

Dear Families,

I want to let you know about a special project being carried out in our social studies class between now and Catholic Schools' Week. The project is called a Cultural Fair, and it will involve the students in doing research and creating projects about their family heritage and/or the history of this community.

Students will choose whether they want to do their project on some aspect of their own family background and culture, or on the history and culture of this community (or some other they have lived in). I will be asking students to validate weekly the amount of time spent on the project (at least a half hour) in order to insure there will be no last minute stress on the students or their families. Each validation slip will be worth 5 points toward their grade.

Projects in the past have included many different topics, such as Family Roots, Foods, Arts and Crafts, Local and Family History, Music, Firefighting, and Famous Relatives, to name a few. I do not encourage the display of an existing hobby unless new learning is involved, and it is related to family tradition.

Students will be given time to work on their projects in class, but most of them will also have to work at home. I want you to know about this project ahead of time so you can support your son or daughter by providing information and ideas for his/her Cultural Fair display. For more details, please look through the Cultural Fair packet coming home with your child.

The Cultural Fair will be held on Catholic Schools' Sunday, January 26th, in Egan Hall from 12:00 to 1:30. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project.

I look forward to seeing you at the Cultural Fair!

Mr. Joseph Thomas