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A Time To Celebrate Catholic Schools

For Saint Michael School, the week of January 31st to February 5th was a time of celebration. School children, teachers and administrators alike shared in the festivities of “Catholic Schools Week,” (CSW) an annual event that focuses attention on the important role of Catholic elementary and secondary schools in providing values-centered education. In discussing the week’s theme of “dividends for life,” Principal Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler stated that, “we are reminded of the rewards and growth we will receive not only in our education, but also in our faith.”

The week began with students wearing their school uniforms as they attended a snowy Sunday Mass. While the first two days brought school cancelations, the rest of the week was filled with excitement and fun activities. The students were extremely enthusiastic about participating in a variety of theme-oriented dress-up days, including “red, white and blue,” and “vocations” days, along with the ever-popular “wacky day,” in which the entire school community was invited to show off their creativity through zany get-ups.

Throughout the course of the week, Saint Michael School was filled with posters, art, and scripture to inspire students and remind them of the many benefits of attending a Catholic school. Teachers included activities such as writing to ministries as part of daily lessons to reinforce important school values. During the latter part of the week, students and faculty members proudly displayed their CSW buttons while engaging in some good-natured competition in volleyball and Protect the Dome. Prizes were awarded to a lucky few, with all members of the school community eagerly hoping to hear their name called over the intercom system.

The conclusion of CSW brought the community together for a school-wide Mass and blessing of the throats to celebrate the feast day of St. Blaise. Launched in 1974, the 37th celebration of Catholic Schools Week was a time of enjoyment and reflection for all involved.