
Weekly Parent Email - Week of January 5th -10th

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St. Catherine School Weekly Newsletter (Week of January 5-10)

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Principal's Message

Dear St. Catherine School Families,

It was a joy welcoming students back this week! We had a great first week back from Christmas break, and it was wonderful to see the routines return along with so many smiling faces. Thank you for your continued partnership as we move into the second half of the school year.

Reminders

- We will once again be creating a **Veterans slideshow** highlighting those with ties to our school. I have attached last year's slideshow for reference.
- If you have someone to add—or if you are new to the school and have a veteran or active-duty military member important to your family—please send:
 - A photo
 - Branch of service

- Years served
 - to Ms. Busch at alexis.a.busch@k12.nd.us.

- **Thursday, January 29 – Catholic Schools Week Bingo**

- **Time:** 2:00 PM

- **Location:** Church Hall

This is always a fun event and lasts about an hour. Families are welcome to attend.

- **Friday, January 30 – All-School Mass & Early Dismissal**

- **All-School Mass:** 11:00 AM

- **Early dismissal to follow**

- **No buses will run** on this day

-  **Additional Reminders**

- **No School:** Monday, January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thursday, February 5

Looking ahead, I want to remind families that due to **Easter** and the **NCEA Conference in Minneapolis**, our school calendar differs from Valley City Public Schools in several places:

- **March 20 and April 17:** School will be in session, but no bussing
- **No school April 3–12**

School resumes **April 13**

(Instructional staff will be attending the National Catholic Educational Association Conference)

Report Cards

- Please remember that **report cards sent home over break need to be signed and returned** to school.
- If you did not receive a report card in the mail, please contact **Ms. Giesen** in the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your support of St. Catherine School. We are grateful for the strong partnership we share with our families and look forward to a wonderful few weeks ahead.

St. Catherine Spotlight (a few highlights from the week)

- It's wonderful to see our 5th and 6th graders, along with the school, coming together to raise over \$200 for St. Ann's School in Belcourt. This special school serves students from the Turtle Mountain Area, many of whom come from challenging backgrounds. We're proud to recognize the 6th graders for their bright idea and the entire school for supporting such a meaningful cause. This effort was a heartwarming part of our Advent season service projects.
- It's so inspiring to see a 3rd grader making the right choice, even when no one is watching!
- We're excited to welcome several new staff members to Little Saints Childcare.
- And it's wonderful to see all the kids back, happily sharing about their time away from school.



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