

# Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary



# Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2024

## Happy Winter!

February is often when the winter cold gets to the kids and they have an early case of "spring fever." Being just past the halfway point of the school year, this is also an important time of year for us to continue encouraging, motivating, and stressing the importance of working hard. Persevering through what is difficult will no doubt be one of the most important life skills for our kids. We have a lot of learning yet to come this year, and we are excited to keep that positive momentum. We appreciate everything you do to support and encourage your children at home.

Catholic Schools Week is always an exciting time for students and staff to celebrate together. We've enjoyed a fantastic week and we are continually grateful for every smiling face in our classrooms. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year and as such, continuous enrollment paperwork will be sent out soon. We ask that you verify your family information and submit by March 1st. Plans are in the works to host a special "step up" event in the spring to give your child/ren an opportunity to see the classrooms they will be advancing to next year!

Thank you for your continued support. We could not have a better school family!

Mandy Kaul  
Principal

### 6th Grade Panther Encounter

Current 6th grade students will visit the other campus on February 15 to experience the junior high culture at it's new location. The students will tour campus, visit classrooms and common areas, meet teachers and staff and enjoy a delicious breakfast from the cafeteria. Their morning will conclude with a junior high panel, allowing students to ask any questions to our junior high ambassadors.

### Virtue of the Month

February's Virtue of the Month is **KINDNESS**. The dictionary defines kindness as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Kindness correlates with the Cardinal Virtue of Justice.



### Fish Fry

Mark your calendars! The NCC Lenten Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 16th and will run each Friday through Good Friday (3/29). Volunteers will again be needed for a successful event. Sign up links for volunteer opportunities will be sent soon. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7pm at NCCE. Dine in and take out are available.

- Yellow Lake Perch \$22
- Walleye/Shrimp \$18
- Combo dinners \$20
- Kids meal under 14 w/ any fish \$15
- Kids meal under 14 (chicken tenders) \$12

### 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 can be found online at:

[NouvelCatholic.org/PantherFest](https://NouvelCatholic.org/PantherFest)

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## Upcoming Events


February 1 - Mass (Dress Up Day)  
February 2 - Team/Jersey Day  
February 8 - Mass  
February 9 - Half Day  
February 9 - PantherFest  
February 9 - Spirit Day  
February 13 - Valentine's Day Parties  
February 13- Wear Red or Pink  
February 14 - Ash Wednesday  
February 14 - Mass  
February 15 - Panther Encounter (6th grade)  
February 16 - Spirit Day  
February 16 - Fish Fry  
February 22 - Mass  
February 23 - Fish Fry  
February 23 & 26 - No School  
February 29 - Mass

## Literacy Event


We are excited to invite our Preschool-2nd grade students to the 2024 Out of This World Literacy Event! Please save Sunday, March 10th, 12:00-2:00, as we blast into the Nouvel galaxy on adventures that celebrate our love for reading! More information will be provided before lift-off. Hope that you can join us on our mission!

## Contact Us

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## Counselor's Corner

Have you ever noticed how when you set your focus on something, you see that thing more clearly, but you may miss some of the other things happening around you? As we head into this new year, we have encouraged our students to focus on the positive things around them and seeing the goodness in people. Coming back from a winter break can cause some challenges for young minds, but our students have been off to a great start and focusing on keeping a healthy mind and body.

For the month of January, there have been regular lessons in our youngest classrooms on how to manage big emotions - like sadness, anger, and anxiety - and they have learned some tools on how to regulate these feelings. Also, we have been awarded a grant through the Saginaw Community Foundation to create self-regulation spaces, or "Peaceful Spots" in each of our preK through Grade 2 classrooms. This is an exciting opportunity and work is underway to create those spaces. More information will be shared when they are completed next month.

Watch for information to come out in the next week about events that will happen during Random Act of Kindness week, which begins on February 12th. Student groups will be writing affirmations, making compliment posters, adding hearts to the lockers, painting kindness rocks, creating a sticky note mural, and all of our students will be looking for kindness in others and reporting it by "tootling" (which is the opposite of "tattling"). Be sure to talk to your children at home about the importance of showing kindness and also focusing on seeing it in others.

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](mailto:janderson@nouvelcatholic.org).



We are Nouvel Catholic Central, called by Christ to learn, love, and lead... courageously.