



# St. Catherine Catholic School (SCCS)

The Mission of St. Catherine Catholic School is to provide a Christ-centered education and a strong Catholic foundation where children can strengthen their relationship with God and prepare for life's challenges and their service to others.

MARCH 2022

## School News...

Spring is in the air! During the month of March, we inducted five new members into our National Junior Honor Society. St. Catherine Catholic School's chapter of the NJHS is open to any student in Middle School who meets the academic requirement, is interested in leadership and service, and wants to be challenged. The Society is based on five pillars: *Scholarship, Service, Character, Leadership, and Citizenship*. The NJHS will give these students opportunities to prepare themselves for success in high school and beyond.

Congratulations to Daisy Herrera-Fabian, Jayden Martinez, Yadira Montanez, Juan Plata, and Lilianna Salinas!



**Our FRIENDZY Social Emotional Theme for the month of March is**

**"I get to be me, and you get to be you" - our differences are a strength!**



Our students had an extra day off on Spring Break as teachers participated in the Diocesan STREAM Symposium on March 21<sup>st</sup>. "Student learning depends on every teacher learning all the time" (Fullan, 2007). The day began with Superintendent, Father Belmonte, celebrating Mass for over 500 teachers, staff, and administrators in attendance. Following the Mass, teachers had a choice of breakout sessions that focused on STREAM, technology, student assessments, instructional strategies, apps, and more. This year, our teachers in grades PreK 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> are incorporating Legos, robotics, and the Gifts of C.H.R.I.S.T. into their lessons to engage, to promote creativity, and to encourage problem-solving.



**Registration for NEW families opened on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit our website under "Admissions". Scholarships and Financial Aid are available! [www.stcatheschool.org](http://www.stcatheschool.org)**

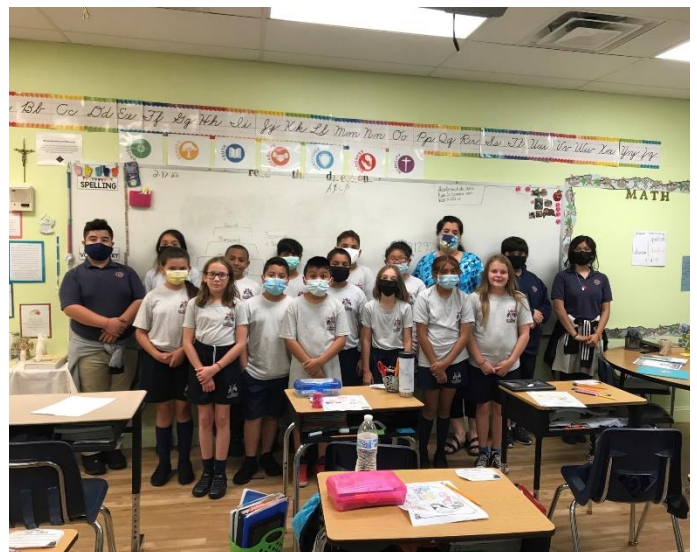
***Strengthening Faith – Developing Character – Expanding Knowledge***

St. Catherine Catholic School  
Come join our "Family"

### ***All Saints Devotional Project***

Two of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Carolina Hernandez-Perez and Sebastian Barragan-Lopez, have been visiting classes to share a lesson about different Saints of the Church. "Two things I love about the project are doing it with my partner and seeing the steps of how the church makes someone become a saint. Most of all, having fun teaching the classes!" *Carolina*

As part of this special devotional project, students in all grades are participating in an art contest. The Superintendent, Fr. Belmonte, has chosen Our Lady Queen of All Saints, to be the subject of the contest.



## ***Socratic Circles-Fostering Critical Thinking***

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders received an introduction to the Socratic Seminar approach to learning. The circles consist of an inner and outer circle of students. After reading and researching documents on the Declaration of Independence, the inner circle must question, discuss, and debate the elements of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness using textual evidence. The outer circle of students is responsible for critiquing their performance.



## ***Strategic Planning***

For the last several months, a group of faculty, staff, parents, and community members have been working on a Strategic Plan that will provide direction and goals for the next three years for our school. Fr. Jose and I are grateful to this team for their time and efforts as they consider and plan for the future of St. Catherine's in the areas of Academics, Facilities, Leadership/Governance, Catholic Identity, and Finance.

Our Strategic Plan should be completed by the end of this school year and will be shared with all our stakeholders.



Thank you to everyone who has helped our school this year! Whether it was through buying or selling a raffle ticket, attending our spaghetti dinners, hosting a golf tournament, buying us school supplies, donations, or with a prayer, we are grateful! *Dr. Higgins*

## ***Teaching Through Actions...***

At St. Catherine Catholic School, we strive to connect our students with the world around us. This is accomplished through field trips, digital experiences, in-school displays, and other means. Our latest addition to this effort is the display of the US Flag that was flown over the US Capital "in honor of the outstanding faculty, students, and staff of St. Catherine Catholic School." It is important for our students (and everyone) to know that there are many facets to our gift of life and that we are a part of many of God's creations. *Mr. Steve Cullipher*



## ***Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)***

Our Student Council is teaming up, once again, with Hero Squad to raise money for LLS. Their fundraiser kicks off in April. Last year, we raised over \$3,000 for children with cancers. To help support their efforts, please visit our website or call the school for information!

# Catholic Schools!

*Come for a tour and see what we do...*

- We emphasize strong academics and faith formation.
- We provide a safe learning environment.
- We teach our students the importance of service to others.
- We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
- We provide Financial Aid and Scholarships, starting in Pre K 3.



## A "Call to the Heart" Raffle

▶ If you would like to support our current school fundraiser, we are having a raffle! Tickets are available at the school or Parish Hall. Ticket donation is \$30. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$7,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$2,000, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$1,000. The winning tickets will be drawn on May 29<sup>th</sup>.



**The Faculty & Staff wish all our families and friends a Blessed and Happy Easter!**

Easter Break April 14<sup>th</sup> - April 18<sup>th</sup>; Classes resume on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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