

HRS NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,



Please find included in today's Parent Pack information on *Catholic Schools Week(s) 2010!* Our theme is *We Are Called.* Over the next two weeks we will have many opportunities to celebrate, have fun, and be thankful for our Catholic school. It is a wonderful blessing to learn and grow, work and play, care and pray together in a community where we can openly share and celebrate our faith. You're invited to participate with us in our masses on Feb. 4, Feb. 11 and Feb. 13 and in our assembly on Feb. 8! Thank you all for being a part of HRS!

Don't forget you're welcome to join us in the mornings for **Walking Club!** We're in the gym on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 to 7:30am. Students and adults are walking together for a healthy start to the day!

Kindergarten Round Up and Registration will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. This night is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Kindergarten Readiness and the special Kindergarten program at Holy Rosary! If you have an age-eligible Kindergartener (5 years old by August 1, 2010) who is in our preschool or registered in our parish data system, you'll receive an invitation to Round Up in the mail. If for any reason you did not receive an invitation the week of January 11th, please call the school office to let us know and we'll get the information to you! (School Office 477-2271) Also, please feel free to invite friends or family if you know someone looking for a school! We would love to share our program with them!

Don't forget to get your tickets for *Diamonds, Denim and Dice, the Holy Rosary Gala 2010!* We look forward to a wonderful evening of dinner, dancing, auction items and community building! Come casual or dressy, but we hope you'll join us!

For all His children, Joan Fredrich

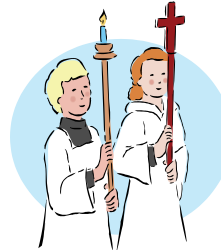


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Next Newsletter: February 11, 2010

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.**

SAINT BLAISE



February 3, we celebrate St. Blaise. Legend tells us that Blaise was a doctor as well as a bishop.

He once healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Because of that, Blaise is the patron of people who suffer from illnesses of the throat. It is a custom to pray for good health with a blessing of throats on this day. Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver us from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. Amen

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

Financial Aid Applications for those attending Holy Rosary School for the 2010 – 2011 school year are available in the Parish and School Office.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED BY APRIL 30, 2010

H1N1 FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE

If you still wish for your children or you to receive the H1N1 vaccination, Holy Rosary will be hosting a clinic on Monday, February 1. Today's parent pack includes clinic information, a vaccine information sheet and consent forms.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| January | 29 | Free Dress |
| | Jan. 30-Feb. 6 | Catholic Schools Week |
| February | 3 | Spirit Dress |
| | 3 | Kindergarten Round Up & Registration 2010-2011 |
| | 4 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (CSW) |
| | 5 | First Friday Adoration |
| | 6 | Holy Rosary Gala “Diamonds, Denim & Dice” |
| | 11 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (5-D) plans |
| | 13 | CSW Saturday Mass @ 5 p.m. |
| | 15 | SCHOOL IS IN SESSION President’s Day (<i>Make-Up Day</i>) |
| | 17 | Spirit Dress |
| | 17 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (5-F plans) Ash Wednesday (No mass on Thursday) |
| | 25 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (4-G) plans |
| | 26 | Free Dress |
| March | 1-10 | ISTEP+ Writing Assessment (grades 3-8) |
| | 3 | Spirit Dress |
| | 4 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (4-J plans) |
| | 5 | First Friday Adoration Benediction at 2:00 p.m. |
| | 5 | End of Third Grading Period |
| | 6-12 | Eighth Grade Play |
| | 11 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (3-Sch plans) |
| | 17 | 60th Anniversary of Holy Rosary |
| | 17 | Spirit Dress |
| | 18 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (3-Sew plans) |
| | 18 | Penance Service - Grades 2-8 after Mass |
| | 22-26 | Spring Break, No School |
| | 29 | Classes Resume |
| | 30 | Fourth Grade Retreat |
| | 31 | Sixth Grade Retreat |
| April | 1 | Prayer Service for Holy Thursday (No Mass) (2-A plans) |
| | 2 | Good Friday, No School <i>Potential Make-Up Day</i> |
| | 5 | Easter Monday, No School <i>Potential Make-Up Day</i> |
| | 7 | Spirit Dress |
| | 8 | MASS—Gr. K-8 (2-W plans) |



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.

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.

Catholic Identity Corner

Within our Thursday School Mass we try to help our children remain focused and to participate in the whole of the liturgy with reverence and respect. We work with the children on how to bow and genuflect at appropriate times and in a reverent manner. We encourage them to sit attentively (as compared to sitting slumped over, laying in each others laps or crawling on the floor) because it is easier for the children to listen to God speak to them in the Scripture. We try, not always with great success, to encourage the children to use the restroom before Mass begins. We do not want them to miss any part of the encounter with God that they can experience at Mass, especially during the reading of Sacred Scripture, the homily or the consecration of the Eucharist. Even the preparation of gifts and the offertory time are essential parts of the liturgy (no, it is not intermission) in which we lay on the altar our needs, desires, and sacrifices to God. We ask you, as parents, to help us in these efforts by encouraging reverent behavior at Mass on the weekends or other times you are at prayer. Together we can teach our children how to show great awe and wonder to God whenever we pray.

Greetings from WNIN!

CLIFFORD'S
ADVENTURES



I wanted to let you all know about a children's event that we have coming up on Saturday, February 6 at Washington Square Mall.

Clifford's BIG IDEA Bash will be held from 10 a.m. to Noon and will feature activities for children to learn more about Clifford's ten Big Ideas, such as being a good friend, having respect, and sharing. One of the activities will feature Tales and Scales, and there will even be an appearance from the Big Red Dog, himself!

I would greatly appreciate it if you are able to spread the word in order to make this event as successful as possible for the kids!

Thank you for your time!
Heidi Bennett

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 8th graders are enrolled) and at parish offices.

To download, type and print an application from Reitz Memorial High School website, 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, 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



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!