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RESURRECTION CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Resurrection College Prep High School celebrates *Catholic Schools Week* from January 29 to February 4, 2012. The theme this year is *Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics and Service*. The annual celebration highlights the mission and accomplishments of Catholic schools as unique places of learning and communities of faith. Resurrection will celebrate the week with a special focus for each day.

Catholic School Week opens at Resurrection on Monday, January 30th. The theme for the day is “*Faith*” and senior student retreat leaders will share short testimonials about their faith at the beginning of each class period to help prepare underclass students for their retreat day, which will be held on Tuesday, January 31st. The school day on Monday will conclude with the annual Winter Pep Rally to celebrate the winter athletic teams.

Tuesday, January 31st will be **Retreat Day** for freshmen, sophomore and junior students. The theme of the freshmen retreat is *The Word*, and it will center on the Word of God, and on the various ways words connect people with themselves, each other, the world, and God. The sophomore retreat theme is *Faith-Filled Decision Making*, and will focus on the need to build upon virtues, guided by scripture and tradition, in order to make good decisions. Freshmen and sophomore students will attend a performance called *Show Some Respect* at Resurrection conducted by the Imagination Theater, Inc.

Juniors will participate in an off-site retreat at St. John Brebeuf Parish Center in Niles. The theme for the junior retreat is *Christian Love*, and the junior class retreat will be led by Christian musician MashetiMoses and his retreat team. Using a blend of electronic, rap and rock music, MashetiMoses presents an engaging multimedia production, incorporating video, live musicians, praise and worship, and ministry at schools and universities around the world.

The theme for Wednesday, February 1st is “*Academics*” and academic achievement and learning will be celebrated. Students will watch or participate in a “quiz show” type competition. Contestants from each level will compete to answer questions generated by each of the academic departments at Resurrection.

On Thursday, February 2nd the theme is “*Service*” and the Resurrection Campus Ministry team will sponsor a warm-clothing drive in which students will be encouraged to donate new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarfs and other warm clothing that will be given to Catholic Charities. Additional service opportunities will be offered at a local food pantry, soup kitchen and other locations.

The theme for Friday, February 3rd is “*Our Staff*” and during the all-school Liturgy there will be special acknowledgement and appreciation of teachers and staff. The presider of the school Liturgy will be Rev. Britto M. Berchmans, Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Park Ridge.

Other activities at Resurrection College Prep High School will take place to celebrate *Catholic Schools Week*, including the annual **Variety Show** on Wednesday and Thursday, February 1st and 2nd at 7 pm. Also on Friday, February 3rd, the Alumnae Association will host its annual **Alumnae Career Panel**, which allows over thirty alumnae to share information about their work experience with current Resurrection students.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.