



HRS NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome to 2010! Hoping all our families had a wonderful Christmas break! It's going to be a busy third quarter at HRS!



The **HR Walking Club** will begin on Tuesday, January 19, 2010! You're invited to join us for a little early morning exercise in the gym. We'll be walking laps in the gym on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 to 7:30am. Adult supervision will be provided and adults are welcome to walk, too! What a great way to start your day and 2010 off on the right foot! ☺

Be sure to watch the parent pack and the school website for information about **Catholic Schools Week 2010!**

Mark your calendars and tell your friends about **Kindergarten Round Up and Registration** to be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. This night is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Kindergarten Readiness and the special Kindergarten program at Holy Rosary! If you have an age-eligible Kindergartener (5 years old by August 1, 2010) who is in our preschool or registered in our parish data system, you'll receive an invitation to Round Up in the mail. If for any reason you do not receive an invitation the week of January 11th, please call the school office to let us know and we'll get the information to you! (School Office 477-2271) Also, please feel free to invite friends or family if you know someone looking for a school! We would love to share our program with them!

Happy, Happy New Year from all of us at HRS! Keeping our families in prayer for a blessed new year!

For all His children, Joan Fredrich



FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS
Financial Aid Applications for those attending Holy Rosary School for the 2010 – 2011 school year are available in the Parish and School Office.
APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED BY APRIL 30, 2010

January 14, 2010

Next Newsletter: January 28, 2010

The Holy Rosary School Newsletter is published twice a month and sent home in the Parent Pack on Thursdays. Deadline for articles for the Newsletter is **Tuesday by 3 p.m.**



HELP THOSE IN NEED

During January, nature can be harsh. Cold winds blow. Layers of extra clothing begin to get annoying. For us the winter can seem too long. For many people, however, winter is not just long. It is the hardest time of the year. We want to remember that hungry and homeless people need our help. Our help may be a matter of life and death to them. People need the most help after Christmastime, especially if the weather turns bad for a long time. Perhaps we can learn how our parish helps people in trouble or check with food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations who help the needy and join with them in serving the people who need our help.

MEO SURVEY
Please find in today's Parent Pack your MEO (Marian Educational Outreach) Winter School Climate Survey. Please fill out and return to school by 1-29-10 either by mail or through your student.
Thank you.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	18	SCHOOL IS IN SESSION MLK Day (<i>Make-Up Day</i>)
	19	Walking Club Begins
	20	Spirit Dress
	21	MASS—Gr. K-8 (6-G) plans
	28	MASS—Gr. K-8 (6-W) plans
	29	Free Dress
Jan. 30-Feb.	6	Catholic Schools Week
February	3	Spirit Dress
	3	Kindergarten Round Up & Registration 2010-2011
	4	MASS—Gr. K-8 (CSW)
	5	First Friday Adoration
	6	Holy Rosary Gala “Diamonds, Denim & Dice”
	11	MASS—Gr. K-8 (5-D) plans
	13	CSW Saturday Mass @ 5 p.m.
	15	SCHOOL IS IN SESSION President’s Day (<i>Make-Up Day</i>)
	17	Spirit Dress
	17	MASS—Gr. K-8 (5-F plans) Ash Wednesday (No mass on Thursday)



Outstanding Educator of the Year Awards

The University of Evansville and the Evansville Courier & Press is sponsoring the Outstanding Educator of the Year Awards. This program was established to acknowledge the dedication and contributions made by our county’s educators. One person will be selected in each of four categories: Elementary School Teacher, Middle School Teacher, High School Teacher, and Building Principal. A committee of teachers, retired educators and community leaders will select the winners. Nomination forms are available in the school office. Nominations may also be submitted online at: www.courierpress.com/educators.

Weather Reminders

Parents, please be sure to check out what your kids wear/bring to school, or what they *don't* bring, in regards to the weather. We still take the children outdoors for fresh air and exercise even when it’s not too cold outside. (We keep an eye on both the temperature and the wind chill during cold weather season and will keep children in when it is appropriate.) Some students come to school unprepared for outdoor recess on colder days. If you’re missing jackets or coats, please come check out our lost and found!



WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION

In the case of bad weather, please tune in to the television and local radio stations for weather-related delay, early dismissal or school closing information. In addition, we will use our SchoolReach phone system to contact school families with weather information. Whenever possible, we will also try to post the same information on our school website.

*If there is a delay to school,
After School Care WILL be in session.

*If there is an early dismissal
After School Care will also close early.

*If school is closed due to bad weather,
After School Care will ALSO be closed for that day.

When school closes early or is not in session,
all after school & evening activities will also be cancelled
on that same day.



SPELLING BEE RESULTS

The Holy Rosary Spelling was held on
January 12, 2010.

The following students participated:

4G	Lauren Koch, Olivia Wheatley
4J	Matthew Burkart, Lydia Parkinson
5D	Alex Schaefer, Michael Samila
5F	Will Talbert, Katherine Compton
6G	Madison Bitter, Leanne Helfrich
6W	Austin Kuhn, Morgan Rolley
7A	Jordan Rhodes, Darby Ray
7S	M. J. Schulz, Austin Bruner
8A	John Milligan, Vincent Werthmann
8V	J. T. Abshier, Anna Zimmermann

Vincent Werthmann was declared the winner.

Anna Zimmermann was our runner-up. Congratulations!

Vince will compete in the Vanderburgh County Bee
on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.,
at the North High School Performing Arts Center.

Good Luck, Vince!

Grade 5**High Honors**

Grace Abushalback
Holden Abshier
Abby Alexander
Chris Basinski
Lauren Basinski
Katherine Compton
Sophie Funke
Michael Koch
Sydney Lattner
Velvet McIntyre
Elise Milligan
Lauren Morris
Makenzie Myers
Hannah Nichols
Alex Schaefer
Cameron Schitter
Makayla Simpson
Will Talbert
Brice Thompson
Maddie Wempe

Honors

Sam Bonano
Colton Colbert
Morgan Daily
Nikki Jennings
Noah Laine
Henry Kinkel
Mia Miller
Lilah Redmon
Tyler Royalty
Juan Salgado
Michael Samila
Journey Smith
Skye Smith
Tyler West

Honorable Mention

Austin Betz
Griffin Bitter
Chris Huggins
Theo McMullen
Hannah Preiser
John Sauls
Jonathan Toribio

**Grade 6****High Honors**

James Beckman
Madison Bitter
Cori Dixon
Leanne Helfrich
Brennan Jenkins
Austin Kuhn
Keagan Kumar
Sam Talbert
Chase Throop
Colin Throop
Robby Zimmermann

Honors

Lindsey Cameron
Alex Gerling
Adam Groves
Sidney Hildebrandt
Max McCool
BreaAnn Rehl
Ellie Sander
Max Scheu
Kiersten Slocum
Aubre Stofleth
Megan Strassweg
Maxwell Tucker
Olivia Vandever

Honorable Mention

Cassie Dixon
Jackie Gipson
Jordan Gipson
Madeline Huggins
Brennen Nelson
Morgan Rolley

Grade 7**High Honors**

Ella Funke
Austin Guerretaz
Olivia Jung
Alex Kieffer
Evan Lattner
M. J. Schulz
Elaina Shakun
Brigitte Swartwood

Honors

Emily Arabia
Luke Cameron
Keaghan Holland
Madison McKinney
Andrew McMullen
Taylor Morris
Darby Ray
Jordan Rhodes
Patrick Samila
Ellen Thompson
Emma Tisserand
Victoria Wheatley

Honorable Mention

Aaron Betz
Dominique Bland
Henri Garcia
Jacob Nasserizafar
Hazel Patel

**Grade 8****High Honors**

J. T. Abshier
Emily Burkart
Charlie Haynie
Hannah Lloyd
Vincent Werthmann

Honors

Serena Ary
Elizabeth Barnes
Karen Bevers
Alec Biggerstaff
Remington Colbert
Zach Crabtree
Jacob Curtis
Jacob Gipson
Alex Groves
Trevor Hodgson
John Milligan
Hannah Sander
Tori Ann Schaefer
Lauren Springhetti
Payne Wagner
Anna Zimmermann

Honorable Mention

Eric Decker
Emily Martyn
Gabby Rice

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS!!**

2009-10 Gala
“Diamonds, Denim
& Dice”

Madison Bitter

Grade 6-G - Winner of the Gala Program Cover contest.

The Message Picture Coloring Contest

Emma Bell Grade 2-W

Allison Compton Grade 3-SCH

Emma & Allison were Grand Prize winners and will each receive a \$20 gift certificate from G. D. Ritzzy's for their families and each will receive an ice cream party for their class sometime after the first of the year.

Catholic Identity Corner

Dear Friends,

It's a New Year! Did you make any resolutions? I wish to amplify the challenge brought to you in the Homily last weekend as we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. We are challenged to recognize that Holiness should not be equated with perfection. Likewise, it is not realistic to expect that our family be perfect. However, all of us are called to holiness as is family of birth and our parish family. I hope that you and yours will embrace the New Year's call to a greater aspiration toward holiness in your and our family in 2010. At the heart of this challenge you might consider the inclusion of three goals: first, to put Christ at the center of all that you do as a family; second, to love as Christ loved, starting with your family; third, to allow a posture of deep and abiding respect to permeate your family relationships. May God bless all of us in these efforts.

Christ's Peace, Fr. Bernie Etienne

In support of the challenge Father Bernie has posed, here are some ideas for **HOW** we can be a Christ-centered family, to love as Christ loved and to show respect in our family relationships!

† Include PRAYER in your family time - pray together in the car on the way to school, before meals, at bedtime, for those in need when you see an ambulance, fire truck or police car on their way to help those in need!

† BLESS your family members - not just when they accomplish something, that is praise - but every day, bless your family members in simple, loving ways... "May God bless you, (name), and keep you in His love." Response, "Amen". Blessings count when we know we're being blessed and when we bless our sleeping children.

† RESPECT our family members by listening, encouraging, supporting, and loving each other when it's easy *and* when it's hard.

2010-2011 TUITION GRANT APPLICATION FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is announcing that applications for tuition assistance for the 2010-2011 school year are available at the offices of Reitz Memorial High School Mater Dei High School, at Catholic grade school offices (where 8th graders are enrolled) and at parish offices.

To download, type and print an application from Reitz Memorial High School website, www.reitzmemorial.org, select "Admissions" tab, then "Tuition Assistance".

To download, type and print an application from Mater Dei High School website, www.materdeiwildcats.com, select "About MD" tab, then "Tuition and Fees".

Students wishing to attend either Mater Dei High School or Reitz Memorial High School may apply. CEF tuition awards are based entirely on financial need. Complete confidentiality is assured. Deadline for applying is March 12, 2010. Most of the grant funds will be awarded to those who apply on time. Appeals and late applications will be accepted until July 1, 2010 provided funding remains available.

Beginning early in 2010, a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) will be established under the leadership of the Diocese of Evansville to allow "school choice", or tuition assistance for students who qualify financially, and who wish to transfer from public school to private school. Parents can also apply to an SGO for tuition assistance for a child who will be entering kindergarten. Businesses and individuals are allowed a fifty percent Indiana tax credit in addition to the usual federal deduction for contributions made to an SGO. It is recommended that qualified parents of high school students apply to an SGO first, then to CEF if additional funding is needed.

For more information please call
Margaret Angermeier: 402-6700 Ext. 302.
Email: cef@evdio.org



Got weights collecting dust?

If you have any spare free weights or hex weights of 3 to 35 pounds, Mr. Wittmer, our PE teacher, would love to use them in some of students' PE classes.

Please contact Mr. Wittmer at
awittmer@hrparish.org
or 477-2271, extension 306. Thank you!