



HRS NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

It is highly likely that you've been hearing about the recent March 2-11 Spring 2009 ISTEP+ testing. As was noted in the newspaper and what we experienced here at Holy Rosary, many students found the testing to be particularly stressful because some of the material tested has not been taught yet. The allotted time for some of the subtests was short causing students who are used to finishing well under time to not finish or to feel rushed. Also, all of the tests included significant writing which added to the stress. Please know that we let the students know ahead of time that there will be problems on the test that they have never seen before or that they have not yet been taught. We remind them that all we ask of them is that they simply do their best. We try to help them understand that this is the *transition year* and that their scores on this test are used by the state for setting norms for future spring testing and for setting the cut scores. Our current ISTEP+ ranking, Exemplary (highest ranking), is set on Fall 2008 scores and our future ranking will be set from Spring 2010 scores. Our third through eighth grade students will participate in one more testing session yet this school year. April 27-May 6 is the testing window for the multiple choice portion of the spring ISTEP+. We're told that we can expect the reports for both of these spring testing sessions to be available to us in August of 2009. We're very proud of our HR students for their effort and hard work on these tests and throughout the year!

Spring Break is the week of March 23-27. We hope all our families have a wonderful and restful break. May your days be blessed.

For the children,

Joan Fredrich ☺



March 12, 2009

Next Newsletter: April 9, 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.**

LENT



Remember: Lent is not just about doing special things and saying special prayers.

The things we do and the prayers we say can help us understand God's word more clearly and live accordingly to that word more generously.

If they do not do that, then they are not useful.

Another good thing to remember is that Christians should be joyful.

Joy isn't always loud and full of smiles. Sometimes joy is quiet and thoughtful.

During Lent, we are full of quiet joy.

Many people are listening to God.

Many people are turning away from sin. Many are preparing to be baptized at Easter. Many are helping each other and working for peace and carrying the good news of Jesus to every corner of the world.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



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.

CURRENT STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2009-2010



If we have not received your registration form for next school year, another form has been included in this parent pack. Please return the registration form as soon as possible so we can plan for 2009-10 class sizes. Thank you.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March | 13 | Last Day of Quarter 3 (this is a change) |
| | 18 | Spirit Dress |
| | 15-18 | Holy Rosary Parish Mission |
| | 18 | Quarter 3 report cards go home |
| | 19 | MASS—8:15 a.m. (3-Sew plans) |
| | 19 | Gr. 2-8 Lent Penance Services |
| | 23-27 | Spring Break—No School |
| April | 1 | Spirit Dress |
| | 2 | MASS—8:15 a.m. (2-A plans) |
| | 8 | MASS—8:15 a.m. (2-W plans) |
| | 10 | School in Session—Good Friday |
| | 13 | School in Session—Easter Monday |
| | 15 | Spirit Dress |
| | 15 | Quarter 4 Midterms go home |
| | 16 | MASS—8:15 a.m. (1-D plans) |
| | 22 | Early Dismissal @ 12:15 pm Teacher In Service |



GEOGRAPHY BEE RESULTS

Jordan Rhodes, gr. 6, the winner of the Holy Rosary School Geography Bee, has qualified for the state-wide Bee to be held in Indianapolis. To qualify, Jordan had to score in the top 100 of all school Bee winners in Indiana.

Only about a quarter of school Bee winners advance to the state Bee. Jordan will compete at the state Bee on Friday, April 3, at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus (IUPUI).

Congratulations Jordan and Good Luck on April 3!



YEARBOOK REMINDER

Anyone who is still interested in ordering a yearbook for the 2008-09 school year, please send in your order forms & money.



TALES & SCALES

A One-day Camp Imagination!
Spring Break 2009 at cMoe

Camp Imagination offers a unique opportunity to explore the world of performing arts! Wednesday, March 25, 9am-4 pm
Registration deadline: Mon., March 9, Ages: 5-11, currently in K - 5th grade, Registration Fee: \$35.00 (\$31.50 cMoe member)

For more information or to make a reservation call cMoe at (812) 464-2663, ext. 230 or visit their website @ www.talesandscales.org



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.

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"

From Mrs. Nagy & Mrs. Holderread:

The following students have been named as an **Honorable Mention** in the Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra's Symphony of Color Art Contest.

These students and the titles of their creations are:
Summer McIntyre, *Winter Storm*,
Caroline Haynie, *Summer Social*,
and Max Zimmermann, *Twenty Penguins*.



Summer, Caroline and Max each have won two complimentary tickets to the Youth Orchestra's 2009 Spring Concert on May 16th. Their artwork will be displayed above the orchestra during the May 16th performance of this year's selected work, *The Four Seasons*—and also at the Young People's Concerts (Grades 3-5) presented for thousands of tri-state students on March 11, 12, and 13 at the Victory Theatre. Winning artwork will also be displayed in the lobby for audiences to see as they enter and exit the theatre.

**Congratulations to our winners
and all students who entered!**