

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

JANUARY 18, 2024

Kindergarten & Preschool

If you know anyone interested in attending St. Mary's Elementary School next year, please invite them to our Prepare for Preschool and Countdown to Kindergarten events!

Kindergarten

Thursday, February 8th: 6-7pm

3 & 4 Year Old Preschool

Thursday, February 8th: 4-6pm

<https://www.regiscatholicschools.com/PreschoolOpenHouse/>
<https://www.regiscatholicschools.com/events/CountdowntoKindergarten/>

Casual for Christ

Casual for Christ is January 23rd. This Son's House sponsored day will include students making cards for local nursing homes.

*Please keep in mind that while this is an out-of-uniform day, all clothing should still represent modesty and shoes need to be closed-toe with a back strap and worn with socks for safety. Leggings are not pants and should be worn under a dress or skirt.

2023 Tuition Tax Deduction Information

When filing for 2023, taxpayers may deduct the private and religious school tuition expenses they have paid up to \$4,000 for each dependent child in grades K-8 and up to \$10,000 for each dependent child in grades 9-12. The tuition expenses must have been paid on or after January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Please see the attachment below for step-by-step instructions on how to access your 2022 tuition payment statement online via FACTS Management.

[2023 Tuition Tax Deduction Information.](#)

It's Jump Roping Time!

If your child qualified for the Bloomer Championship it is on Saturday, January 27th in Bloomer, Wisconsin. Detailed information will be sent home with your child.

[Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opened January 15th](#)

Current Regis Catholic Schools families will be provided a two-week priority enrollment period in January to re-enroll for the coming school year. Current families will have the opportunity to enroll current students and siblings (new students) during this time. Once this two-week priority enrollment period has closed, current RCS families are no longer guaranteed enrollment within the system. Following the priority enrollment period for current RCS families, enrollment for the next school year will open for families new to the Regis Catholic Schools system.

- Monday, January 15, 2024: Priority Enrollment Opens (Current Families)
- Sunday, January 28, 2024: Priority Enrollment Ends (Current Families)

All School Mass

Please join us for our All School Mass on Wednesday, January 24 at 9:45am at Regis.



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is the annual national celebration which brings awareness and appreciation for our quality education. We join 7500 other Catholic Schools across our nation to illustrate our faith and academic excellence!



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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

January 28—February 2, 2024

Sunday, January 28

Please join us for 11:00am Mass.
We encourage you and your families to wear Regis Catholic School apparel.

**Family Movie in the Parish Hall at 2:30pm

Monday, January 29

Mystery Monday

Students may wear all black clothing

- Students will solve various mysteries in their classroom and around the school.

Tuesday, January 30

St. Mary's is Magical

Staff and students wear House t-shirts with casual bottoms

- House meeting to celebrate each House
- *Magic of Isaiah: Rise Up, Be a Leader* at 2:15pm (Parents welcome to attend!)

Wednesday, January 31

Art from the Heart

Students will dress in their favorite color from head to toe

- Students will complete a blacklight directive drawing

Thursday, February 1

Snow Day

Students wear comfy clothes

- Students can earn tickets for a chance to play *Minute to Win It* games against staff by bringing in warm weather gear for our Service Project
- Ice Cream Social sponsored by the K of C

Friday, February 2

Sports Day

Students will wear their favorite sports team tops with uniform bottoms

- Mass at 9:00am
- 2:10pm Fifth Grade vs Regis High School Varsity Basketball game. (Parents welcome to attend)

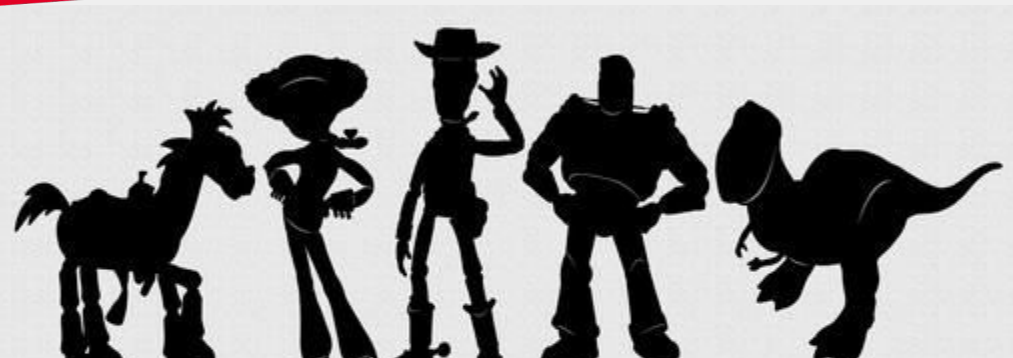
Warm Weather Gear

During Catholic Schools Week we will be collecting items for the Warm Weather Gear for King's Closet and Western Dairyland. Items can be brought in between January 29 and January 31.

Examples of items that can be donated include:

Hats, gloves/mittens, jackets, scarfs, boots, snow pants, & blankets (items may be new or gently used)

TOY STORY



Please join us for a Family Movie to kick off
Catholic Schools Week!

Date: Sunday, January 28th

Time: Doors open at 2:30pm; movie begins at 2:45pm

Where: Parish Hall (please enter through Door #2)

Concessions will be available for purchase, but feel free to bring your own
snacks!

You may also bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

****This is a family event, an adult must stay to watch the movie with
your student(s).**

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Friday, January 19th - 3rd Grade

Friday, January 26th - 2nd Grade

Friday, February 2nd - 1st Grade

Friday, February 9th - 5th Grade

Friday, February 16th - Son's House

**Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1/19	End of 2nd Quarter
1/23	Casual for Christ
1/24	All System Mass
1/28-2/2	Catholic Schools Week
2/1	1:00pm First Reconciliation
2/8	4-6pm Prepare for Preschool
2/8	6pm Countdown to Kindergarten



4th Grade Shevin Visit



Preschool Letter "L"



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Jump Rope Contest



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