6, 2018 Bishop McCort High School, 25 Osborne St, Johnstown, PA From 5:30-7:30 pm, interested parents and students are welcome to tour our Middle School Campus for grades 7 & 8 in the 2018-2019 School Year.

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### **Holy Name School, Ebensburg**

Jan. 28 Celebrating Our Parish – Mass at 10:00 AM followed by Open House at 11 AM until Noon All families are welcome-Family Coat of Arms will be displayed.

Jan. 29 Celebrating Vocations – The students will explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well in the service of God and others. Religious Vocations program at 1 PM with special recognition for all religious serving Holy Name School.

Jan. 30 Celebrating Our Community – The students will learn the importance of service to others. NCEA Day of Giving, soup collection for Saint Vincent De Paul, Eucharistic Adoration, Older students will read to the younger students.

Jan. 31 Celebrating Our Students – The student will reflect on the benefits of a Catholic Education and enjoy several meaningful activities including Pinball Machine STEM Challenge, Minute to Win It games, station-centered activities in the gym. Pre K, Kindergarten, and Transfer registration in the school office Noon -2 PM

Feb. 1 Celebrating Our Teachers and Staff – Teacher Luncheon and Movie

Feb. 2 Celebrating our Families – We acknowledge the role of families in Catholic education and celebrate their contributions to the success of Holy Name School. First Friday Mass at 9 AM-All families are invited to attend Mass together. Please feel free to sit with your children's class. Sneaker Day and Teachers vs. 8th grade volleyball game.

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### **Holy Trinity Catholic School, Altoona/Hollidaysburg**

Jan. 29 Spirit Day – STREAM Activities - Students in grades 3 and 4 will build their own Bristol Bots and design a race track to race them. Bristol Bots will also be used to create an abstract piece of art. Pre-K through 1st grade will design paper circuits. Second graders will use motors and miscellaneous materials to design a robot.

Jan. 30 Many Gifts: Day of Giving and Open House for Prospective Students

Jan. 31 Faculty and Staff Appreciation and Talent Show

Feb. 1 Cereal Collection for local food pantry

Feb. 2 Holy Trinity Catholic School will have Mass with Bishop Mark L. Bartchak at 9:30 AM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Mass will honor vocations, and celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Families, pastors, board members, EITC donors, teachers and administrators will gather for a brunch after the Mass.

Feb. 3 There will be a special movie night for all Holy Trinity students at the Middle School. Parents can drop their students off and have an evening out. Various movie snacks will be provided.

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### **Lock Haven Catholic School**

All week long “Money Wars” raising money for the school library, t-shirt/sweatshirt design contest to commemorate the school’s 50th anniversary. At Saturday and Sunday Masses students and school personnel will distribute a token of appreciation to parishioners.

Jan. 29 Features class service projects, compilation of “50 reasons why we are proud to be a part of the Lock Haven Community” and flag dedication in the gym

Jan. 30 Features clothing and lessons geared toward 50 years ago (1967-1968)

Jan. 31 Wacky socks day and dancing/movement fun featuring songs/dances of the 1960s

Feb. 1 School Mass, STEM projects and 1960s and 50th anniversary trivia questions

Feb. 2 Pajamas and Comfy clothes day and movie from the 1960s

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### **Northern Cambria Catholic School, Nicktown**

The theme for 2018 Catholic School’s Week is Learn, Serve, Succeed. Always focused on God as our one true leader, our activities will center on the Olympics and Olympic leaders. During the week we will participate in many STREAM activities as our students will be challenged to identify, investigate, imagine, plan and create. Activities for the students will be centered around Olympic sports such as speed skating, skiing and hockey. A school-wide Olympic competition will be held.

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### **Our Lady of Victory School, State College**

Jan. 29 “Following the Son Around the World” Geography Bee at 1:15 PM

Jan. 30 “Following the Son in our Community” Go to a sibling’s classroom to write a letter to mom and dad 8:05 AM. Reading Buddies – 8th read to PreK, 4th read to Kindergarten, 5th read to 1st, 6th read to 2nd and 7th read to 3rd.

Jan. 31 “Following the Son with our School Family”

8:45 – 9:45 AM Faith Families: Trivia Game

Feb. 1 “Following the Son with Good Teamwork”

Volleyball Game 8th Grade vs. Faculty

Feb. 2 “Following the Son with Students and Families” Catholic Bingo for Books!

Family Fun Night

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### **Saint Benedict School, Carrolltown**

Jan. 27 Catholic Schools Week Mass at 4 PM at St Benedict Church, Carrolltown followed by a Family Social Gathering and Dinner at 5PM in the Church Hall and Open House from 6-7 PM.

Student council members will visit Queen of Peace Preschool in Patton to do a Valentine’s Day activity Other activities throughout the week include a book fair, staff appreciation luncheon, talent show, Saint John Bosco Italian Feast hosted by 2nd graders, pajama and movie day and a family luncheon .

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### **Saint John the Evangelist School, Bellefonte**

Theme is Saint John School is One-In-A-Mellon, We have the Fruit of the Spirit!

Jan. 28 – Kick-off – All School Mass at 10:15 AM with Open House following until 12:30 PM Scavenger Hunt and light refreshments

Jan. 29 Dress the Rainbow Day – Each grade dresses in a different color, students and staff will honor our religious who serve the school and all who help us to be FAITHFUL to our God.

Jan. 30 Community Appreciation-students will spread KINDNESS and JOY throughout the Bellefonte community through a variety of service activities completed by class and/or guardian angel groups

Jan. 31 Teacher and Staff Appreciation – Hat Day Our PATIENT and LOVING teachers will be honored with a special luncheon and duty-free afternoon which students view a movie about the fruits of the spirit and unconditional love.

Feb. 1 Parent and Volunteer Appreciation – Students will honor their parents and the volunteers who demonstrate GOODNESS and GENTLENESS through all that they do to help them attend Saint John’s School

Feb. 2 Student Appreciation – Dress down day-Students will enjoy a fun-filled day just for them, including a morning at Bellefonte Lanes. SELF-CONTROL will be key as they attempt to knock down all the pins while being good sports.

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### **Saint Matthew School, Tyrone**

Jan. 28 Mass at 10:30 AM with students serving in various ministries with Open House following from 11:30 AM-1 PM in the school. Students’ arts and crafts and registration information will be available. Visitors to the Open House will take part in a Saint Matthew School Scavenger Hunt.

Jan. 29 Pajama Day -Students are encouraged to bring in their pennies for our Pennies for Patients Program to aid those who find cures for childhood illnesses (all week) and students will also play Bingo for Books!

Jan. 30 Dress as your favorite Book Character! We will be recognizing all religious who serve at Saint Matthew School and students may bring in their favorite board games to play.

Jan. 31 Dress in red, white, and blue to honor those who served or are currently serving our Nation. Living Rosary will be prayed for the military in the church at 9:15 AM.

Feb. 1 Get up and Move day – Zumba dance instructors will be at the school today to get our students movin’ and groovin’. Music will be played randomly throughout the day to signal the students to get up and dance!

Feb. 2 Teachers and Volunteers will be recognized in a special way. Faculty, staff and students will participate in a CSW prayer service at 11:15 AM. Families are welcome to attend. All are invited to a talent show in Harkins Hall at 1 PM.

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### **Saint Michael School, Loretto**

ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK: “Coins for the Kids” – we will be participating in the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Catholic mission fundraiser. This fundraiser will begin during Catholic Schools Week and continue throughout the Lenten season. This will be an opportunity for our students to reach out and help others who are in need. “Food Fight” – In order increase our students’ awareness for members of our own community who are hungry,

students are asked to bring non-perishable food items to school throughout the week. Food items will be given to the Dorothy Day Outreach Center.

Jan. 27 Opening Catholic Schools Week Liturgy at 4 PM at Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Open House will be held in the school following the liturgy until 6:30 PM. Parents, students and parishioners are invited to read the Catholic Schools Week paragraphs, essays or poems displayed in the hallway. Potluck Dinner in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall 6:30PM – 7:30PM Door prize drawings for guests attending the dinner.

Jan. 29 DRESS DOWN DAY – Students may wear their favorite team shirts, jerseys, hoodies or colors. Students will go bowling @ “High Rollers” bowling alley in Gallitzin. Pizza, a sundae bar, & drinks will be provided by the Home School Association.

Jan. 30 Kindergarten Visitation Day – Children who will be five years old by August 31, 2018. These children will spend the day with our present Kindergarten students. It promises to be a lot of fun! If you have a child who would like to attend please let us know by calling the school 814-472-9117. Students, faculty & staff may dress up or down in RED, WHITE, & BLUE. Students will decorate Bingo Bags and make a “Thank You” banner for those who support our Bingo. Certificates will be made and delivered (weather permitting) to Loretto businesses and our EITC contributors. Cards for bus drivers & ice scrapers will be given to drivers as a “Thank You” by a designated student rider representative. 6:30 PM – Hospitality Reception for Volunteers and Supporters

Jan. 31 Teacher Appreciation Day 100th Day of School Mass at 8:45 AM – Blessing of Throats Students may wear their Saint Michael School apparel showing their pride in being a member of our Saint Michael School Family. Volunteers, supporters, & pastors from our feeder parishes are invited to celebrate Mass with our school family. Students will write thank you notes to their parents for sending them to Saint Michael School. Teacher and Staff Luncheon

Feb. 1 Celebrate Vocations - As a school family, we will offer a chaplet for an increase in vocations in our diocese. Upper grades will pair up with a younger grade and play board games at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall.

Feb. 2 Dress Down Day & All School “Bingo” @ 1:00PM - students will play Bingo and will have an opportunity to win prizes.

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### **Saint Patrick School, Newry**

During the week the school holding a door decorating contest around the theme Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Cereal drive for St. Vincent DePaul food pantry, western dress day, sports team dress down and crazy sock day. The week will conclude with a movie and popcorn treat. An all school Mass will be held Friday at 10:30 AM at St. Patrick’s Church. An Open House will be held on Feb. 11th from noon-3 PM at the school.

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## **Saint Peter School, Somerset**

Jan. 28 Thank you gifts to St. Peter's Church parishioners at all Masses

Jan. 29 Prayer Service with the "Blessing of Teachers and Students" Students will make thank-you cards for community servants and providing/assembling care packages for them as follows: Grades 5 & 6 – Coffee/Donuts/Care Bags for Somerset Boro and State Police Grades 3 & 4 – Thank you cards for 911 staff and Somerset Ambulance Association Grades K-2 – Thank you cards and care packages for Somerset Fire Department

Open House – 6:30 PM – 8 PM at the school. All are welcome!

Jan. 30 "Students and their Clothes of Many Colors" Students are to wear as many different colors to school for a dress-down day including as many mismatched socks/shoes/hairpieces/hats/clothes they can create this day. Things will stay mixed up with a "classroom swap" during 8th period.

Jan. 31 Saint Peter School Winter Carnival" Students will wear their carnival t-shirts and will decorate their class carnival booth during the gym period and receive a special snack. Students will then wear their carnival t-shirts to work their assigned shifts in the evening at the carnival from 6 PM-8PM in the parish hall. Proceeds donated to St. Peter's sister parish in Porus.

Feb. 1 All are invited to join in celebrating Saint Peter School and the gift of Catholic Education with Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11:15 AM. There will be a "Candlemas" service at the beginning of the Mass to bless the candles and all in attendance will have their throats blessed for the Feast of Saint Blaise which is on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Students will have a double period of Art for some special class projects.

Feb. 2 "Black or White Out...No Colors but Lots of Talent!" Wear jeans and black or white shirts. School talent show at 1 PM and other fun activities.

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## **Saint Thomas School, Bedford**

Jan. 29 Snow/Winter Crafts

Jan. 30 Bingo at the Bedford Senior Center

Jan. 31 School Mass - St. Thomas Church at 9 AM

Feb. 1 Sports Day/Jump Rope for Heart

Feb. 2 Wear Pajamas and watch a movie at Pitt Theater