



# CONN-AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**“Centered in Christ”**

**2024**

*Life's busyness is likely our biggest threat to the time we should be paying to our Lord. We are a generation that is excessively 'scheduled'. We involve our kids in many activities because we want them to have opportunities. In fact, Conn-Area Catholic School builds its mission on such activities. Our goal is to help each student identify their gifts and talents to carry out God's intended purpose. But I digress! Our busyness should not be interfering with the need to keep God first and foremost in our lives. It is too easy to put God off while we address those parts of our lives that are truly less important but have become more valued. We cannot be the innkeeper who sends 'our faith-life' away because we have no room for it. We need to find a way to bring it in and give it the attention it deserves. Go to church, pray, read the Bible, join a Bible study group. I challenge you to reflect on what priority you have placed on your faith-life in relation to your other daily activities. It will be the best investment you will make in your own life, as well as your children's lives.*





**Fr. Edwin Rubido**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr. Edwin Rubido to the Conn-Area Catholic School community. Fr. Edwin is from the Philippines. He has been assigned to the Connellsville Catholic churches. He will be added to our school Mass schedule. We look forward to having him a part of our spiritual development.



Catholic Schools Week begins on January 27<sup>th</sup> and lasts through February 2. Once again, we will have a host of activities to celebrate Catholic education and in particular, Conn-Area Catholic School. A separate calendar will be coming out for that week's activities. Stay tuned.



### **Re-Registration for 2024-2025**

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. 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, possibly mid-January. Registration for new students will open on February 4. This provides our current families first opportunity of securing a spot. Details on the re-registration process will be sent home in January.

There will be an "Open House" on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### **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 20<sup>th</sup>; their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Last Day of the Second Nine Weeks**

Hard to believe that half the year will be behind us on January 12. For those who have already signed up for Document Delivery, you will receive your child's report card during the week of January 15. If you have NOT signed up yet, please let me know if you have questions on how to do this so you can receive a proper report card.



### **Performing Arts Club**

I am pleased to report that Mr. Edwin Robbins has taken on the role of our Performing Arts director. Mr. Robbins has been involved in the theatre for many years, from high school, to college, to involvement at the State Theatre, and even did theatre and screen work in Los Angeles. He has shown himself to work well with our students, as our school's first football coach. He is 'excited and honored to be able to help continue this wonderful program', as he has stated. Our show this year will be Dear Edwina Jr. Auditions for our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will begin soon. Stay tuned.



### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we will not be in school on Monday, January 15. 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**

Students will not be in school on Tuesday, January 16. Our teachers will be engaging in a teacher in-service where they are kept current with ideas in education. It is always our hope to be the best educators for your children.



### **Girls Volleyball**

During the month of January, we will be assessing girls volleyball interest. The initial rosters are due on January 19. You will be receiving an email about the program in early January.



### **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 Fr. Paul, faculty, and staff, I wish you all a**  
**Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**  
**God Bless You and Your Family**

