
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 329 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, KHAN, GIRAL, HARKINS, STAATS, KAUFFMAN,
KINSEY, MERSKI, JAMES, MARCELL, GALLAGHER, CAUSER, JOZWIAK,
GUENST, PICKETT, MALAGARI, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, CONKLIN,
HADDOCK, DAVANZO AND ZIMMERMAN, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of January 28 through February 3, 2024, as
2 "Catholic Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Since 1974, "Catholic Schools Week" is a nationally
4 recognized annual celebration of Catholic education in the
5 United States beginning on the last Sunday of January; and

6 WHEREAS, For its 50th year, the theme of "Catholic Schools
7 Week" is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community"; and

8 WHEREAS, This celebration provides schools with an
9 opportunity to demonstrate the value that Catholic education can
10 provide to young people, to demonstrate the contributions of
11 Catholic education to the church and local community and to
12 showcase their students' success in academics, leadership,
13 volunteerism, the arts and athletics; and

14 WHEREAS, Catholic schools throughout the nation celebrate the
15 week with Masses and open houses and by hosting activities and
16 events for students, families, parishioners and community
17 members; and

1 WHEREAS, School events often include:

2 (1) recognition of first responders, military personnel,
3 community leaders, bus drivers, teachers and volunteers;

4 (2) lunches with parents or grandparents;

5 (3) volunteer efforts at local food banks; and

6 (4) assemblies or games to promote school spirit;

7 and

8 WHEREAS, Catholic schools provide a balanced academic
9 curriculum that combines Catholic faith, culture and life while
10 instilling in students the value of service to others in order
11 to prepare students to be productive citizens and future
12 leaders; and

13 WHEREAS, With a national high school graduation rate of 99%,
14 Catholic schools pride themselves on setting high standards for
15 student achievement and providing the help that students need to
16 succeed academically; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the administration of the Allentown,
18 Altoona-Johnstown, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and
19 Scranton Dioceses and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, this
20 Commonwealth is home to approximately 365 Catholic schools,
21 including early childhood education centers and preschools,
22 elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools and
23 special education schools; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 week of January 28 through February 3, 2024, as "Catholic
26 Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.