

What is Catholic Schools Week?

This is a week designated by the [National Catholic Education Association](#) (NCEA) that celebrates what makes Catholic schools stellar. Schools are encouraged to celebrate with masses, service projects, assemblies, events, and other activities. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual event in which all schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago participate. This year CSW takes place from Sunday 1/26 to Saturday 2/1.

How is OLW celebrating CSW?

We have a different theme each day of CSW. We have fun activities planned around each day's theme for our students and families.

- Sunday 1/26 OLW is Open House for all parishioners, community members, and past/current/future school families.
- Monday 1/27 is Parent Appreciation Day
- Tuesday 1/28 is Staff Appreciation Day
- Wednesday 1/29 is Priest/Clergy Appreciation Day
- Thursday 1/30 is Student Appreciation Day
- Friday 1/31 is Donors/Volunteer Appreciation Day

In general, what is the [CSW Online Auction](#)?

This is the school's online fundraiser where people can sign up for parties, bid on various items, and purchase KIDS RULE and PK Duck Race raffle tickets. **The CSW [online auction](#) opens at noon on Monday 1/27 and closes at noon on Sunday 2/2.** You can preview the online auction starting at noon on Friday 1/24.

Funds raised go to the [OLW School Annual Fund](#), which directly supports our students and our school. In addition, we have a goal to raise \$20,000 for the [Gloria Rebek Scholarship Fund](#), which provides need-based financial support to OLW students.

To participate, all you need to do is create an account on OLW's One Cause [online auction](#) site from your phone or your computer. You must have a credit card number on file. All bidding and sign-ups take place through our [online auction](#) site. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the [online auction](#) site, via cash/check to the elementary homeroom teacher, or via cash in the middle school at lunchtime.

“Sign up Parties?” What are these parties people can sign up for?

A sign-up party is a group event where guests, in exchange for a donation, sign up for one of a limited number of spots. These parties are organized and hosted by generous school families and teachers. The funds raised by the donations directly support our CSW fundraising goal. This year, our creative hosts have donated a variety of fun parties, some for kids only and others for adults only. Spots fill up fast so check dates carefully and be ready to sign up once the [online auction](#) opens on Monday 1/27. Sign-up parties can be found under Fixed Price items in the [online auction](#). *Be sure to read the descriptions and dates carefully as we are unable to offer refunds.*

What are the items people can bid on?

Our [online auction](#) features many items that appeal to our students and families, including teacher outings (experiences outside of the classroom), priority seating to different events, and our beloved Milestone Memory Projects. There is something for everyone in the [online auction](#), from preschool families to graduating 8th graders. Browse the categories and note which items you plan to bid on.

What are Milestone Memory Projects?

These projects commemorate the milestones achieved in Kindergarten (learning the Our Father and other prayers), 2nd grade (sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion), 5th grade (All Saints Day), and 8th grade (graduation from OLW). Each of these projects is directed by parent volunteers, who conceive of an idea and bring it to life with the help, input, and contributions of the students in that grade. Always unique and treasured for years, our Milestone Memory Projects are one-of-a-kind creations that celebrate the students of these milestone grades.

What's the KIDS RULE Raffle?

This is a weekly raffle held over three weeks, with the third week coinciding with CSW. Ticket sales open at 8am each Monday (1/13, 1/20, 1/27), and close at noon each Thursday (1/16, 1/23, 1/30). Raffle tickets can be purchased through the [online auction](#) site, via cash/check to the elementary homeroom teacher, or via cash in the middle school at lunch.

Elementary School Raffle for grades K-5

- Once ticket sales close for that week, Mr Martino will visit each classroom on Friday (1/17, 1/24, 1/31) with specially-marked bags. Students will be able to drop tickets into the bags that represent the prize(s) they want to win. The prize drawing will be held on Friday afternoon 1/31.

Middle School Raffle

- Prizes will be drawn at lunchtime each Friday (1/17, 1/24, 1/31).

What's the PK Duck Race?

Just for our preschool students, we have the PK Duck Race! Sales for PK Duck Race raffle tickets ("duckies") open at 8am on Monday 1/13 and close at noon on Wednesday 1/29. Live races and winners will be announced on Friday 1/31. Each preschool classroom will have a winner. The prize is a spot in the PK Teacher Outing. Tickets can be purchased via the [online auction](#) under Fixed Price items or cash/check sent into the homeroom teacher. Remember, if you don't win in the PK Duck Race, you can still bid in the [online auction](#) for a spot in the PK Teacher Outing.

Where do I sign up for FSA-hosted events?

Tickets for the Daddy Daughter Dance, the Mom Son Bowling Event, and Super Bowl Squares have their own online site [here](#).

Anything else to note?

Be sure to read the descriptions (and dates, if applicable) of auction items, sign-up parties, and items for purchase carefully as we are unable to offer refunds. Thank you for your understanding.