



HRS NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,



As part of our continued participation in the Marian Educational Outreach (MEO) Grant and **Differentiated Instruction (DI)** training process we request that our parents take just a few minutes to fill out and return a survey. You will find included in today's parent pack a **"January 2009 School Climate Survey – Parent Form"**. All surveys need to be returned to school by January 26. At this point, MEO has contracted a consulting firm to pick up and process these surveys for MEO. We thank you in advance, for your participation and for your support of our faculty and DI at Holy Rosary.

Also included in today's parent pack is some very important information about **Catholic Schools Week 2009** – January 26-31! The national CSW theme this year is **"Celebrate Service"**, and our local theme is **"Build God's Kingdom"**. We're excited about our plan to integrate these two themes this year by *conducting a food drive, building a "kingdom" with the collected items, and then donating them to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.* Information in the flyer will give more details about this project as well as about our CSW activities. We're looking forward to a fun and educational week celebrating Catholic schools and Holy Rosary. Please watch for your child to bring home his/her CSW "Build God's Kingdom" t-shirts on Friday, January 23. The staff and students will be able to wear their shirts on designated days during CSW. Be sure to keep track of these t-shirts, as we will all wear these same shirts on Friday, May 14 for Field Day!

Congratulations to all of the HR eighth graders for their participation in the **Serra Club Essay Contest**. This program offers students the opportunity to explore the meaning of vocations and to reflect on what they've learned through writing. This year's winning essays belong to eighth graders, *Macie Elliott* and *Clara Whetstine*. This year's runners-up are *Rachel Frank*, *Kristen Guerretaz*, *Jenna Martin*, and *Brooklyn Robb*. Macie and Clara will be honored at the Serra Club luncheon on Friday, January 16 along with the winners from other participating diocesan schools and parishes. Congratulations to Macie, Clara, and our runners-up for a job well done!

Please know that the students and staff of Holy Rosary continue to keep our school and parish families in our prayers. We pray in thanksgiving for your support and partnership and prayers. We pray in petition for your needs and your cares.

May God's peace be yours,

Joan Fredrich ☺



January 15, 2009

Next Newsletter: January 29, 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.**



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday we will celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. He led African Americans in their struggle for civil rights. He preached Christian love and unity, and he tried to win justice without using violence.

Let us pray...
God of all nations
and Creator of all peoples,
heal all that divides us.

Teach us to live together in peace.
As our world is one,
so our future is one.
Give us one heart and one vision.
Make us one body in Christ Jesus,
filled with the joy
of your Holy Spirit.

We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	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)
	26-31	Catholic Schools Week 2009
	28	Kindergarten Round Up 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall
	29	MASS—8:15 a.m. CSW <i>(Carol Ann Gaddis plans)</i>
	30	Free Dress/Popcorn
February	4	Quarter 3 Midterms go home
	4	Spirit Dress
	5	MASS—8:15 a.m. (6-W plans)
	11	Early Dismissal @ 12:15 p.m. Teacher In Service
	12	MASS—8:15 a.m. (5-F plans)
	16	No School —Presidents’ Day <i>(Potential Make-up Day)</i>
	18	Spirit Dress
	27	Free Dress/Popcorn
March	2-11	Spring 2009 ISTEP+ grades 3-8 (Progress)
	4	Spirit Dress
	6	Last Day of Quarter 3
	8-15	Eighth Grade Play

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP



Kindergarten Round Up and Registration will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Please join us...

- ♥ to hear our teachers present a “typical” day in Kindergarten,
- ♥ to learn more about Minds In Motion, and
- ♥ to gather Kindergarten Readiness information.

Each family will receive a registration folder and important information on getting your child enrolled!



2009-2010 TUITION GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR REITZ MEMORIAL & 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.

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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?”

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



PHYSICALS FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS & 6TH GRADERS

Students entering kindergarten and sixth grade for the 2009-2010 school year must have a physical and immunization update before the beginning of school.

Physicals performed after January 1, 2009 are considered valid for the school year beginning in August of the same year.

Make your appointments now. You may request a form at the school office or one will be sent home in early spring.

Grade 5**High Honors**

James Beckman
 Madison Bitter
 Cori Dixon
 Lucy Hammet
 Leanne Helfrich
 Brennan Jenkins
 Austin Kuhn
 Keagan Kumar
 Max McCool
 Cody Perakslis
 Max Scheu
 Aubre Stofleth
 Sam Talbert
 Colin Throop
 Maxwell Tucker

Honors

Adam Groves
 Chase Throop
 Robby Zimmermann

Honorable Mention

Lindsey Cameron
 Alex Gerling
 Sidney Hildebrandt
 BreAnn Rehl
 Ellie Sander
 Megan Strassweg
 Olivia Vandever

Grade 6**High Honors**

Austin Guerrettaz
 Ella Funke
 Olivia Jung
 Alex Kieffer
 Evan Lattner
 Taylor Morris
 Darby Ray
 M. J. Schulz
 Elaina Shakun
 Ellen Thompson
 Emma Tisserand
 Victoria Wheatley

Honors

Emily Arabia
 Keaghan Holland
 Jordan Rhodes
 Patrick Samila
 Brigitte Swartwood

Honorable Mention

Madison McKinney
 Andrew McMullen

**Grade 7****High Honors**

J. T. Abshier
 Emily Burkart
 Jacob Gipson
 Charlie Haynie
 Trevor Hodgson
 Hannah Lloyd
 Payne Wagner
 Vincent Werthmann
 Anna Zimmermann

Honors

Serena Ary
 Elizabeth Barnes
 Karen Bevers
 Alec Biggerstaff
 Zach Crabtree
 Jacob Curtis
 Alex Groves
 Hannah Sander
 Lauren Springhetti

Honorable Mention

Remington Colbert
 Victoria Schaefer

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

Lisa Blubaugh
 Macie Elliott
 Sonia D'Mello
 Kristen Guerrettaz
 Kaitlyn Kessler
 Gracie Lachowecki
 Jenna Martin
 Chris Meuth

Honors

Rachel Frank
 Stephanie Kuhlman
 Ashlyn Niemeier
 Clara Whetstine

Honorable Mention

Jacob Bell
 Vinnie Bonano
 Charlie Greif
 Brenna Lockwood
 Zach McCall
 Brooklyn Robb

**SPELLING BEE RESULTS**

The Holy Rosary Spelling Bee was held on January 8, 2009. The following students participated:

4-G	Abby Alexander, Katherine Compton	7-E	Charlie Haynie, John Milligan
4-J	Michael Samila, Alex Schaefer	7-S	J. T. Abshier, Vincent Werthmann
5-D	Austin Kuhn, Aubre Stofleth	8-A	Kristen Guerrettaz, Keaton Maurer
5-F	James Beckman, Adam Groves	8-V	Macie Elliott, Mason Royalty
6-G	Jordan Rhodes, M. J. Schulz		
6-W	Austin Guerrettaz, Evan Lattner		

Macie Elliott was declared the winner; Austin Guerrettaz was our runner-up. Congratulations to both of you!!
 Macie will compete in the Vanderburgh County Bee on Saturday, February 7, 2009
 at 11:00 a.m., at Central High School.

GOOD LUCK, MACIE!!



Strengthening Families
(for children ages 10-14)
offered at St. Benedict School

The Associated Press and MTV conducted a survey of teens recently and asked, "What makes you happy?" The No. 1 answer was "Spending time with family." Today's kids may not show it, but family time is important to them. What is also crucial, as we look toward a new year full of resolutions, is to remember to put "family time" at the top of our resolution list. Youth First, a local not-for-profit whose mission is to reduce substance abuse through research and proven programs, offers Strengthening Families, a program designed for families. Strengthening Families programs are appropriate for all families with children ages 10 to 14. Trained facilitators lead families through weekly sessions designed to enhance parenting skills, communication skills, peer resistance skills and family bonds. Each Strengthening Families session begins with a family dinner, followed by break-out sessions for parents and youth. The last hour is spent as a family working on skill-building tasks. A parent who recently participated in Strengthening Families said it best when describing the impact of the program on her family: "This program helped me realize that quality time should be spent together. No matter how busy, take the time."

To get more information about the program contact: **Lauren Leshner, Youth First School Counselor at Holy Rosary School at 477-2271 or llesher@hrparish.org**. We have families from all over the community for this program. Currently we have families from both Good Shepherd and St. Ben's and would love to have families join from Holy Rosary for this free, wonderful opportunity!

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.



KEEP SAVING YOUR
Campbell's Labels & Boxtops

FINANCIAL AID
FOR HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL



Each year Holy Rosary Catholic Church offers financial assistance to help with tuition/IMT fees to families with children enrolled in our grade school. Applications for Financial Assistance for the 2009-2010 school year are available in the School and Parish office.

You may stop by and pick one up during office hours.
Deadline for applying is April 30, 2009.



Athletic Events and Practices

This is a reminder to all parents whose children are involved in athletics at Holy Rosary... Please be sure that you drop off your children *on time*, **but not early** for athletic practices and games.

Students dropped off early and before the coach has arrived are unsupervised. They often try to join the activities of students in After School Care which makes supervision of the ASC students more difficult. It is important that you are sure that the coach has arrived before leaving them at their practice.

Thank you for your help in this matter.