

Our Lady of Lourdes School



*Celebrates 70 Years
Shaping our future one child at a time!*

January 17, 2013

Dear Families and Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes School,

“Catholic Schools Raise the Standards” is the theme of our annual National Catholic Schools Week celebration, coming up the last week in January. The events we’ve planned demonstrate how we at Our Lady of Lourdes School are striving for high standards and what our students are learning as a result.

High standards are nothing new for Catholic schools, which have long been known for their emphasis on academic excellence, faith development and commitment to service. Nonetheless, our theme is timely because it highlights the launch of an initiative, the *National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*, to ensure consistent high standards at Catholic schools across the country.

Please come and join us in celebrating Catholic School Excellence. You’ll have an opportunity to see many of our Catholic Schools Week events. Please feel free to bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be thinking about Catholic education for their children. When you visit the school, I’m sure you’ll be as proud of our students as we are. What helps to make their accomplishments possible is the dedication, love and commitment of our priests, sisters, teachers, staff, parents and volunteers. I’m thankful for them every day, but I want to make a point—at this special time of year for Catholic schools—to publicly extending my deepest appreciation to everyone who makes our school a success. Our Lady of Lourdes School is always special, because we are something more than a school, we are a family, and I am proud to be part of that family.

May God bless you all.

You are in my prayers.

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Our Lady of Lourdes School Milltown, NJ
Catholic Schools Week
January 27, 2013 - February 1, 2013

Catholic Schools Theme: “Raise the Standards”

Catholic Schools Week is a nationwide celebration of Catholic education and its focus on increasing the learning and growth in faith of all students. We’ve planned a variety of events the entire parish can enjoy. Please join us!

Sunday, January 27—Catholic Schools Raise the Standards: In Our Parish

- Holy Mass: OLOL students will serve as lectors, altar servers and gift bearers at all Masses. Students and Alumni will also present speeches at OLOL Masses.
- Open House 9: 30 am – 1:30 pm
- Science Fair and display of student’s work in auditorium

Please visit the OLOL auditorium, classrooms, computer Lab and Pre-K building

Monday, January 28—Catholic Schools Raise the Standards: In Our Community

“BEE” Thankful

- Open House 9:00 am – 11:00 am, and 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.
- Science Fair and display of student’s work in auditorium
- In the afternoon, OLOL students will write Community/Parish Thank you notes
- Pre-K “Silly Sock Day”

Tuesday, January 29—Catholic Schools Raise the Standards: In Our Students

“BEE” Happy & “BEE” Kind - collecting acts of kindness

- Student Appreciation Day:
 - Free Dress Down Day – please wear school colors (blue and gold) - please wear sneakers.
 - No Homework – No Tests
 - Jump Rope For Heart 2012-2013: It Takes Heart to be a Hero
 - Science Activity
 - Mad Science Assembly Gr. K - 6,
 - Classroom activities Gr.6 - 8
- Pre-K “Pajama Day”

Wednesday, January 30—Catholic Schools Raise the Standards: In Our Nation

“BEE” PEACEMAKERS

- “Red, White, and Blue” - **Dress Down Day** - please wear sneakers (Proceeds will be given to Lukemia and Lymphoma Society - please send in a donation from the heart)
- Scholastic “Storia” Demonstration
 - 9:15 am - Grades 3-4
 - 9:45 am - Grades 5-6
 - 10:15 am - Grades 7-8
- PEACEMAKER -students will create a flags, posters, and school wide PEACE project
- Students will Honor Milltown War Heroes
- Pre-K “Red, White and Blue Day”. Pre-K students will make flags

Thursday, January 31—Catholic Schools Raise the Standards: In Our Vocations

“BEE” Holy– Be the person Jesus wants you to be by being the best you can be!

- Invite Sisters, Priests and other vocations to the classroom
- Thank you notes to retired priests and religious.
- Invite priests, sisters, parents and community members to talk about their vocations and careers
- “BEE” Holy – awareness of modern day Saints
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Pre-K “Visitor’s Day”

Friday, February 1—Catholic Schools Raise the Standards: In Our Faculty, Staff,

Volunteers, and Parents

“BEE” Thankful

- Family Holy Mass – 9:00 am
- Family luncheon and activities
- Scholastic Book Fair