

Press Release

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

CHEBOYGAN, MI: Sunday January 25th marks the beginning of the 35th Annual Catholic Schools Week throughout the United States. Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic schools and their contributions to their communities and the nation. Nationwide, over 2.3 million students attend about 7,500 Catholic schools.

The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week observance is "Celebrate Service". The theme highlights the community service priority of Catholic schools. Nationwide, 94% of Catholic schools have a community service program. The average student performs about 80 hours of community service each year.

Locally, Bishop Baraga Catholic School in Cheboygan is celebrating the week with daily dress up themes, special lunches, a talent show, a food drive for St. Thomas Pantry, and other activities.

January 28th is National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. As part of the local celebration that day from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., the Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner at the K of C Hall in Cheboygan. The menu includes all you can eat spaghetti, homemade sauce, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. The cost of the dinner is by donation. During the dinner, there will be a \$99 raffle drawing.

Bishop Baraga Catholic School was established in 1856 by Bishop Frederic Baraga. It has been in its new building located at the corner of Western and Lincoln Avenues in Cheboygan since September 2005.