



HRS NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,



Tomorrow, Friday, December 4th, is our First Friday Adoration Day for the month of December. Tomorrow we add another special opportunity for our school students. Usually on First Fridays, we have Benediction at 5:00pm in church, but on the First Fridays of Advent and Lent, we will have Benediction at 2:00pm so that our school students can experience this special Catholic tradition. If it's been a while since you've attended Adoration or Benediction, check out our Catholic Identity Corner to learn more! We hope you can join us tomorrow for Adoration and/or Benediction.

During this season of Advent, we remember in a special way that God sent his son, Jesus, to be born as man among us. He came to us as a child, innocent, in need of love and care. He was once a child much like the children who are entrusted to our care each day. It is our privilege to serve these children of God each day. Please know that we will continue to keep them and all our families in our prayers and care each day.

May God's hope and peace be your light each day.

For all His children,

Joan Fredrich



Catholic Identity Corner

ADORATION and BENEDICTION

Adoration - Worship; the greatest honor, given only to God. Honor given to Mary is not adoration. It is called *hyperdulia*. Honor given to saints and angels is called *dulia*.

Monstrance - The sacred vessel that holds the Blessed Sacrament when it is displayed for public adoration or Benediction. Through the clear glass container - called the *luna* - in the center, we can see the consecrated Host. Usually the monstrance has rays surrounding the center to symbolize the many graces that come to us from the Holy Eucharist. The monstrance is often placed on the altar. At times it is carried in a procession.

Benediction - A blessing, in particular the act of blessing people with the Holy Eucharist after exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. See *exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - The ritual in which the Eucharist is taken from the tabernacle, placed in a monstrance, and set on the altar for public adoration. Exposition is typically followed by a special blessing with the Eucharist called Benediction. See *Benediction*.

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Next Newsletter: December 17, 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.**



Advent

The four weeks of Advent have begun! The word "advent" means "coming." During this season we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus when he comes. Of course, Jesus does not come just once a year. He comes when we are in trouble, when we rejoice, when we pray, when we celebrate and when we love one another in his name. We take this time every year to practice being ready—so we can receive Jesus every day of our lives!



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	4	First Friday Adoration @ 2 p.m.
	8	MASS—8:15 a.m. Gr. K-8 (8-V) plans (Tues.) Immaculate Conception
	9	Advent Program K-8 in Church 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
	10	PEERS Program—Gr. 6, 7 & 8
	11	Preschool Advent Program 9 a.m. in Church
	15	Third Grade Retreat (12:30 to 2:30) in Parish Hall
	16	Spirit Dress
	16	Fifth Grade Retreat (12:30 to 2:30) in Parish Hall
	17	MASS—Gr. K-8 (8-A) plans
	17	Penance Service Gr. 3-8 (after Mass)
	18	End of Second Grading Period End of First Semester
Dec. 21-Jan. 1		NO SCHOOL —Christmas Break
January	4	Classes Resume
	6	Spirit Dress
	7	MASS—Gr. K-8 (7-A) plans
	7	Spelling Be @ 1:30 in the school cafeteria
	11	Second Quarter K-8 Report Cards go home
	14	MASS—Gr. K-8 (7-S) plans
	18	NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <i>Potential Make-Up Day</i>
	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



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!



SCRIP MAKES CENTS NEWS

SCRIPS HOLIDAY ORDER SCHEDULE

starting after Thanksgiving we will place orders on

Monday-Dec. 7th
Wednesday-Dec. 9th

After this date the only cards available
will be from existing inventory.

DEADLINE—12 NOON ON ORDER DAYS



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 a little chilly/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!



HOLY ROSARY **ADVENT PROGRAM**

The Holy Rosary School 2009 Advent Program will be presented on Wed., Dec. 9 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Holy Rosary Church. All students in Grades K-8 will be participating in this program. Within this program, the eighth grade class will perform a short Advent play entitled "On Our Way to Bethlehem" which focuses on the theme that we are each called to share our gifts with each other as we journey to find and personally know Christ as our Lord and Savior.



Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Please find in today's parent pack a letter regarding the **PEERS Project** to be presented on Friday, December 11th.



VARSITY TOURNAMENT SPEECH RESULTS

November 17, 2009

CONGRATULATIONS HOLY ROSARY SPELL BOWL TEAM

Dramatic Interpretation

Karen Bevers 8th Place
Emily Martyn 5th Place

Impromptu

J.T. Abshier 2nd Place
Tori Ann Schaefer 6th Place

Poetry

Hannah Lloyd 9th Place

The speaker of the year is **Karen Bevers**.

The Varsity speech team received 2nd place overall in division two for the 2009 season.

Congratulations to all participants on a job well done!
(Please see the back of this page for a big “thank you” to varsity speech helpers)

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We Are Called to be THANKFUL...

...for all the volunteers who helped our **Sixth Grade Speech Team!**

- ◇ Cathy Zimmermann and Charlene Bitter, co-coordinators
- ◇ Tammy Hildebrandt
- ◇ Johnna Cameron
- ◇ Julie Vandever
- ◇ Grant Gerling
- ◇ Gayle Gerling-Pettinga
- ◇ Mark Jenkins
- ◇ Laura Clements
- ◇ Leann Sander
- ◇ Jeremy Slocum
- ◇ Torrie Strassweg

We couldn't have done it without you!
Looking forward to varsity speech next year! ☺

On Thursday, November 19th at Central High School, Holy Rosary spell bowl team competed in spell bowl competition.

The group took 5th place in class 2. Special congratulations to Lilah Redmon's 6 out of 7 words spelled correct earning her a “near perfect” award.

Spell Bowl Spellers:

- Alex Schaefer
- Lilah Redmon
- Will Talbert
- Adam Groves
- Makayla Simpson
- Olivia Wheatley
- Max McCool
- Lauren Koch

Student Assistants:

- Keagan Kumar
- Austin Kuhn
- Tyler West
- Jake Helfrich
- Jennifer Beckman

We Are Called to be THANKFUL...

- ...for all the volunteers who helped make the Elementary Spell Bowl Team a reality!
- ◇ Carol Schaefer for being our coordinator/coach!
 - ◇ Jill and Joe Helfrich, Julie and Brett Redmon,
 - ◇ Paula and George Koch and Susan & Chris Simpson for providing snacks!
 - ◇ Susan Simpson for being our Adult Assistant!
 - ◇ Sherri Wheatley for being our Proctor!

We are grateful for your time and care!

TEPE 2009

The winner of TEPE was 6-W with a total of 422.

The Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in T.E.P.E. this year. We had a wonderful collection with **3,511 items** and **\$930.00** in script cards.

Holy Rosary is truly blessed to have great students and parents who care so much for the community. Once again, thank you for your continued support and endless giving to our school. Thanks!

Miss Hallie Denstorff - 5th Grade
Holy Rosary Catholic School