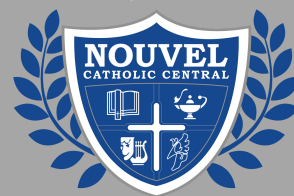




Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary

Newsletter



January 2024

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, Nouvel students, families and teachers! I hope you all were able to enjoy holiday celebrations with family and friends. As we return to school and celebrate the new year, it is always a great time for looking back to the past, but more importantly, looking forward to the coming year. There was such excitement in the air as everyone returned to school this morning! We have so much to look forward to during this second half of the school year and as the second semester begins next week, we want ALL of our young Panthers to continue to be successful. Success comes through hard work, consistent attendance, perseverance, and working diligently. Building good habits now will prove beneficial far beyond the halls of our school building. We have high expectations for our students because they are very capable of producing great results!

Parents, we ask your assistance in getting your child to school everyday and on time. We appreciate the support you bring to our school community. Our school could not be successful without your input and team effort. We are proud of our students, teachers, school programs, and community strength. Working together we are stronger and more effective.

Wishing you a very happy new year,
Mandy Kaul
Principal

Early Elementary Open House

Our Early Elementary Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 18 at 5:30 p.m. This fun night, focused on our unique early elementary programs, is a great opportunity for current and prospective families to visit campus, chat with the teachers/aides and build excitement for the upcoming school year.

NouvelCatholic.org/EarlyElementaryOpenHouse



Virtue of the Month

January's Virtue of the Month is **LOYALTY**. The dictionary defines loyalty as a strong feeling of support or allegiance. Loyalty correlates with the Cardinal Virtue of Justice.



Catholic Schools Week

The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week (January 28-February 3) is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.

Catholic Schools Week celebrates the contribution that Catholic education provides to children and youth, to our Church, to our communities, and to our nation. There will be different events and activities scheduled at school during that week. As the week gets closer, more information will be sent home.



School Board Recognition Month

As we celebrate School Board Recognition Month, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the members of our Board of Trustees for their dedication and commitment to our students' education.

NouvelCatholic.org/BoardofTrustees

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Upcoming Events

January 3 - School Resumes
January 5 - End of Marking Period
January 5 - Spirit Day
January 10 - Early Elementary Enrollment (current families)
January 11 - Mass
January 12 - Spirit Day
January 15 - No School
January 18 - Mass
January 18 - Early Elementary Open House
January 19 - Spirit Day
January 19 - Early Elementary Enrollment (new families)
January 24 - Spelling Bee
January 25 - Mass
January 26 - Spirit Day
January 28 Catholic Schools Week Begins

PantherFest 2024

PantherFest is scheduled for Friday, February 9 from 6 - 8 p.m. This community event is also NCCE Home and School's largest fundraiser. From fun games to amazing auctions, there is something for everyone! Full details, donation information and more can be found online at: NouvelCatholic.org/PantherFest

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Counselor's Corner

The winter months have set in and the brightness of our days has gotten shorter and shorter. You may be finding it is harder at this time of year to get your students up, out of bed, and ready for school. Sunlight and exercise are important parts of your child's development and mental health, so even in these winter months it will be valuable to make time for some outdoor time and some fun ways to keep the body moving.

Last month, our Monday morning messages focused on the power of our words, the power of our thoughts, and the power of a hug. To see all of the Monday morning updates and find other resource links, check out the counseling page on our website: <https://nouvelcatholic.org/schoolcounseling>

Here is an update on December's classroom lessons:

PreK - Grade 2: Angry Spot. Our students continued using the "A Little Spot of Emotion" book series by Diane Alber and learned how their anger spot can grow and then learned how to calm it. We talked about things that "push our buttons" and grow our anger. To reinforce things at home, you can check out this resource that was used here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptDqMeAcn9w>.

Grades 3 - 4: Good Friends. Our students learned about the qualities of a good friend and how we can find those qualities in many people. While most people have only a few really close friends, we can treat all people with the qualities of friendship to show we care. The students had a chance to recognize those qualities in their peers and write and share them.

Grades 5 - 6: Bullying. Our 6th graders had a presentation on bullying and we will do this with our 5th graders this month. The students did an activity, played jeopardy and learned what bullying is, the roles that people play in bullying, our school policies, and that it takes the effort of everyone to put an end to it.

If you have questions or concerns or would like to reach out to see how I can help your individual student, please feel free to call me or email me at janderson@nouvelcatholic.org.