

## Sample Letter From Pastor



January 2022

Dear Friends:

I look forward each year to the last week of January, when we observe National Catholic Schools Week. As a parish, we recognize the value of Catholic education and support our families and school in educating our young people so they can reach their full potential. We acknowledge the vital role of the school faculty, staff and volunteers in this effort. And we celebrate our students as they learn about their faith and the skills they need in the 21st century.

The week's theme – "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." – focuses on the core of Catholic education. Schools are not only communities themselves, they are also part of larger communities, including \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
name of parish name of local community  
and our nation. As a parish, we support our school through prayer and resources, and the school, in turn, collaborates with families to develop our children into future model leaders and citizens. The theme also highlights key elements of Catholic education: academic excellence, leadership and dedication to service. These elements are what set Catholic schools apart from other educational options.

As you can see from the schedule, \_\_\_\_\_ has planned  
name of school  
events to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week that the whole parish can enjoy. It's a great opportunity for all of us to see what our students are accomplishing and thank the faculty, staff and volunteers who give so much of themselves to educate our children.

Our Catholic schools are part of our future as a Church and a nation. May God bless them and all who contribute to the important work they do on behalf of the children of our parish and parishes across the country.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

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Name of Pastor