



HRS NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,



On behalf of the staff of Holy Rosary Parish and School, we want to wish all our school families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We feel very blessed to serve in this ministry at Holy Rosary. We thank you for the wonderful luncheon provided by PTO and school families on December 16. We're so very grateful for your generosity in contributing to the PTO Staff Stocking project. What a wonderful gift during this time of year! Please know that your support, partnership and prayers throughout the year are blessings to this staff and to the children.

May God bless and keep you and yours this Christmas and every of the New Year!

Peace and love,

Joan Fredrich ☺



Parents of Students in Grades Three Through Eight – ISTEP+

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience through the Indiana Department of Education's transition to online parent access to ISTEP+ scores. Hopefully, many of you have now been able to access information on the Parent Network website. If you have not had success doing so and have not already requested a copy of your student's scores, please feel free to do so through your child's teacher or through the school office. If you have questions regarding interpretation of the reports, please contact your student's teacher or Joan Fredrich. We're very proud of our students for their efforts and achievement on ISTEP+ and throughout the year!

Weather Related Information Reminder

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. 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 and evening activities will also be cancelled on that same day.

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Next Newsletter: January 15, 2009

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.**



A Blessing Before Christmas Break

Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord and pray that God will bless us and our families during the coming holy days.

May each of us help to make our home a place of love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves but helping others enjoy the blessings of Christmas.

May the Lord's face shine on us, and may the Lord guide our feet into the way of peace.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever.

May almighty God give you light and joy. And, until we gather here again, may God bless all of us.

Amen.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	19	Free Dress (No Popcorn)
	19	Last Day of School before Christmas Break / End of Qtr. 2
January	5	1st Day Back to School/2009
	7	Spirit Dress
	7	Qtr 2 Report cards go home
	8	MASS—8:15 a.m. (7-E plans)
	15	MASS—8:15 a.m. (7-S plans)
	19	No School —Martin Luther King Day (<i>Potential Make-up Day</i>)
	21	Spirit Dress
	22	MASS—8:15 a.m. (6-G plans)
	25-31	Catholic Schools Week 2009
	28	Kindergarten Round Up and Registration
	29	MASS—8:15 a.m. CSW (Carol Ann Gaddis plans)



2009-2010 TUITION GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR MEMORIAL AND MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is announcing that applications for tuition grants for the 2009-2010 school year are now available at Catholic grade school offices and parish offices. Applications are also available at the offices of Reitz Memorial High School and Mater Dei High School. Deadline for applying is March 12, 2009.

CEF tuition grants are available to financially qualified students wishing to attend either Reitz Memorial High School or Mater Dei High School.

For further information please call Margaret Angermeier, Administrative Director of the Catholic Education Foundation at 402-6700, ext. 302. Email: cef@evansville-diocese.org.

To download and print an application from Reitz Memorial High School website, www.mhs.evansville.net, select "Common Questions" tab, then "Is Tuition Assistance Available?"

MANY THANKS TO YOU!!!

Holy Rosary School staff and students extend thanks to all those people who volunteered their time and talents toward the wonderful production of the Holy Rosary Advent Program and play entitled "The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd", which was performed by all of the Holy Rosary students in Grades K-8 on Dec. 10. Special thanks to the Holy Rosary staff for all of their outstanding efforts and donations of their time and talents in helping the students succeed in this production. Thanks to Joan Fredrich and Fr. Bernie for their Christian leadership, and to the Holy Rosary Parish for the use of their facilities for practices and for the program.

During the Grand Finale, all students including the Holy Rosary Youth Bell Choir sang and performed a choreographed rendition of "We Will Build the Kingdom". This song was composed and directed by Jill Kremer Jackson. During this song, each student offered a construction block to God which symbolized each person's responsibility for using his or her talents in the service of God, self, and others.

Brandon Video has created a DVD of this production which is being sold for \$15. If you wish to order a copy of this DVD please contact the school office for an order form or contact Brandon Video, Julie and Dennis Brandon, 471 -8745 or 303-8023.

Ann Nagy, Advent Program Music Director, Planner and Coordinator



Save while shopping at Schnucks
Schnucks eScrip Customer Card

Schnucks and their customer card now make it easy for you to contribute to Holy Rosary School and save on your tuition!

Pick up an eScrip customer card at any Schnucks store and sign up over the phone. Info is right on the card! Then each time you shop for groceries show them your customer card and up to 3% of your total purchase will be forwarded to the PTO / your tuition account.

Holy Rosary code # 500019205

This card has no money value, it is simply a method of tracking where the funds should be forwarded. Thanks for your support of the school.



GEOGRAPHY BEE

The Geography Bee was held in the cafeteria on December 15th. Sixth-grader Jordan Rhodes won the Geography Bee this year.

Seventh-grader Trevor Hodgson was the runner-up.

Jordan will take the state qualifying test on Jan 12 or 13.

Congratulations to Jordan, Trevor and all the participants!

And good luck to Jordan in January!



Today's Inspiration

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem;

Not to mention that Friday at Calvary.

Face it, He's crazy about you!



(Submitted to the newsletter by Katie Schwenk)