

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES

During the week of January 27 – February 2, 2008, our Sacred Heart Catholic School will join 2.5 million students in 7,800 other Catholic schools nationwide to observe Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme "Catholic Schools Light the Way" combines the concepts of God as the light of the world and the light of knowledge that our schools kindle in students. This year's theme represents the special role of Catholic schools and teachers in lighting the way through a faith-based education that supports the whole child in improved learning and in leading a fulfilling, balanced and meaningful life. Our students, in turn, will "light the way" to a brighter future through leadership in their communities, businesses and families.

During the week, we focus on the high-quality, faith-filled education our schools provide. We honor everyone who contributes to their success, not only students, families, faculty and staff, but also volunteers, community supporters, and local and national leaders.

Please join our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Participate in the activities, meet with the teachers and students, and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Encourage friends and neighbors who may be considering a Catholic school for their children to visit the school. Not only is this a time to celebrate, it's also a time to spread the word about the "good news" in education!

We welcome any and all visitors to come by Sacred Heart Catholic School during the week of Jan. 27 – February 2, 2008, and help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

Please take a look at the activities we have planned – and participate in as many of them as you can. We welcome all of you to come by Sacred Heart Catholic School during the week to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 & 27 - "Catholic Schools Light the Way: In Our Parish" What better way to begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week than by focusing on the Parish? We want to extend our very heartiest thanks to the Sacred Heart parishioners for everything they have done to make the promise of faith-based education a continued reality here at Sacred Heart Catholic School since 1882.

- 1) Students, faculty, and parents will serve as cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, organists, and Offertory participants at all Masses.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 - "Catholic Schools Light the Way: In Our Vocations" Today we recognize all clergy and religious who serve God, particularly those here at Sacred Heart. This is also the day we celebrate and encourage vocations to religious life.

- 1) Clergy and religious will visit classrooms and talk about their religious life.
- 2) Prayers for vocations will be recited throughout the day in all classes.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 - “Catholic Schools Light the Way: In Our Students” We confirm our belief and faith that our students are a gift to us from God and from their parents and guardians. We believe in their goodness, in their abilities, and in their bright future.

- 1) Respect Life Prayer Service and March at 8:05 a.m.
- 2) Awards Ceremony will be held at 8:45 a.m. in the gymnasium for grades K-8. School spirit award recipients and poster contests winners will be recognized.
- 3) All students will receive special recognition from faculty members through various activities.
- 4) High School Student Appreciation Lunch – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 30-“Catholic Schools Light The Way:: In Our Nation”
NATIONAL APPRECIATION DAY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Today we remember the vital role that Catholic schools have played in American civic life during their 400-year history, especially here in Hallettsville since 1882.

There are a total of 2,363,220 students enrolled in 7,589 Catholic schools in the United States. A total of 332 new Catholic schools have been opened in the last 5 years. The Diocese of Victoria alone has 2,822 students enrolled in 15 Catholic schools.

- 1) Diocesan Catholic High Schools Junior and Senior Day of Reflection-Victoria.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 – “Catholic Schools Light the Way: In Our Community, Volunteers and Supporters” We recognize that Sacred Heart Catholic School is part of a great network, a community comprised of administrators, faculty, staff, volunteers, students, parents, grandparents, supporters, and civil leaders. We appreciate their dedication and support.

- 1) Special guests, leaders of the community, and supporters of Sacred Heart Catholic School will be invited for lunch and recognized.
- 2) The Sacred Heart Catholic School Open House will be held on Thursday, January 31, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit the schools, see the classrooms, and view the many displays. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The entire community and surrounding communities are invited to attend our open house. Everyone is always welcome.
- 3) The Sacred Heart Home and School Association will be sponsoring a soup and sandwich meal in the cafeteria from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- 4) The annual Sacred Heart Coronation will be held on Thursday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic School Gym. The senior class sponsors this special event. The program will include entertainment by our students. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - “Catholic Schools Light the Way: In Our Faculty and Staff”

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

We recognize that the dedication, enthusiasm and innovations of our teachers, staff, and volunteers truly make Catholic schools places for learning and celebration.

- 1) Special Liturgy at 8:05 a.m. Mass of Rededication of the faculty and staff.
- 2) Flag Raising Ceremony at 8:50 a.m.
- 3) Live Radio Broadcast will be held at 10:00 a.m. on KTXM 99.9 FM and KHLT 1520 AM.
- 4) Dismiss at 12:00 noon.