



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday, January 30 – Sunday, February 5, 2012

Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again! For those of you who are new to OLQA or the Catholic School experience, Catholic Schools Week is a national event celebrating the many blessings of a Catholic education. Each day we give thanks and honor to a different aspect of our school community with posters, balloons, lunches, fun activities and much more. We are thrilled to be able to provide you with this year's schedule.

DAY 1 Monday (Jan. 30th)

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

1. Students enjoy FREE DRESS – Please refer to the school handbook for guidelines on appropriate dress.
2. NOTES FROM YOU TO YOUR CHILD. In this week's Wednesday Family Envelope, we will send home a blank heart note for you to write a loving message to your child. **PLEASE RETURN ASAP IN THE WEEKLY ENVELOPE OR TO THE OFFICE.** This heart will be on your child's desk along with a treat when he/she arrives at school.
3. As part of our on-going Enrichment Program there will be a special assembly featuring a presentation by Imagination Machine.
4. To kick off Catholic Schools Week – the administration, faculty, and staff will enjoy a continental breakfast pastries prepared by the PSA Board.
5. In' n Out will be provided to those who ordered it.

DAY 2 Tuesday (Jan. 31st)

PRIESTS/ADMINISTRATION/DIOCESAN APPRECIATION DAY

1. A special presentation will be made to our School Administrators and Priests at the morning assembly.
2. A thank you letter will be sent by the PSA Board on behalf of our school to our Diocesan Staff office along with a Donation in their name to St. Joseph's Catholic School – the Catholic School in need.

DAY 3 Wednesday (Feb. 1st)

PARENT APPRECIATION DAY – OPEN HOUSE

1. Parents are celebrated throughout the day.

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2. Don't forget about OPEN HOUSE! Times are 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

DAY 4 Thursday (Feb. 2nd)

SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY – Please note new times and attached invitation.

1. **Kindergarten thru Third Grade:** Your child selects a special person to join him/her for a prayer service at 9:30 am in the church. Parents provide a breakfast to be enjoyed by your child and their special guest. The church hall will be set with tables and chairs ready for you to use for seating on a first come, first serve basis. Other options include picnicking on the field or children's lunch tables. Next, your child and special person will take a tour of their classroom.
2. Children will say good-bye to special person and return to their classrooms at 11:00 am.
3. **Fourth thru Eighth Grade:** Your child selects a special person to join him/her for Mass at 12 noon. Parents provide a picnic lunch to be enjoyed by your child and their special guest. The church hall will be set with tables and chairs ready for you to use for seating on a first come, first serve basis. Other options include picnicking on the field or children's lunch tables. This is entirely at your discretion.
4. After the luncheon, children will give a tour of their classroom.
5. Carpool will be as usual.

DAY 5 Friday (Feb. 3rd)

FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

This is a regular First Friday. Students will be dismissed at 12 Noon.

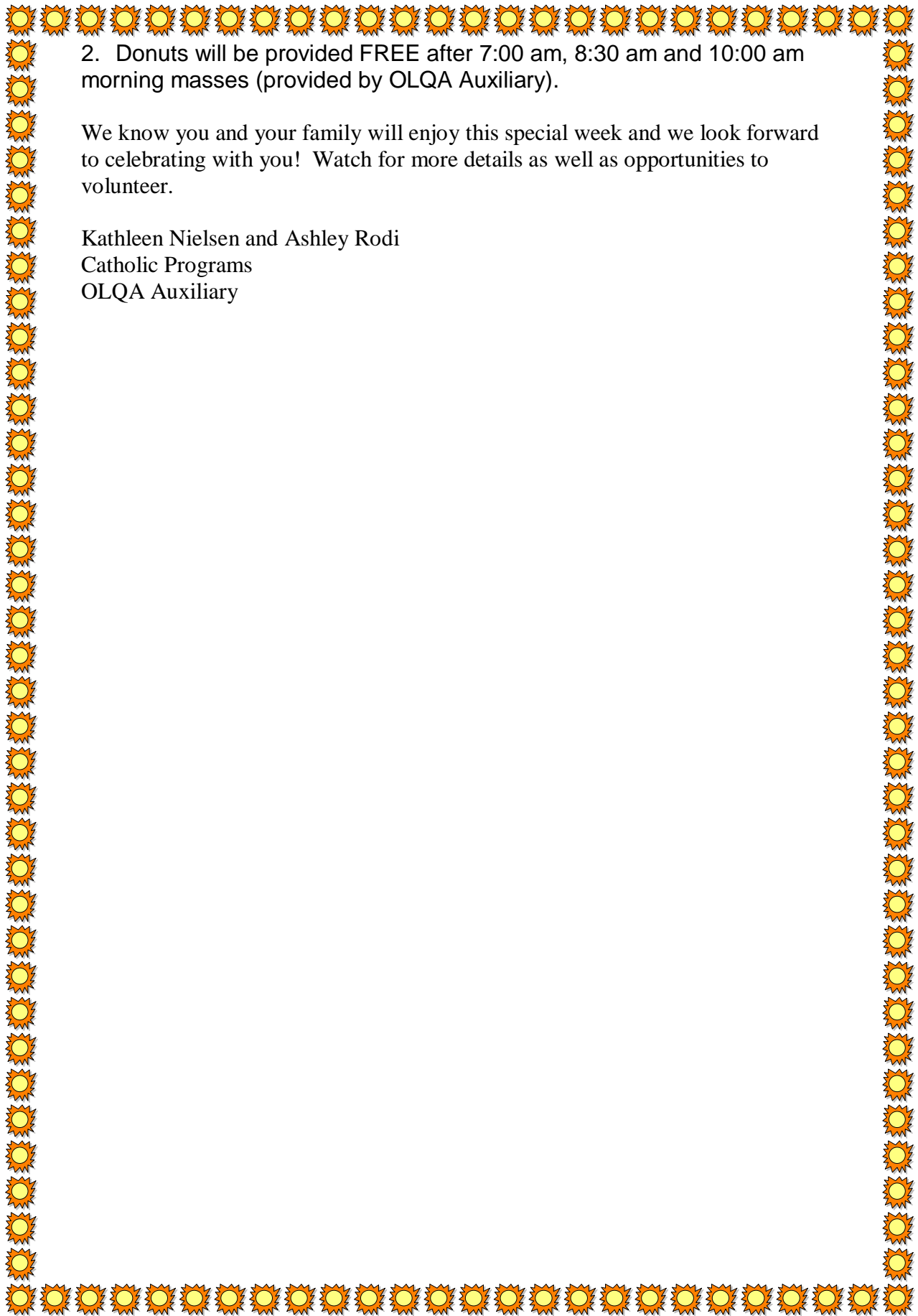
1. Children are asked to bring in a special THANK YOU note/card/picture from the child to their teachers and given to their teacher upon arrival. Please have your child remember coaches, art teachers and others as well as their classroom teacher.
2. Teachers will enjoy a lovely lunch as part of the In-Service day.
3. Teachers will each be presented with a special gift.

DAY 6 Sunday (Feb. 5th)

PARISH APPRECIATION DAY - 8:30am Mass!

We will be thanking our wonderful OLQA parish for the enormous support and love they continue to show our school. Please help us thank them by having your family attend the Sunday 8:30 am mass.

1. We'll have OLQA student greeters, gift bearers, readers, altar servers and our very own school choir present.



2. Donuts will be provided FREE after 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:00 am morning masses (provided by OLQA Auxiliary).

We know you and your family will enjoy this special week and we look forward to celebrating with you! Watch for more details as well as opportunities to volunteer.

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