

# Happy New Year!

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~ST. AUGUSTINE~

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The New Year is still in effect the full month of January, inviting us to continue reflecting on the past year so that we may establish new paths and goals for the coming year. The New Year gives us space to renew, recommit, and even reinvent ourselves for the greater purpose of answering God's call to grow our talents, be in service to others, and grow closer to our God.

The good news is, our students didn't wait for the New Year to begin their work on growing, serving, and building their relationship with God. Enjoy the images that reveal our Blessed Bulldogs modeling the words of St. Augustine:

"Aspire to great things by beginning with the little ones."

And, check out what's on the horizon for Bulldog Nation during January 2023!



**November 30, 2022:** Lady Bulldogs heeding the words of Coach Torres and growing their talents during a game at St. Monica Catholic School.



**December 7, 2022:** Members of Junior Beta prepare to serve others at the Very Special People Christmas luncheon.



**December 12, 2022:**  
Students use dramatic  
story telling to share  
the story of  
Juan Diego during  
Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Prayer  
Service, inviting us to  
grow our knowledge  
and relationship with  
of Our Lady and  
Our God.



**December 7, 2022:**  
Blessed Bulldog  
Singers share their  
gifts in service to  
others during the  
Very Special People  
Christmas Luncheon.

**November 30, 2022:** The Bulldog Basketball Players working  
together, growing their talents! (B Team on left | A Team on right)



# Upcoming Events

## Bulldog Fellowship Night:

Families who PLAY together STAY together

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 | 6:30pm – 7:30pm | Parish Banquet Hall

We are planning a fun, family game night, based on the premise, "Play . . . is critical in our stressful go-go lives. Play has been shown to release endorphins, improve brain functionality, and stimulate creativity. Play improves memory and stimulates the growth of the cerebral cortex (Michael Forman)." Following family game time, Ms. Katherine McVay, our *licensed professional counselor* on staff, will present on the benefits of play from a clinical perspective, and will also provide resources for families, specific to grade level. This BFN will highlight social connection through the filter of fun and games and is open to all families!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

This year's theme is

Catholic Schools:

Faith. Excellence. Service.

Principal Fierro has an exciting week in store for the Blessed Bulldogs during this annual celebration of Catholic Schools in the United States, now in its 49th year!

Pope Francis reminds us,

"Catholic education is also evangelization: bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel and its power to renew our communities and provide hope and strength in facing wisely the challenges of the present time."





## JANUARY 2023

Day	Event	Time
4	First Day of Second Semester	All day
6	Report Cards Distributed	All day
9	Winter NWEA MAP Growth Testing	Begins
10	Homeroom Parent Meeting Parish Banquet Hall	6:00 p.m.
11	Bulldog Awards Assembly	2:00 p.m.
11	School Council Meeting Parish Social Room	6:00 p.m.
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Holiday   No classes
17	Bulldog Fellowship Night “Families that PLAY together stay together” Parish Banquet Hall	6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
20	Catholic Life Raffle Tickets Due	All day
20	100th Day of School	All day
27	Winter NWEA MAP Growth Testing	Ends
28	Celebrate Catholic School’s Week Open House for Current & Perspective Families	10:00 a.m.–12 Noon
29	Celebrate Catholic School’s Week Opening Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
30	Celebrate Catholic School’s Week Virtual Career Day	9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
31	Celebrate Catholic School’s Week Grandparents Lunch	During lunch periods Parish Hall
Feb 1	Celebrate Catholic School’s Week Focus on Our Nation	All day
Feb 2	Celebrate Catholic School’s Week All Campus Picnic	11:45 a.m. School Grounds
Feb 3	Celebrate Catholic School’s Week Early Dismissal	12:30 p.m.

