

# 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.



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and may God bless and keep you in the New Year!

For all His children,

Joan Fredrich



## Catholic Identity Corner

Advent is the liturgical season during which the church prepares for Jesus' coming. Advent means "coming". The season of Advent ends with Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth, His coming in history. During Advent we also reflect on Jesus' coming to us every day in mystery as well as on His Second Coming in majesty at the end of time.

Be sure to take time during the remainder of Advent to prepare your hearts for Jesus' coming to us on Christmas Day! We can prepare for Jesus to be in our hearts through our thoughts, our behaviors and our prayers.

**December 17, 2009**

**Next Newsletter: January 14, 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.**



## A Blessing Before Christmas Break

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

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

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

Amen.

## Walking Club starts in January 2010!



Watch the January 14<sup>th</sup> newsletter and school website for information regarding our Walking Club! Students and grown-ups will be invited to join us for exercise in 2010!





## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	18	End of Second Grading Period End of First Semester
Dec. 21-Jan. 1		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> —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	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> 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
February	3	Spirit Dress
	<b>3</b>	<b>Kindergarten Round Up &amp; Registration</b>
	4	MASS—Gr. K-8 (CSW)
	5	First Friday Adoration
	11	MASS—Gr. K-8 (5-D) plans
	13	CSW Saturday Mass @ 5 p.m.
	15	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -President's Day <i>Potential Make-Up Day</i>
	17	MASS—Gr. K-8 (5-F) plans Ash Wednesday
	17	Spirit Dress
	17	Ash Wednesday
	25	MASS—Gr. K-8 (4-G) plans
	26	Free Dress



### 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](http://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.



### 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](mailto:awittmer@hrparish.org)  
or 477-2271, extension 306. Thank you!

**From Mrs. Nagy:**



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 "On Our Way to Bethlehem", which was performed by all of the Holy Rosary students in Grades K-8 on Dec. 9. 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.

The beautifully painted cloth mural of a manger scene helped transform Holy Rosary Church into a setting for the Eighth graders re-enactment of the Nativity story. Every class sang songs which reinforced Scriptural themes. The students received many compliments on their singing, choreographed movements, acting, costumes, set design, recorder playing, and band performance. The entire staff and over 20 volunteers helped in the production of this inspirational Advent Program

An underlying theme from this program was that we are all called to share Christ's light and to help others as we travel on our own journeys to find Christ. During the Grand Finale, all students sang Enter the Journey as they performed choreographed movements with the use of glow sticks in a darkened Church.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> graders are enrolled) and at parish offices.

**To download, type and print an application from Reitz Memorial High School website, [www.reitzmemorial.org](http://www.reitzmemorial.org), select "Admissions" tab, then "Tuition Assistance".**

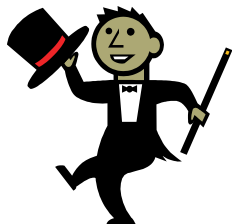
**To download, type and print an application from Mater Dei High School website, [www.materdeiwildcats.com](http://www.materdeiwildcats.com), select "About MD" tab, then "Tuition and Fees".**

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](mailto:cef@evdio.org)

### **COME SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT**



Actors, dancers, musicians, comedians and more are invited to take the stage at Atria Newburgh.

They are hosting a talent show January 6th at 6:00 p.m..

If you would like to come and show off your talent, call today and ask to speak with Della Grimes, Engage Life Director, to book your performance.

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