

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Friday, January 30, 2015

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We at **Little Flower School** are grateful that we can be a part of a staff who are able to help our children and families and parish and community to experience the benefits of a Catholic school in their midst. Because of Catholic Schools Week, we would like to finish sharing the following article.

101 Reasons to Send Your Child to a Catholic School

Source: *Catholic School Chronicle* [continued from last week's Newsletter]

So they can experience:

52. A curriculum designed to help students grow in spirituality
53. Learning about sacred music in music class
54. The freedom to talk about any religion, rather than no religion
55. An atmosphere that cares more about students getting in to heaven than into Harvard
56. Spending seven hours a day in a faith community
57. Learning about all vocation options including marriage, ordained, and religious life
58. Getting to listen to the Pope talk about school
59. Discussing the religious and ethical implications of stem cell research, abortion, euthanasia, and other life issues
60. Dressing up as their favorite saint for All Saints Day
61. Constant support and encouragement in their spiritual life
62. Exposure to classic spiritual works by St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis de Sales, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, etc.
63. Ash Wednesday Mass
64. Daily exposure to the Bible
65. Learning about the Catholic contribution to science through great Catholic scientists including Pasteur, Mendel, Lemaitre, Bacon, and Albertus Magnus
66. A mission to educate the whole child: spiritually, as well as academically, morally, socially and physically.
67. An outstanding academic program helps students become their best selves
68. The freedom to talk explicitly about the creator who has endowed us with the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
69. Learning about the redemptive value of suffering
70. Teachers who explicitly model their instruction after the great teacher, Jesus Christ
71. Celebrating St. Joseph the Worker
72. A natural integration with all aspects of family life, rather than a compartmentalized existence
73. The development of a Catholic world view
74. A strong intellectual history whose tradition of academic excellence is unmatched by any other organization that has ever been
75. Moral development based on gospel values
76. An antidote for the surrounding culture's materialistic, image-centric distortions of reality
77. Discovering what it means to live a "Christ-centered" way of life
78. Learning the meaning of life in its fullness
79. Coming to understand that at the heart of every subject is Jesus, "the way, the truth and the life"
80. Learning to recognize the voice of God in all creation
81. Learning to be a living witness to God's love
82. Being constantly reminded that God loves them
83. Parent Nights that begin with prayer (OVER)

- 84. Hearing prayers at 6th grade graduation
- 85. Mass to begin the year
- 86. Mass to end the year
- 87. Field trips to our regional Catholic high schools
- 88. Learning about the connection between faith and service to the poor and underprivileged
- 89. Field trips to retirement communities to sing Christmas carols
- 90. Classrooms visits by priests, deacons and women religious
- 91. Learning different ways to pray
- 92. Awards assemblies that begin with prayer
- 93. Sports that begin and end each game with prayer
- 94. Student council meetings that begin with prayer
- 95. Becoming comfortable talking about God and faith with peers
- 96. Spending more hours a day in a room with a crucifix than in a room with a television
- 97. Learning the history of the Catholic Church
- 98. Acquiring the skills to spread the Good News to all corners of the world
- 99. Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration
- 100. Learning about the only thing that really matters: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, lived out in a community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit, in order to more deeply and devoutly follow the will of the Father

101. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

THANK YOU and God bless you for your support.



[<http://setoncatholicsschool.dev.cgalvin.com/dynamic/cushwab/files/101%20Reasons%20to%20Send%20Your%20Child%20to%20a%20Catholic%20School.pdf>]
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+++++ Additional Information For You To Know +++++

+++ We have **additional 2013-2014 Yearbooks for sale** in LFS office for \$15.00.

+++ **Carmel Whirls candy** for sale in LFS office for \$2.00 a box.

+++ **Security System.** For the safety of your children and the school staff, a new security system has been installed in the Little Flower School. The doors will be locked between 8:40 AM and 3:20 PM. During that time you will need to be “buzzed in” to the school building. Please read the sign at the front door for instructions; you will need to press the intercom button to gain admittance. On Fridays (during Mass time- 8:45 to 9:45) there will be NO admittance to the school building, because no one will be in the office then. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to provide a secure environment for your children.