

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 31, 2026



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

SUNDAY

The SJS students will lead 11:00 mass at St. Joseph Church to kick-off Catholic Schools Week. All students are welcome to participate. Please arrive by 10:50 wearing your SJS uniform and meet the teachers in the

choir loft!

Afterwards join us for hospitality and our school Open House from 12:00-1:30. There will be donuts and drinks in the gymnasium along with our student Art Show AND a student vendor craft show!

MONDAY

A Focus on SERVICE

All grade levels will participate in a service project to create

"Sunshine Boxes" for local elderly residents.

***Be on the lookout for more info. about this ahead of CSW!

TUESDAY

A Focus on STUDENTS

All students may DRESS DOWN today!

The Cotton Candy Lady will be visiting our school as a special treat from Parent Club!

Tonight will be a NO HOMEWORK night!

WEDNESDAY

A Focus on our NATION

The whole school will be writing letters of thanks and/or informative letters to local and state leaders about our school and the importance of Catholic Education.

THURSDAY

A Focus on our SCHOOL and FAMILIES

Family members are invited to join their student(s) for lunch today! More details on the attached page!

FRIDAY

A Focus on our TEACHERS & STAFF

Please join us for our 9:00 school mass.

See attached for a special way that you can brighten the day of some SJS staff members!



Family Lunch Event

January 29, 2026

Let's Do Lunch!

On Thursday, January 29th, each school family is invited to have family members come eat lunch with their SJS students in celebration of Catholic Schools Week! It will be a time of family, food, fun, and faith. See all the details below. Please return the RSVP form by Wednesday, January 28th so we can be prepared!



DETAILS

When: Thursday, 1/29/26

Who: Family members of SJS students

When: From 11 am - 12 pm

What: LUNCH! You may pack lunches, bring fast food/outside food, or buy from the school cafeteria. Indicate your choice below.

***The whole school will be open and available for you to sit and eat, talk, play games, and spend time with your students. You may want to bring a blanket or something similar to sit on for your dining experience! There will be some table/desk space to eat, as well.

***If you or another family member CANNOT come- DON'T WORRY! There will be plenty of staff members available to eat with your children and make the experience fun and memorable. We are all one BIG family and we take care of each other. No one will feel alone!

Family Name _____

Grade(s) _____

_____ Yes, we will attend.

For lunch we will be:

_____ Packing lunches/bringing outside food.

_____ Buying lunch from the school cafeteria.

(please indicate your entree choice to the right and the number of lunches needed for each entree chosen.)

OR

_____ No, we are not able to attend.

The school cafeteria lunch
will be:

Mini Corn Dogs (Qty:____)

or

Chicken Nuggets (Qty:____)

Baked Beans

Applesauce

Milk

First Name	Last Name	Position
Fr. Timothy	O'Connor	Parish Priest
Amy	Makruski	Principal
Joy	Nagy	Secretary
Birgit	Fada	Kindergarten
Jaime	Thompson	1st grade
Angie	Eads	3rd grade
Holly	Gendics	4th grade
Jessica	McCain	5th grade
Kristin	Kermes	6th grade
Audrey	Schwochow	7th grade
Mary	Overdorff	8th grade
Vanessa	Savage	Aide
Ginny	Crow	Aide
Mallory	Makruski	Aide
Sylvia	Hopkins	Aide
Justin	Bilewicz	Art
Gabie	Whiteman	Music
Alicia	Werner	Phys. Ed
Danielle	Csanady	Library/Technology
Josh	Huber	STEM/Exploration
Rachel	Beedle	Intervention
Nicole	Sauer	Speech
Amanda	Wilkinson	Preschool Aide
Mia	Haslage	Preschool Director
Sharon	Cecil	Title I
Holly	Dittmer	Cafeteria
Jennifer	Gober	Extended Day
Miss	Gloria	Extended Day
Miss	Sylvia	Extended Day
Miss	Mary Lou	Extended Day
Miss	Jacci	Extended Day
Miss	Denise	Extended Day
Larry	Adams	Maintenance
Danny	DiBiasio	Maintenance
Bob	Kenska	Maintenance
Gabe	Bullock	Maintenance
Matt	Webb	Maintenance
Barb	Fieger	Band



DRESS DOWN FOR A DONATION!



During Catholic Schools' Week, the whole school will be participating in a service project to create "Sunshine Boxes" for senior citizens in our community.

In order to help support this project, we are holding a dress down for a monetary donation on Tuesday, January 20, 2026! For a \$2 or more donation, your student may wear their choice of school appropriate dress down clothing.

100% of the money donated will go directly to the project!

In addition to monetary donations, we are also looking for donations of the following items:

- Clean, in good condition shoe boxes (must have a lid of some sort)
- All kinds of yellow ribbon or ribbon with suns on it
- Fuzzy socks with grippers
- Travel size lotions
- Word Search Books (possibly large print, if possible)
- Sudoku Books
- Decks of Cards
- 100-300 piece jigsaw puzzles
- Small Notebooks or pads of paper
- Nice pens
- Simple snacks like granola bars, individual packages of cookies, etc.
- Any small, religious items or prayer cards

The above items need to be brought into school by Friday, January 23rd. Thank you!



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JOIN US BY BEING A PART OF THIS EXCITING EVENT!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 12P-1:30P



STUDENT VENDOR CRAFT SHOW

YOU'RE INVITED TO BE A VENDOR AT OUR STUDENT VENDOR CRAFT SHOW! THE EVENT WILL FEATURE ALL STUDENT VENDORS, SHOWCASING A VARIETY OF HAND-CRAFTED GOODS. PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE A SPACE JUST FOR YOU!

*****STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO SHARE A BOOTH WITH AN SJS FRIEND, IF THEY'D LIKE! EACH BOOTH INCLUDES ONE 6-FOOT TABLE AND A WHITE PLASTIC TABLECLOTH.**

NOTE: ALL VENDORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR OWN CHANGE FOR CASH PAYMENTS. IT IS UP TO EACH VENDOR TO DECIDE THE TYPE OF PAYMENTS THEY WILL ACCEPT.

EVENT LOCATION:

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
175 ST. JOSEPH DRIVE
AMHERST, OH 44001**

DATE & TIME:

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
SET-UP TIME: SUN. 1/25 9:30-
10:30 AM**

STUDENT NAME (S): _____

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU WILL BE SELLING:

PRICE RANGE FOR YOUR ITEMS: (ESTIMATE IS OK):

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE TO INCLUDE?

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND!