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President's Message

Catholic Schools Week 2019 has come and gone, and it was one for the record books. The polar vortex threw a bit of a monkey wrench into the well-laid plans of principals and teachers across our Siena schools. While our students are sure to remember the days off from school due to extreme cold, I believe they will also remember the acts of kindness they generated throughout the week.

Our "Stuff the Bus" food drive is one such act of kindness that has become a Catholic Schools Week tradition in our Siena schools. Our students collected food items to support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in Racine. Mary Ann Konsin, the food pantry coordinator, presented each of our schools with a

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Student Spotlight on: Kamari St. Catherine's High School

Kamari was nominated by St. Catherine's Assistant Principal Mr. Tillmann to be this month's Siena Spotlight Student because of his leadership on and off the court. Mr. Tillmann said, "Kamari excels academically at St. Catherine's and has been on high honors every semester. He is also part of our Angel Leadership Academy. We are excited to see him blossom here at St. Catherine's as a leader in all four Dominican Pillars."

- 1) What is your favorite subject? Why? Geometry is my favorite subject. Math comes easy for me, and I catch on right away. I am thinking about entering a career that would use a math degree.
- 2) What do you do when you want to relax?I listen to music. I love listening to R&B and smooth music.
- 3) What job do you want to have when you grow up? I would love to be able to have a professional basketball career. I work hard in school to be consistently on the high honor roll. If basketball doesn't work out, I am currently interested in marketing.
- 4) If you could choose an animal for a class pet what would it be? A little puppy. Any puppy will do, as long as it is small.



- 5) If you could only use one emoji what would you choose? Sunglasses emoji
- 6) If you could create one mandatory course, what would it be? I would create a high school music appreciation course. Students would listen to the music of today and be able to take a deep look into what the songs mean. A second course I would like to create is a black history course. This would be a course where we would learn about the significant contributions of African-Americans.
- 7) Which subject do you think prepares you most for life and why? Math. A lot of good jobs involve numbers, whether it is building something or how to save or spend money.





Congratulations!

9 Years

Rachel Lantz - St. Catherine's Colleen Knapp - John Paul II Academy Heather Ropiak - St. Joseph Joey Wiginton - St. Catherine's

8 Years

Gerald Olley - St. Catherine's
Justin Gutche - St. Joseph/ St. Rita
Anela Amaya - Our Lady of Grace Academy
Michele Miller - Our Lady of Grace Academy
Sarah Aguila - St. Catherine's
Lindsey Bollmann - St. Catherine's
Diane Putra - St. Catherine's

7 Years

Joan Koenig - Our Lady of Grace Academy Barbara Menzhuber - St. Joseph Daniel Howard - St. Catherine's Dottie Maccanelli - St. Catherine's Richard Ropiak - St. Catherine's

Thank you for your years of dedication!

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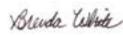
certificate of appreciation for the massive amount of food collected as part of this service project.

Siena Catholic Schools of Racine's Board of Director Chairman Dan Horton said, "Thanks are due to all of the schools, students, faculty and principals who helped countless people in need through their collection of food and other necessities through St. Vincent de Paul."

The "Stuff the Bus" food drive brings to life Mother Teresa's challenge to us: "Do small things with great love." What better way to celebrate our Catholic schools than by coming together in love and service to help those who need us in our community?

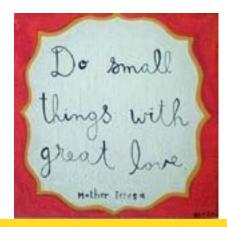
At the heart of Catholic education is teaching our students that the most important thing in life is loving and caring for others the way God cares for us.

Sincerely,



Brenda White
President
Siena Catholic Schools of Racine







Catholic Schools Week Highlights



JPIIA students joined the adult choir at Mass.

Frozen treats made an appearance at JPIIA, celebrating the students and the chilly weather.



Seventh-graders took on the eighth-graders in an exciting basketball game at JPIIA. This is a time-honored Catholic Schools Week tradition for this school.



the teachers in a volleyball game,

15-12!

St. Joseph students made angel cards for blessing baskets. The cards and baskets will be given to those in need.



Spotlight on: Betty Hunt, St. Catherine's



Hello! I'm Betty Hunt, principal at St. Catherine's. I grew up in Racine, attended St. Edward's grade school and graduated from St. Catherine's. I received a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University in biology and spent most of my career teaching science at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee. I earned my master's in education administration at Concordia University and served in the roles of assistant principal and principal at Pius. Four years ago. I returned to

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St. Catherine's

principal at Pius. Four years ago, I returned to my alma mater as principal.

My career keeps me pretty busy, so I like trying new and new-to-me restaurants. My current favorite breakfast place is The Original Pancake House on the Milwaukee's east side. I have an adult son who is a freelance director, so I love going to live theater. Sometimes I even volunteer as a house manager. I also enjoy going to movies and love being on a lake or in a pool. Currently, I do not have any pets, but I like spending time visiting my dog neighbors, Boss and Bella.



Principal Hunt enjoyed the company of Sister Rosaire, Sister Karen and St. Catherine's Guidance Counselor Mary Thome during the gym floor dedication honoring Coach Letsch.

Principal Hunt and St. Catherine's Activities Director Lori Prideaux dressed like "twins" for the football championship.



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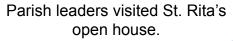
Artist Rob Surette performed for all Siena schools. OLOGA students posed with him after the show.



OLOGA went bowling for a very fun all-school field trip.

St. Catherine's students enjoyed a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Parents Association.







St. Rita's celebrated with a dance party on pajama day!





Catholic Schools Week Highlights



Welcome our new colleagues!

RaeAnn Eeg
St. Joseph
Substitute Teacher

Theresa Erickson
Our Lady of Grace Academy
5K Aide

February's 'Harvest of the Month' Recipe from Taher, Inc. Stuffed Bell Peppers

What you need...

2 medium bell peppers1 lb ground beef

1 tsp kosher salt1 tsp black pepper

medium yellow onion,

diced

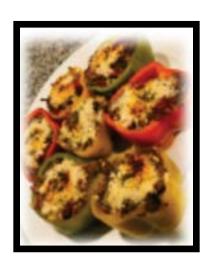
1 cup zucchini, grated

1 Tbsp minced garlic

1 Tbsp dried oregano

1 cup crushed tomatoes

1 cup shredded parmesan



What to do...

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and spray a baking dish with pan spray.
- Prepare peppers: Use a knife to cut each bell pepper in half vertically right trough the middle of the stem and the bottom of the pepper. Remove the ribs and seeds. Season the inside of each pepper with salt and pepper. Place peppers into the greased baking dish in one layer. Set aside.
- 3. Prepare filling: Cook ground beef until browned, season with salt and pepper. Add onions, zucchini, garlic and oregano. Cook until softened. Stir in canned crushed tomatoes. Remove from heat.
- 4. Stuff the pepper: Evenly divide the filling mixture amont the peppers. Carefully pour 1/2 cup of water between peppers into baking dish. Cover with foil.
- 5. Bake until the peppers are tender and the filling is heated through (about 45 minutes). Remove foil and sprinkle peppers with parmesan cheese. Return to the oven uncovered for 5 minutes. Serve.

Nutrition Snapshot ~1 serving (recipe makes 6 servings)

240 calories, 10g total fat, 5g saturated fat, 351ms sodium, 10g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 56mg cholesterol, 21g protein, 4g sugar



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SUNDAY	M onday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 National Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 Presidents Day	19	20 National Love Your Pet Day	21	22 St. Joseph: Trivia Night	23 St. Lucy: Father Daughter Dance
24	25	26 "Faces of Jesus" performance	27	28	March 1 National Read Across America Day Dr. Seuss Day	2
3	4	5 Mardi Gras	6 Ash Wednesday	7 No School Parent/Teacher Conferences	8 No School	9
10 Daylight Savings -Remember to move your clock ahead one hour!	11	12 National Girl Scout Day	13 National Good Samaritan Day	14	15	16

Feb. 22: St. Joseph: Trivia Night, 8th Grade Fundraiser
For more information please contact
St. Joseph School

FEB. 23: St. Lucy: FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 6 - 9 P.M. IN THE ST. LUCY CAFETERIA PLEASE RSVP BY FEB. 19.

Feb. 26: "Faces of Jesus" performance, 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's. Join us for this free event! It is open to the public. AmazingHeroArt.com

MARCH 7: NO SCHOOL, PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

MARCH 8: NO SCHOOL

LOOKING AHEAD...MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

March 18-29: Forward Testing April 6: St. Lucy: An Evening in Venice Auction and Dinner

APRIL 13: St. CATHERINE'S: BLACK AND WHITE BALL

APRIL 18: St. RITA: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 19-28: Easter Vacation

APRIL 21: EASTER

MAY 3: JPIIA: CARNIVAL

May 4: St. Rita: First Communion

MAY 6: JPIIA: MUFFINS WITH MOM

MAY 9: St. RITA: SPRING CONCERT

May 12-24: Star Testing

May 27: No School, Memorial Day

JUNE 3: JPIIA: DONUTS WITH DAD

