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WHAT AN EXCITING WEEK

by **Tina Silvestri, Principal**

Catholic Schools Week has been an exciting time as we celebrate our wonderful school and the schools around us. Monday was a great way to begin the week with all the Blue Water Vicariate schools coming together for Mass. Sharing in our faith is a great way to grow with one another. Students then broke off into groups and classes to either participate in a service project, make a craft or sit in on a bullying/character assembly. High school students took the lead to develop these classes around the theme "Awakening the Holy Spirit". We give many thanks to Cardinal Mooney High School for their organization of the day and for hosting all of our schools.

We continued the week with different themes for each day. The students really enjoyed the service project of putting together the chemo care packages. The cards they made for other children that are admitted at St. John were very heartfelt and caring. I feel that our students are Saints in demonstrating their care and concern for others. They also demonstrate their character, leadership, citizenship, scholarship, and service, which are all pillars to meet when being inducted as a member of National Junior Honor Society. On Wednesday after Mass, nine new members were inducted into the society. We congratulate these members on their hard work and achievement.

Congratulations David Dobrasko, Kyle Bartolomucci, Dominic Cattivera, Maximus Greenia, Luke Horlocker, Calli Hotter, Gabe Smith and Katie Zyble.



**A great week
because of
great people**



**Thank you to all
who made
Catholic
Schools Week a
Success**

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TOO EARLY TO PLANT SEEDS?

Christian Behavior - Morals and Values

by Alayne Waterstraat, 1st Grade Teacher

Is our behavior learned behavior or genetic? Is this a nature vs. nurture debate?

This is a controversial subject and can be considerably in depth. However, if a teacher can be a positive role model in the life of young people (regardless of the above mentioned) then I'm in! Considering the fact that we all live in the real world, our behavior can be influenced by our environment meaning our families, friends, life events etc.

Therefore, in hopes of planting seeds of kindness and consideration, our first graders may be able to share moments of thoughtfulness to others.

Recently we have been reading books and having classroom discussions on behaviors. There is always room for improvement, no matter how old we are or how educated. We've taken to the streets to locate positive behavior and pinpoint ways to improve actions.

We started a classroom bin of "caught you caring" deposit tickets. When someone has noticed another person (in school or outside of school) the student announces to the class the action then puts a red heart of paper in the basket. If students report an unkind gesture they notice, a black slip gets put into the basket. At the end on one month we will make a graph of gestures whether kind or unkind, and create a list of what we notice.

Whether we are conducting ourselves at home or in public let your actions speak louder than words. For example, let us be aware of our church behavior. When our youth see others being kind and considerate in church, they in turn may repeat this one day. If you can allow someone to sit in your pew (and make room for them pleasantly) this shows kindness and living the words "all are welcome". Positive church behavior can make a positive impact in someone's day or leave a negative note. **Let us all sow some seeds of kindness!**