



SSCA News

Happy New Year!



January 12, 2024



Sixth grade celebrates Thanksgiving and a great first trimester.

Dear SSCA Families,

I hope that everyone had a happy and peaceful holiday break full of joy and time with family and friends.

I am happy to report that once again, we are considered a "Best School" by [Niche](#), the school search platform and have earned an A+ rating for 2024.

We spent the Fall trimester celebrating our robust Arts/Specials curriculum and programming. In October, we hosted a Hispanic Heritage expo

with food, student artwork, and live performances. We finished the term with the highly anticipated Book Fair and Christmas Concert. Be sure to check out our school website [announcements](#) and [YouTube channel](#) for highlights.

As always, we've had some great Parent Association events to begin the school year. Our families have enjoyed a welcome back picnic, roller skating, and most recently, Breakfast With Santa. In addition to

Santa, the other special guest for breakfast was a reporter! The activities of that special day were featured both on [CBS News](#) and [Currents News](#).

Although floods and street repairs kept us on our toes, I am very grateful for the awesome (and otherwise calm) first trimester we have had here at SSCA.

Looking forward to term two!
Principal Sue, SSCA

Looking Ahead

Noteworthy Happenings...

- Exciting things are on the horizon for the Class of 2024. After taking the TACHS exam back in November, students should be receiving their Catholic High School acceptances this month. Also, they will soon receive their class rings and sit for their graduation photos.
- There will be a Middle School dance (grades 5-8) on Friday, January 26. Details to follow.
- The SSCA Robotics team will be participating in the first round of First Lego League competitions on February 4th.
- Catholic Schools Week will take place Sunday, January 28 to Saturday, February 3. This year the Diocese has chosen the theme, *Catholic Imagination: Creating the Future*. Stay tuned for more details about CSW activities.
- In February and March, we will host open houses for the early childhood, elementary and middle school sections of SSCA. Information will be posted to our website. Please feel free to share with friends and family. Your “word of mouth” advertising continues to be one of our greatest assets.

Who’s Got Spirit?

It’s cold out! Need a sweatshirt for school? Don’t forget to check out [Lands’ End](#) for all your SSCA Spirit Wear needs. We have sweatshirts, lightweight zip-up and pullover jackets as well as a can. Preferred School Number: 900198748



Kindergarten enjoys their recess time in the courtyard.



Seventh grade members of the Robotics team prepare for their upcoming competition.

Dates on the Radar

- **January 15:** School Closed _ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **January 19:** Dress Down Day _ Decades Theme
- **January 28 - February 3:** Catholic Schools Week
- **February 19 - February 23:** School Closed _ Mid-Winter Break
- **March 15:** School Closed _ Professional Development Day
- **March 22:** Half Day Dismissal _ Parent Teacher Conference



Third grade shows off their recorder skills at the annual Christmas concert.

SSCA Tentative Calendar: 2023-2024

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JANUARY	1,2	Mon, Tue	Christmas Recess Cont. - School Closed
	3	Wednesday	Classes Resume
	15	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - School Closed
	19	Friday	Dress Down Day - Decades Theme
	26	Friday	Middle School Dance (Grades 5 - 8)
28	Sunday	Catholic Schools Week Begins	
FEBRUARY	3	Saturday	Catholic Schools Week Ends
	16	Friday	Dress Down Day - Snowy Winter Theme
	19-23	Mon-Fri	Mid-Winter Recess - School Closed
	26	Monday	Classes Resume
MARCH	15	Friday	Professional Development Day - School Closed
	22	Friday	Parent-Teacher Conferences-12pm Dismissal - No After School
	27	Wednesday	Easter Dress Down Day and Recess Begins at Dismissal
	28,29	Thurs,Fri	Holy Thursday, Good Friday - School Closed
APRIL	1-5	Mon - Fri	Easter Recess - School Closed
	8	Monday	Classes Resume
	10, 11	Wed, Thurs	NYS Grades 4, 6, & 7 English Language Arts Test
	19	Friday	Dress Down Day - Spring Theme
	22	Monday	NYS Grades 5 & 8 Science Test
MAY	10	Friday	Professional Development Day - School Closed
	15	Wednesday	Dress Down Day _ Wacky Wednesday
	27	Monday	Memorial Day - School Closed
JUNE	14	Friday	Dress Down Day - Flag Day/Last Day for N, PK/ Graduation
	18	Tuesday	Kindergarten Grand Finale
	19	Wednesday	Juneteenth- School Closed
	20	Thursday	Earliest Possible Last Day of School