

Dates to Remember

Jan 3: School resumes
Begin 3rd Quarter

Jan 7: Report Cards go home

Jan 8: Spirit Day

Jan 17: Casual Day

Jan 21: NO SCHOOL

Jan 22: GPD \$1 Casual Day

Jan 23: January Birthdays

Jan 27 – Feb 2: Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 – February 2

Catholic Schools Week is when we celebrate the high standards Catholic education instills in our students and the value it adds to our community. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week; "**Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**" Encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country.

SPPS will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many activities including a student Mass, a service project, Grandparents' Day, Talent Show, as well as different dress code days. A Scholastic Book Fair will also be held during the week.

The CSW Committee is Trisha & Josh Mitchell, Kelly & Keith Feikert, Gaby & Elgin Berry, Chris & Rick Wisheart, Debbie & Tony Boyles, Erin Harris, Marie Allen, Renee & Kyle Huston, MaryAnn & Richard Hancock, and Carissa & John Veit.

More details will be sent home soon!

New Scholarship Information

Through the "Invest in Kids Act," Illinois children enrolled in private schools will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover 50 to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year.

Application Reminders

- The application is a two-part process.
- Part one of the application will be available at empowerillinois.org on **January 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.** Part one is a brief reservation form which will timestamp applications.
- Families can access part two of the application on **January 18, 2019** through their new portal on empowerXchange
- Families are encouraged to complete part two before **January 28, 2019.**
- Phone number/email for assistance: (309) 416-0741, scholars@empowerillinois.org

God's Portion Day Committee News

- GPD will host a Winter Breakfast on January 27 to kick off Catholic Schools Week.
- March 2 – Chili Cookoff

*Don't forget to start planning your **Talent Show act** – there will be limited spots available for the show on Friday, February 1st. Sign up will be in January!*



SPPS/NCES 5TH/6TH GRADE ATHLETICS

The 5th and 6th grade Athletic season is here! Boys' basketball is off to a great start; all home games are here at SPPS and girls' volleyball games will begin in January, with all home games at NC. A schedule is included in the envelope - Thank you in advance for supporting the Spartans!

BOYS' BASKETBALL: SPPS 5th & 6th grade boys on the team include: Johnathan Boyles, Trenton Hanks, Ray Hughes, Oliver Koechle, Carson Schaefer, Brennan Grotts, Grady Henson, Connor Meyer, Niles Parn, and Lewis Siegfried. Good Luck boys!!

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: SPPS 5th & 6th grade girls on the team include: Kylie Fortune, Haley Pilkington, and Kristina Evans. Good Luck girls!!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

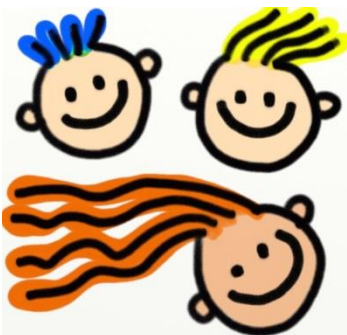
- 3 – Liam Metternich
- 5 – Terry Schott
- 6 – Oliver Koechle
- 10 – Porter Bodily
- 12 – Maci Haas
- 15 – Grady Henson
Brennan Grotts
- 18 – Kade Metternich
- 25 – Naomie Kinne
- 28 – Lainey Sullivan

Mrs. Schweizer
Fr. Szydlak

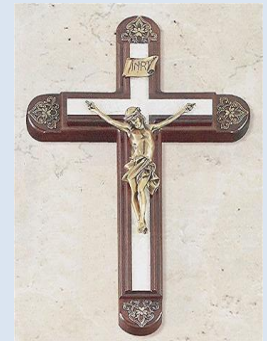
Winter is here and we continue to have recess outside as much as the weather and temperature will allow. Please make sure your child(ren) have a warm coat, hat and gloves; we do have some extra hats and gloves available for students to borrow if needed.

SPPS follows the Nauvoo Public Schools regarding the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather. Be sure to listen to the local television stations for information regarding school closings; you will also receive a message or email notification.

RECESS DUTY



Have you signed up for recess duty or paid your \$25? We rely on your help to keep our students safe at recess. There are MANY empty spots during January. Please check your calendar and sign up on Sign Up Genius. Thank you!



With the help of

God's grace,

we form the mind,

body, and spirit

of each child

within our school

family;

we form children

to be

Leaders for Christ.

SPPS Leader Essentials

Rule 14: If someone drops something and you are close to it, pick it up.

Rule 15: Hold the door for people rather than letting it close on them.

Rule 16: If someone bumps into you, say excuse me, even if it was not your fault.

Rule 17: When returning from a trip, show appreciation to everyone who helped.