



CONN-AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Centered in Christ"

January 2023

I recently saw a story on social media where a young boy asks his father 'how big is God?'. The father points to a jet flying overhead, high in the sky and tells his son to identify the size of the airplane. The boy says it is very small. The father then takes the boy to the airport to show him a jet on the tarmac. The boy is amazed at how massive the airplane is. The father tells the boy, 'your closeness affects the size you are seeing'. The closer you are to God, the bigger you will see Him in your life. As we begin this new year, let us increase God's size in our lives by making a greater effort to be closer to Him.

Pro-Life Essay Contest

Each year, our sixth graders participate in the Pro-Life Essay Contest sponsored by *Alternatives, Yes.*, a life-affirming pregnancy support center, located in Connellsville. We will continue to teach our students that God is pro-life and hope that our students will one day take a stand to end this horrific procedure of abortion. With the latest improvements in technology, more and more people are realizing that these babies have a beating heart and can feel the effects of their surroundings. They are not just tissue cells. Please keep these babies and their parents in your prayers. The March for Life will be held on January 20th; their 50th anniversary.





Re-Registration for 2023-2024

We are very excited to welcome you back to another year at Conn-Area Catholic School. Very soon, we will begin registration for the new school year. The FACTS Grant and Aid application process will be ready on January 1st for those planning to apply for aid. Please see the attached flyer for details.

We use the re-registration process through FACTS Application and Enrollment. This process makes it very easy for you to re-register every year, just by logging into a link, which will be sent to your email. Once you log into that link, you can edit any changes directly on your account, and hit SUBMIT. Be sure to check for any changes or typos that you may have from the previous year. There is a cost of \$10/student, in addition to the \$100 re-registration fee per student. We will open enrollment up to our current families first, in late January, but if you miss the deadline of February 15th, we cannot guarantee you a spot. Registration for new students will open on February 5. This provides our current families first opportunity of securing a spot. Details on the re-registration process will be sent home in late January.

There will be an “Open House” on February 5th, at 1:00. If you know of someone who would be interested in attending a tour to learn more about our school, please have them go to the website in January, to register. When the link is available, we will let you know. This Open House is for families not yet enrolled in our school.



Disney's Winnie the Pooh Kids!

We are so excited to announce our musical this year – Winnie the Pooh! Our Performing Arts Club members have auditioned for their parts and are already in the swing of things. We welcome our new director, Mrs. Amy Gartley. Mrs. Gartley is no stranger to the theater. She has not only performed, but she has also directed, in her past. She is proving herself to fit very nicely in this role and the students are loving it. Returning in their roles are Parent Volunteer Coordinator/Tech Week Meals - Mrs. Gray, Costumer - Mrs. Schnorr, Choreographer - Mrs. Sampey, Lighting and Scenery - Mr. Colvin, Sound - Mr. Hutchinson, Hair and Make-up – Mrs. Jessica Mahokey, and Concessions – Mr. and Mrs. Welling. Of course, we would also like to give a shout-out to all the volunteers who are so needed, to support each of their roles. New to our club is Ms. Brady, who is the vocal director. We welcome her to our team. Please mark your calendars for February 25th at 7:30 p.m. or/and February 26th, at 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you at the Porter Theatre in the Connellsville Community Center. Free admission with the donation of a canned food item.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we will not be in school on Monday, January 16. Our students will learn about Dr. King and his efforts regarding civil rights. We pray that there will come a day when people "...will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Teacher In-Service Day



January 17th will be a teacher in-service day. Students will not be in school that day.



Last Day of the Second Nine Weeks

It is hard to believe our last day of the nine weeks is on January 18. Your child's report card will be delivered to you via email through Document Delivery. If you did not receive their report card from the first nine weeks, you are not yet signed up. Please do this as soon as possible. Call the office if you are not sure of the procedure.

Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week is a big deal! It is a time when every Catholic school in the nation celebrates their existence. Why? Because we make a difference. Our mission is to bring our students into a closer relationship with God. There is **NOTHING** more important in our lives than to make that connection and to use that connection to build on all other aspects that make us who we are. Thank you for seeing the importance of this. A separate calendar of events will be coming home about mid-January. We look forward to this celebration on January 28th through February 3rd.



Firefighters' Essay Contest

Congratulations to Adalyn Howrylak and Mia Speeney who were each awarded Honorable Mentions in the Firefighters' Essay Contest. Each girl received a plaque recognizing their success. We thank the association for teaching our children about fire safety through this project. Way to go, girls! We are proud of you.



Girls Volleyball

Girls Volleyball season begins in February. We are pleased to announce that our coaches will be returning from last year. Thank you to Brooke Allen, Matt Schnorr, and Jennifer Gray. The invitation to participate will be coming out in January. This is for grades 4, 5, and 6.



Soccer Season

There has not been a CYO Soccer season since pre-Covid. The diocese is hoping to get that back up and running this year. If your son or daughter is interested in participating, please plan to complete the Invitation to Participate, when it comes out in January. This season runs from April 1st to May 14th. Stayed tune.



Geibel's Musical - Peter Pan

Geibel Catholic Junior/Senior High School is well-known for their excellent musicals. This year they are performing "Peter Pan", on March 25th and 26th. On occasion, they will invite younger students to be a part of the show, as needed. This year is one of those shows. If your child is interested, they are invited to attend a meeting on January 18th at 6:00 to 8:00 in the Geibel music room, located under the cafeteria. This is for fourth through sixth graders.

Angel Giving Tree

Thank you to all who donated to our Advent Angel Giving Tree. So many wonderful items were passed on to *Alternatives*. Yes, to help those who need it. You make a difference in their lives!

On behalf of the Board of Trust Administrators, faculty and staff, I wish you all a

Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless You and Your Family

