

# **Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week celebrates Catholic education nationwide. The theme set by the National Catholic Educational Association this year is Catholic Schools— Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. At SRS, we have incorporated a sub-theme of Color Your Road to Serve the Lord. Our reflections, school decorations, and class projects will focus on ways we can incorporate



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### Tuesday, Jan. 30

#### **Teacher Appreciation Day:**

Students write heartfelt letters or cards to teachers to be bound in a booklet by the CSW Committee and given to the teachers along with a gift from the school at the staff dinner that night held in the Parish Library. This is a great opportunity for students (and parents) to tell the teachers

the Lord into our daily lives. The CSW Committee has planned a terrific lineup of events for the week, and everyone is looking forward to celebrating St. Raphael School and Nursery School and all those who make our community so special!

#### Sunday, Jan. 28

**Celebating Our Parish:** Students from all area Catholic schools are invited to wear their uniforms to the 10 a.m. Mass to show their school pride. The SRS children will participate in the Mass, followed by a reception in the Trumpet Room.

#### Monday, Jan. 29

**Parent Appreciation Day:** Parents are invited to stop in the school lobby to enjoy coffee and sweets—offered with appreciation for the sacrifice they make to send their children to SRS and SRNS. (Pssst: The love continues the next day. Parents and caregivers, watch for a small token of gratitude to be distributed during SRS drop-off on Tuesday.) and staff how much they value their contribution to education and faith formation.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 31

**Community Outreach Day:** Students are invited to make meat and cheese sandwiches at home Tuesday night and bring them to school on Wednesday. Parents are asked to snap a few photos of their children at work and email them to MJ Zafis-Garcia for our social media and yearbook. Sandwiches will be delivered to area homeless shelters. In class, SRS students will write letters to servicemen/women being treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

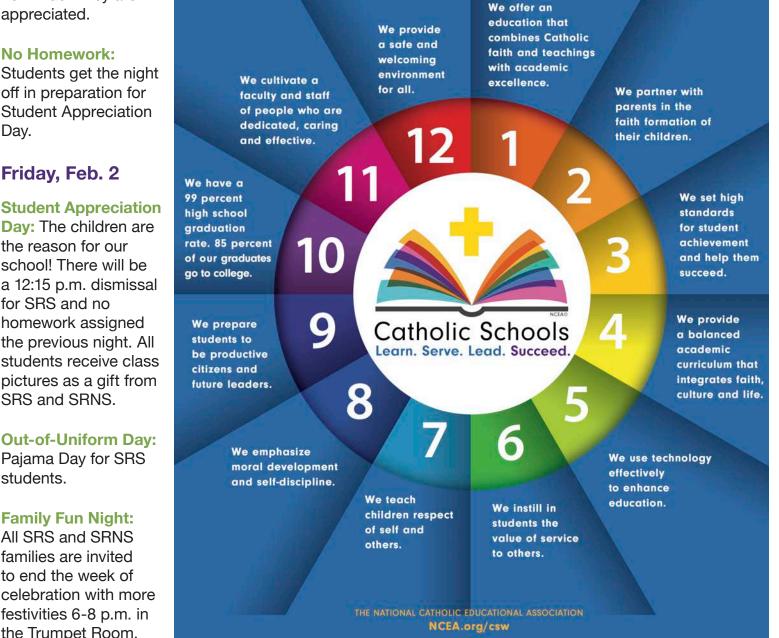
**Out-of-Uniform Day:** Students choose a color to wear as they "color the SRS hallways in serving the Lord."

#### Thursday, Feb. 1

**Clergy Appreciation Day:** Letters written by students will be given to the priests along with a gift

from the school. We are so blessed with wonderful priests here at St. Raphael's, and we want them to know how much they are appreciated.

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## Friday, Feb. 2

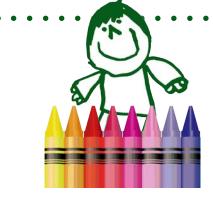
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**Student Appreciation** Day: The children are the reason for our school! There will be a 12:15 p.m. dismissal for SRS and no homework assigned the previous night. All students receive class pictures as a gift from SRS and SRNS.

**Out-of-Uniform Day:** Pajama Day for SRS students.

#### **Family Fun Night:**

All SRS and SRNS families are invited to end the week of celebration with more festivities 6-8 p.m. in the Trumpet Room.



## **Now Enrolling for Preschool 2018-19**

St. Raphael Nursery School has started accepting applications for 2018-19. SRNS offers programs for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and 4-Plus, as well as options for extended day. For details about our classes and registration, visit the admissions page at www.srnsmd.org or call Julie Cress at 301-762-2143.

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