



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Faith Excellence Service**

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic Education in the United States. Catholic Schools typically observe this week with the celebration of masses, assemblies, pep rallies, and service-based activities. It is a special week to celebrate what makes our schools uniquely different from all others. Unfortunately, this year due to COVID restrictions and our steadfast adherence to all safety protocols, we will not be able to celebrate as we have in years past, but CELEBRATE WE SHALL! In fact, there has never been a school year in all of Catholic School history more worthy of celebration!

As we begin this week of celebration, I rejoice in these two beautiful testimonials. It is with great pride that I share their heartfelt sentiments as they have captured, in just a few short months, the essence of who we are as a Catholic School Family. May God continue to bless us, and all those who support us, as we continue the mission of Catholic Education!

*November 2, 2020 –*  
Mrs. Crawford,

I received your letter and had to respond. First and foremost, your valediction says it all: “Proud Principal”, and you should be proud. I am thankful for you and your faculty.

I would be lying if I said that I was a 100% proponent of putting my boys into St. James the Apostle School for the year. I said to my wife Julia over and over, “What are they going to do that is so special that Carmel and the other public schools of the like cannot do?” Well, it’s clearly obvious; it’s the “faith-filled” environment that you described! Our family is grateful every day for the safety, reassurance, stability, positivity, and routine that your school has brought back into our lives. I say again, as someone who did not believe that you could “do it better”, not only do I stand corrected, but I am grateful and thankful every day for you and your staff.

I don’t go on social media, and therefore I cannot speak to what may be out there that is contrary to the great job you’re all doing. However, one only needs to talk to their child daily about their schooling experience at St. James to be able to truly explore (through their children’s eyes) the wonderful job you are all doing. If only the world could operate with the same courage and faith that your school has demonstrated, we’d all be in a much better place!

With Gratitude,  
The Long Family

*December 10, 2020 – Social Media Post – Mrs. Nicole Euvino-Bell*

Words cannot ever describe the gratitude in our hearts for finding this amazing school and team of faculty members. From the administration, school nurse, teachers, every aspect of this school has been a breath of fresh air since September 8<sup>th</sup>! Being an RN, working through this pandemic, I see what my co-workers have been enduring with their kids being in and out of school or not being able to attend at all. Thanks to St. James’ tireless efforts to do everything in their power to stay open and keep our children safe, I have been able to come to work with a lot less stress. Just knowing both of my children are happy, well cared for, and where they need to be, which is in school getting what they need to get a proper education, has been a tremendous blessing for my family. My kids come home each day with BIG smiles on their faces and they are learning so much since day one. Communication with all staff members has been family-like, and genuine to the point where we never feel like a bother. This community has shed much light at a dark time and we are so happy and grateful to be a part of it all!