



DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear **Academy** Families,

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is once again, *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*. The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged. The logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the

center of all Catholic education. The vibrancy of the colors and the movement and shadows in the logo portray the interconnectivity and community life that are present in our Catholic schools.

Preparations are underway for an exciting week in celebration of our commitment to and the importance of Catholic education. While the primary purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to celebrate the many blessings and benefits of Catholic education in general and at **Divine Wisdom** in particular, it is also an opportunity for us to open our doors to prospective students and their families so they can see first-hand how a **Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy** education can prepare them for success in high school and beyond.

Sunday, 29 January 2017:

Catholic Schools Week will begin with 10:45am liturgy in **St. Robert Bellarmine Church**. Students are asked to join us at this liturgy, wear their school uniform and sit with fellow **Academy** students in the front pews of the church. Immediately following Mass, all are invited to our conference room for breakfast. From 11am until 2pm, families may tour the building and register their children for the 2017-2018 school year.

Monday, 30 January 2017:

Families of **Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy** students are invited to visit their children's classrooms, as well as the classrooms on the next grade level. If you currently have a child in Kindergarten, feel free to take a walk up to see what the first graders are doing; if your child is currently in grade 4, visit the 5th grade classroom, and so forth.... Classroom visits will run from 9:30am until 11am.

Also, if you have friends considering the **Academy** for the 2017-2018 school year, please inform them of tours for prospective students/families scheduled for Monday through Friday from 9:30am – 11:00am. AFA members and Student Council members are invited to assist with tours ☺!

During the afternoon, students will be sharing a book with book buddies!

Tuesday, 31 January 2017:

Tuesday is Pajama Day/Spirit Wear Day for the students at both campuses. Students in **Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5** will have the opportunity to come to school in pajamas. It is recommended that they wear pajama pants and a sweatshirt... The school gym uniform can also be another option...

Students in grades 6 through 8, will celebrate **Divine Wisdom** Spirit Day, "dressing down" in the Academy's "spirit wear" flannel pants, or in the **Academy** colors of blue/gray.

Serving the Parishes of St. Anastasia, Saint Robert Bellarmine, American Martyrs, Saint Paul Chong Ha-Sang



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At lunchtime, **Divine Wisdom's** Student Council will be sponsoring and hosting, **Cookies and Milk** for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Wednesday, 1 February 2017:

Wednesday is **Get Up and Dance** Day. Sometimes it is just necessary to get up and dance... During the course of this day, at random times music will be piped into the classrooms. When a song comes on the public address system, the entire **Academy** community is to get up and move; when the music stops everyone goes back to work.

Wednesday we will also be hosting special activities in physical education. Students could also choose to wear their gym uniform on this day.

Thursday, 2 February 2017:

Teacher Appreciation Day. Special teacher lunch will be provided by parents. Special Thank you to all of the Class Captains and all of the parents for your support!!

Students can dress up as their favorite book character or historic figure.

Friday, 3 February 2017:

Divine Wisdom will be celebrating Staff Appreciation, acknowledging our exemplary faculty and staff with a special breakfast.

In honor of our special "team," students may wear their favorite team jersey, college shirt or spirit wear.

Bayside will also be hosting an author visit, Dr. Michael Sampson will be here reading to grades pre k through grade 5. Grades 6-8 will be participating in a special Cardio Fit activity in the gym.

First Friday mass will be at 9:00am in St. Robert Bellarmine. All are welcome to join us... The **Academy** will have a 12n dismissal. The After-School program will be in session.

Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy has created an educational community where students, teachers, and parents grow together in wisdom and love. Working together, we have created an environment that is safe, secure and dedicated to the happiness and well-being of each person in the community. As we look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2017, we hope you will join us in the planned festivities and truly see what a difference a strong academic, faith-centered Catholic school can provide to your child's education.

Now is the time to tell your friends and family what a wonderful experience, academically, socially and spiritually your child is having at **Divine Wisdom...**

Peace,

Margaret E. McGlynn, Ed.D.