

**The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane, SJE**  
**January 9, 2026**  
**“Live a life that reflects God’s love!”**

Dear Parents and Students:

Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They won this month’s reading trophy. 100% of the class met their reading goals! Great job. Now let’s increase our goals and do it again!

Five months until graduation. JOG is progressing and later this month students will receive their mentors (hopefully). The class trip is being planned. And a lot more goes on in January on a school-wide basis (Catholic Schools Week, Inservice days, etc.). Please stay on top of developments by reading the weekly newsletter from myself and from the office.

Picture day is Monday, January 12. Students will have pictures taken in their cap and gown and in their “good” clothes. After pictures are taken, order proofs will be sent home with the students. They may change back into their uniforms or stay in their dress up clothes.

In science we are studying energy and energy resources. In religion we take a deeper look at the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds. And I continue to teach art the best of my ability.



**Important upcoming dates**

January 12th - 8th Grade Formal Pictures  
January 19 - Inservice, No School.  
January 25 - Open House  
January 25-January 30 - Catholic Schools Week  
January 30 - No School

Sincerely,

*Mr. Courchane*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom  
Middle School Science and Religion

“New year - a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story?  
Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours.” Alex Morritt

