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## Parishioner Cards

Our students made cards for the parishioners who help our school. To the parishioners, we thanked them for always supporting our school and the church. Some of the ambassadors handed out the cards to parishioners during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, leading us into another great Catholic Schools Week!

By. Gavin Kelly

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## Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off (Mass)

Catholic Schools Week started off at our annual 9:30 am Mass. We did something new by introducing new alumni inductees to the Maternity B.V.M Hall of Honor during Mass! The three members were Robert Drennen, a retired firefighter, Mary Anne Basile, a former principal of B.V.M, and Tom Filer, a retired baseball player. It was the first time we introduced members to the Hall of Honor, and it was fantastic! It was a great Mass led by Father Quinter that everybody enjoyed.



- Yoofi Danquah and Gavin Kelly

## Hall of Honor

The Hall of Honor was organized by Mr. McDonough to celebrate the alumni at our school. It was the first Hall of Honor which took place in the parish hall. This special event was held after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, beginning Catholic School's Week. Representatives at our school, such as: our band, choir, and ballroom dancers performed before the wonderful breakfast at the ceremony. The names announced were: major league baseball player, Thomas Filer; Battalion Chief, Robert Drennen, and a former principal, Sister Mary Anne Basile. Our Ambassadors gave tours to the alumni, and overall the Hall of Honor was a big success!



- Yoofi Danquah and Kristina Perez

## CARDS FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS

Police officers, firefighters, and people who are in the military put their lives on the line for us everyday. Thanking them is the least that we can do. So, in return, we held a prayer service for them in our Parish Hall during Catholic Schools Week. We asked God to protect them everyday as they do their job of protecting us. Some of our students' family members who are police officers, firefighters, or in the military attended the prayer service, as well as our school's former 7th grade teacher, Ms. Gill. This school wanted to thank them by giving cards to these police and firefighters. And in these cards, we thanked them even more. Each homeroom was given either police or firefighters. In the cards, we thanked them and let them know how much we appreciate them. We also reminded them that we are praying for them and are thankful for them everyday for making our city and country safe.

Abigayle Duffy & Stefanie Dundovic

## BOOK FAIR

It's that time of the year when everyone can get wonderful books for a great deal. Every year our school hosts a Scholastic's Book Fair on the week of or before Catholic Schools Week. Every grade has the opportunity to visit the book fair and purchase books, posters and writing utensils. On the Sunday that kicked off Catholic Schools Week we had an open house for all the families and the parishioners. The teachers are allowed to put a wish list of the books that they would like for their class. Many generous children, families, and parishioners bought the teachers those books for the students. The book fair allows all students to read more and buy books that they like for a reasonable price. Many teachers love the Book Fair because they see it as an opportunity to make them happy and go to a whole new world by reading just one book.

- Maria Stephen

## Ballroom Dancing

In the Parish Hall there was a group of 5th graders doing some incredible dancing during the open house, kicking off Catholic Schools Week! They did one dance called the Tango as well as several others. When they were finished, the crowd applauded. Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time at the Open House!

- Patricia Bodner



## Letters to Senators/ Mercy Homes

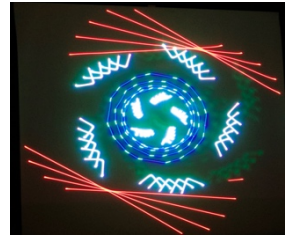
During Catholics Schools Week the students wrote cards to our senators and to the Mercy Homes. In the letters for our senators, Ed Neilson, John Sabatina, and Martina White, we wrote about fun facts about them and thanked them for what they do for us. The next day we wrote letters for the Mercy Homes. The Mercy Homes are places where the elderly live. We wrote letters to them to brighten their days, and make them feel better. In these letters we talked about what we are learning in school, things we are involved in, and wished them well. While writing these letters it helped us realize all the things we have in our lives that we should be thankful for.

- Emily Gudas

## Laser Light Show (K-4)

Have you ever seen a laser light show? Maybe you did, but you probably never seen one like Prismatic Magic's laser light show. During Catholic Schools Week, there were many fun events, but this was probably one of the best. On Student Appreciation Day, grades K-4 and 5-8 got separate shows. The younger grades had a great playlist of songs such as "Can't Stop The Feeling" by Justin Timberlake and "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten and they were in sync with the laser lights. The laser lights spelled out words, drew people, and made mesmerizing designs. The host also told them how the lasers make different shapes, how they move so quick, and much more. All in all, this was a great way to appreciate students and a great event.

- Aaron Haq & Alan Li



## The Laser Show (5-8)

The laser show was held on Student Appreciation Day. Every child experienced the enjoyable and mind-blowing show! While the students came to join; the HSA lunch mothers gave us neon glow sticks. The man that presented us the lasers, put on music for the children. It was breathtaking! Everyone had a great time; children danced, sang, and more. The host was a very nice man and put on some pop songs. For example, we were able to hear portions of "Uptown Funk", "Work", "Shake it Off", "Me Too", and a lot more. We all had a wonderful time! A lot of children were upset when we had to leave, but it's an experience we will all remember! We hope to see it again!

- Azaila Jules & Bella D'aloia

## Should CSW Get New Activities?

Yes

Catholic Schools week would get boring if we did the same thing every year. This year we had many great new things, such as the laser light show. The laser light show was a huge hit with the students. The new activities were very popular.

No

Catholic Schools Week has so many activities already, such as Career Day. We could also bring some old activities back, such as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game or the Olympics. In conclusion, we have plenty of fun games and activities.

By: Tommy Lindemuth



## Our Amazing Lasagna Dinner!

As you may know, our extraordinary school had a delicious lasagna dinner the Sunday after Catholic Schools week! This took place after a lovely Mass and as I have heard it was honestly beautiful. For this memorable event, our school's students participated in making the experience as delightful as humanly possible. The grades each brought in stunning pictures of their families and carefully placed their pictures on a wonderfully decorated poster board. Along with this sensational job they had done, that was not all that they had completed for this special lasagna dinner night. The whole school had also participated in this special night by creating raffle baskets for our guests. Each classroom had brought in a few dollars or items for the theme of their own class's basket. For example, a theme can be something as simple as boys' items or girls' items, or even sports related objects. Each basket looked beautiful and the classes did a great job! I heard that the dinner went extremely well, and we hope to see you at our next breath-taking lasagna dinner!

- Kaitlyn Wallace

## ART SHOW

For the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the public could come to our school to see art projects on the walls from all grades. You could see projects from K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The projects looked really cool. Each grade had at least two projects to display.

- Jake Cahill

## Career Day

Do you know the scoop on career day at Maternity BVM School? Well here's what happened... we had this amazing fire fighter come in. He showed us what he does on the job. Someone even got to try on his suit. Boy is that heavy! Another person that we saw was someone from the hospitality industry. She was actually Mrs. McDonough's daughter. Isn't that cool? She even gave us some things that they provide at their hotels!

By: Shree Amin



## Old Memories of Catholic Schools' <sup>5</sup> Week

Catholic Schools Week has been going on for a long time. Every year we have new activities for all the students. The side effect for this is that we lose our old activities that everyone loves. One of my favorite childhood memories from Catholic Schools Week is when the students voted for the teachers to do something crazy. Ms. Gill had to put her hair in two ponytails and roller skate around the school. The catch was that she had to put the skate on the wrong foot. I am pretty sure that she fell more than five times. Our old computer teacher Mr. Carson had to wear the girls' uniform for an hour and show everyone in the school. I believe no one could have topped that. We also had the teacher drawing competition. Everyone drew their homeroom teacher and colored it in. Then, the other class' teacher looked through the drawings and picked the best drawing. The winner of every class won a free dress down day pass and a chocolate bar. Finally, we had the eighth grade against the teachers volleyball game. Everyone had signs for the team that they wanted to win. The older students did small bets to see who would win. It would get so loud that many students covered their ears and kept screaming. Over the years we received many new activities, but personally, I think we should bring back some old activities here and there because many kids will enjoy these memories like many of us did.

- Maria Stephen





