

Star of the Sea School Ka`aha`ilono Hōkū

Where Learning Never Stops

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK THEME SAYS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE A+ FOR AMERICA

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

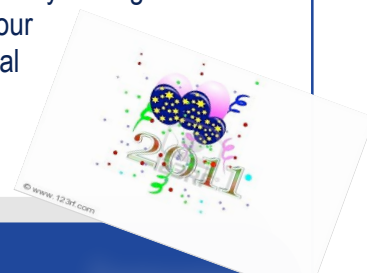
Welcome back Star of the Sea School Families and Happy 2011! First and foremost, on behalf of the Star of the Sea Administration, Faculty and Staff, we would like to thank you for all your generous and thoughtful Christmas Blessings. We are already half way through the school year and we look forward to continuing to provide your children with a loving and nourishing educational environment.

What better way to ring in the New Year than by celebrating "Catholic Schools Week" with our Catholic School Families across the nation. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2011 celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value for the nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite contribution to American society.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated, nationally, the last week in January. For 2011 the dates are Jan. 30 through Feb. 5. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and activities for students, administrators, faculty, school staff, the community and families. Keep your eyes open for Star of the Sea's CSW schedule.

Marie Powell, executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has noted: "This year nearly 30 percent of the nation's 2.1 million Catholic school students come from minority population. Enrollment of students who are not Catholic has increased to 14.5 percent, an indication that many families seek the benefits of a quality education with moral underpinnings." *Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of NCEA and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. To learn more about Catholic Schools Week, visit their Web site at:*

www.ncea.org/news/CatholicSchoolsWeek.asp



January Calendar of Events

Jan 10	Third Quarter Begins
Jan 12	Early Dismissal (11:45)
Jan 14	Middle School Geography Bee
Jan 17	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)
Jan 21	AWARDS ASSEMBLY (following 8 am school mass)
Jan 26	Early Dismissal (11:45)
Jan 28	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF MASS

STAR OF THE SEA CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

Friendship

*A friend is someone you
Can be alone with and have nothing
To do and not be able to think
of anything to say*

*And be comfortable
In the silence*

-Sheryl Condie



*"An individual has not started living until he
can rise above the narrow confines of his
individualistic concerns to the broader
concerns of all humanity."*

Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK Day – January 17, 2011
(no school)



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Catholic Schools Week January 30 – February 5

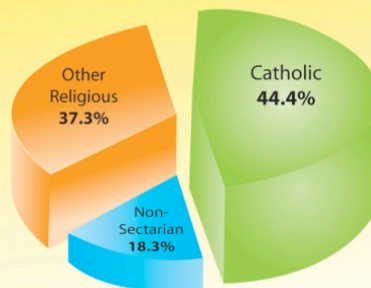
Catholic schools give a high level of service (the A+ level) to local communities because of the many service projects students undertake. "Giving back to the community" and "helping others" are values instilled in every Catholic school student. Catholic schools give a high level of service to the nation (the A+ level) by serving students from all economic backgrounds and giving them a strong academic and moral foundation, allowing them to succeed in life, serving in the government, industry, business, non-profit and educational fields.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

Catholic schools represent nearly half of all private schools in the U.S.



Source: U.S. Characteristics of Private Schools in the United States: Results from the 2005-2006 Private School Universe Study, U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, NCES 2008-315, Washington, D.C. 2008.