

Holy Redeemer School

Newsletter

February 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Important Dates

- February 1**– Volunteer Breakfast 7:45-8:30 am, School Mass 9:00 am, HSA Coin Drive Begins
- February 2**– Student Appreciation Day
- February 3**– Teacher Appreciation Day, Student Awards Ceremony 10:30 am in the Church, **12:30 DISMISSAL**
- February 6**– Birthday Prayer Service
- February 7**– PreK-2 Science/Habitat Assembly
- February 8**– Class Pictures
- February 10**– Progress Reports Mailed
- February 14**– Valentine's Day Class Parties
- February 17**– **NO SCHOOL**, Professional Development
- February 20**– **NO SCHOOL**, Presidents' Day
- Feb 21**– Grades 2-3 Fieldtrip, Cramton Auditorium
- February 22**– Ash Wednesday School Mass 9:00 am
- February 23**– Grades 1-2 Dinosaurs Assembly 9:30-10:15 am
- February 27**– RSR Prayer Service/SGA
- February 29**– Holy Redeemer Mission Assembly in Church
Grades K-4 9:00-9:30 am
Grades 5-8 10:00-11:00 am

Dear Parents and Students,

As our celebration of Catholic Schools Week draws to an end, I feel affirmed in our mission of *Excellence in Education with the Power of Faith*. Our students spoke at all of the masses, inviting parishioners to join us for a week of celebration. At the 10:00 AM mass, our Children's Choir led the congregation in song while other students served as greeters, lectors, and ushers. After the 8:00 and 10:00 masses on Community Sunday, the students proved to be excellent Ambassadors as they led tours of the school and demonstrated their knowledge and pride in Holy Redeemer School. We are very proud of our school, our faculty and most of all our students.

The Student Council led our Monday morning prayer service, and at our Tuesday Open House, we had many visitors who enjoyed the refreshments, displays and a performance from our School Choir. Parents who visited the classrooms were able to see Holy Redeemer School's reputation for academic excellence while promoting structure and discipline within a Christian environment.

Our Volunteer Breakfast and school mass were well attended. It felt good to be able to show appreciation to our parents for their generosity of time and support. So many of our parents volunteered or donated food items for the Catholic Schools Week open houses. Mrs. Buffington, Mr. and Mrs. Trone-Doyle, Mrs. Vega, Mrs. Earnest, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Oparaocha, Mrs. Lannon, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Dunn all contributed delicious food items to our breakfast buffet. Mrs. Hagos, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Marzolf-Miller donated juice, coffee and bottled water. Mrs. Hess graciously supplied us with the STAR balloons, and Mrs. Hresko and Mrs. Bielec worked non-stop on set-up and clean up. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Waldron who chaired the Community Sunday Open House and to Mrs. Butler who was the coordinator of the Tuesday Open House.

The sacred season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, February 22nd. Please join us at our 9:00 AM school mass when we receive the blessed ashes. The 40 days of Lent are a special time for all Christians as we deepen our relationship with God. Our students will once again give service through donations to the Holy Redeemer Parish, *Safe Haven* program and to the *Share in Hope* Food Drive sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities.

In looking ahead, I wish to remind you of our upcoming 80th Anniversary Adult Night, to be held Friday, March 2nd from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. We hope to have many alumni, parishioners, parents, staff and friends attend this fun event.

In closing, I wish to thank my students, faculty and staff, parents, and parish staff for all of their hard work, support and dedication in making Holy Redeemer a school of excellence.

God's blessings,

Maria C. Bovich
Principal



January RSRs

(Respect, Spirituality and Responsibility)

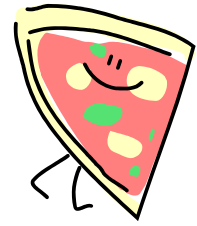
Pre-Kindergarten	Grade-2	Grade-6
Jenis Hudson	Marlyne Anaya	Hallie Eggleston
Amira Parra	Cora Jackson	Claudia Giunta
	Rachel Muzakir	Tyler Missick
	Kiran Varghese	Paul Rozario
Kindergarten	Grade-3	Grade-7
Miri Alexanderwicz	Olivia Heath	Michael Davis
Seybial Hwang	Jean Seka	Nathaniel Jones
Katherine Larkin	Ryan Suhr	Julianna Renzi
Owen Renberg		
Grace Wagner		
Grade-1	Grade-4	Grade-8
Agata Czaja	Caitlin Cullinane	Marcus Chavis
Oscar Fowler	Rebeca Dobson	Elizabeth Troiano
Kyleigh Keane	Ruth Furlong	Callum Walton
Nathan Keen	Ian Phillips	Amanda Woodson
Ryan Missick	Grade-5	
	Kendall Bankett	
	Ian Blizard	
	Alyssa Heintzeman	
	Beverly Udegbe	

4TH GRADE VISITS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

On January 24, the 4th grade had a wonderful time on their art fieldtrip to the National Museum of African Art. The trip included a walk around the formal gardens in front of the Smithsonian Castle Building and a workshop on making Ndebele dolls. These South African dolls date back to the 1600's and were used to teach girls their roles in society. Our students used recycled water bottles as the body and decorated their dolls with African patterned fabric, yarn, beads and shells. We will build on this activity by constructing typical village houses and writing plays for the dolls to perform. A big THANK YOU to our wonderful chaperones: Mr. Miko, Mrs. Ofotan, Mr. Rincon and Mrs. Thompson. We couldn't have done it without you!

WAY TO GO KINDERGARTEN!

Congratulations to the Kindergarten class. They earned a pizza party and a dress-down day for selling the highest amount of sales during our Equal Exchange fundraiser in November.



Thank you to the following families who donated items and shared their time and talents to make *Catholic Schools Week* a huge success:

Waldron Family
Buffington-Badrak Family
Hagos Family
Gebremedhin Family
Jackson Family
Trone-Doyle Family
Vega-Dobson Family
Earnest Family
Weeks Family
Oparaocha Family
Hess Family
Marzolf-Miller Family
Lannon Family
Young Family
Dunn Family
Butler Family
Bielec Family
Hresko Family



Principal's List

4th Grade

Caitlin Cullinane
Nicholas Daniel
Joseph Harrington
Madeline Hille
Joshua John
Mary Keane
Sophie Kim
Corina Miko
Nicole Miko
Natalia Rincon
Christian Rindal
Catherine Troiano

5th Grade

Ryan Bishop
Shavika Gaind
Alyssa Heintzelman
Nikhil Jain
Carlo Pizzano

6th Grade

Charles Butler
Natalie Fowler
Eric Hotakainen
Colin Keane
Megan Suhr

8th Grade

Alexis Donovan
Margaret O'Brien
Destiny Oparaocha
John-Paul Perrotta
Samuel Tavares
Elizabeth Troiano
Kathleen vonStein
Charles Wagner
Noah Waldron
Amanda Woodson

4th Grade

Rebecca Bisrat
Jun Chung
Claire Giunta
Ruth John
Raquel LeBlanc
Peyton Macy
Grace Magill
Juan Rincon
James Thompson

5th Grade

Jada Batacan
Gregory Ewing
Louise Marzolf-Miller
Olivia Matheson
Luke Parr
Martha Philipos
Beverly Udegbe
Eleasa Woodson

6th Grade

Jacqueline Bielec
Breah Cyrus
Kaitlyn Griffith
Tyler Missick
Paul Rozario
Peter Russo
Alison Snider

7th Grade

Jasmine Batacan
Christopher Brunk
Gina Chung
Makayla Czan
Gabrielle Evans
Hannah Gardenhour
Brian Gorman
Lauren Hill
Natahaniel Jones
Brian McDonell
Anna Pizzano
Julianna Renzi
Catherine Rindal
William Song

8th Grade

Marcus Chavis
Jaime Flores, Jr.
Christopher
Gagnon
Reanald Olarte
Ryan Saladino
Jonathan Schnurr

First Honors

4th Grade

Thomas Parsons

5th Grade

Maria Beckert
Jillian Buchanan
Katrina Hresko
Mira Varghese
Caitlyn Weeks

6th Grade

Michael Bushema
Claudia Giunta
Kyleigh Meehan
Cheyenne Parks
Sophia Wagner

7th Grade

Michael Davis
Francis Oparaocha
Douglas Tschiffely

Grade 8

Connor Buchanan
Julia Pedersoli





Holy Redeemer Giving Tree

Thank you families for your generous contributions to our teachers' "wish lists" and the school:

- Sov Family**— Fantastic Fish
- Winterson Family**— The Trait Crate, *A Book of Saints for Catholic Moms*
- Missick Family**— Monetary Donation
- Ennis Family**— Monetary Donation



THE UMD READING CENTER'S SUMMER PROGRAM

The Summer Reading Program is a 5-week program held at an elementary school near the University of Maryland's College Park campus. It is designed for first through seventh grade students who are experiencing difficulty with reading. UMD graduate students enrolled in the Master's degree program in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction teach the program. The cost of the Summer Reading Program is \$425.00.

During the 5-week Summer Reading Program, teachers work with small groups and utilize a variety of research-based techniques to address individual reading needs. Emphasis is placed on helping children become more strategic readers. In addition, motivational concerns are addressed as many of the children have experienced repeated difficulty with literacy learning, leading to frustration or disinterest.

For more information, please call 301-405-3153. You can check out the Summer Reading Program website at: <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDCI/readingcenter/mission.htm>

The Buzz about the new P.E. Uniforms

During the November 2011 Home and School Association meeting, the new HRS Physical Education uniform made its first public debut. Several students modeled the new uniform and other accessories, available at *The Carousel*. Students may begin wearing the new uniform now, but they will not be mandatory until September 2013.

- **Summer P.E. Uniform:** Black fleece shorts + burgundy t-shirt with HRS Logo
- **Winter P.E. Uniform:** Black sweatpants + grey sweatshirt with HRS Logo



For details on ordering the new P.E. uniforms, please contact Lisa Case at *The Carousel*, 301-645-4660.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Tuition: Tuition is due the first of the month. Please enclose tuition payment in the white tuition envelope and return to school. There is a \$25 late fee for payments received after the 15th of the month. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks.

Hours Program: Each family is required to give 15 hours of service by March 31, 2012. Remember to log your volunteer hours in the hours notebook that is located on the podium near the art display case.

Questions/comments please contact Kathleen Walton at (301) 699-3427 or holy-redeemerhours@yahoo.com.

HRS Interpreter: Any school, parish or School of Religion function for which an interpreter is required, should be arranged with 2 weeks notice. Please contact Mary Chute O'Meara @ omearama@adw.org.

Progress Reports: 3rd quarter progress reports mailed.

Winter Weather Reminder: Winter is here! Please send your child/children to school in appropriate clothing for the cold weather-- winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Don't forget to label all items.





Box Tops for Education

Once again HRS will participate in the Box Tops for Education program. All earnings from box tops will be used to purchase materials for our Art Department, led by our wonderful art teacher, Mrs. Dyer.

The school earns **10 cents** for each Box Top collected. Holy Redeemer has earned over \$4,500 over the last six years.

The collection box is located next to the art display case.

Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

The A+ Bonus Bucks program is in full swing once again. Each time you shop using your Bonus Card, your designated school (HRS) will earn A+ Bonus Bucks, which converts into **CASH** each month. Please remember that everyone must re-designate each year.

This is one of the easiest ways to donate money to HRS. Through the Bonus Bucks program we are able to keep our technology program current.

To re-designate, go to GiantFood.com and look for A+Bonus Bucks or go to a Giant Food store. **Our ID number is 00458.**

Holy Redeemer Gift Certificate Program

Gift Certificates are available on Friday mornings on the mezzanine between 8:00-8:30 am and after all the weekend masses.

Anyone wishing to purchase certificates may also send their order and payment to the school office and the order will be filled in a timely manner and sent home with your child.

All Gift Certificate order forms are on the Holy Redeemer School web site.

Emergency Closings

Information regarding **late opening, early dismissal** or **no school due to inclement weather** will be announced over the **local radio and television stations and is also available on the Internet at:** www.schools-out.com. **Holy Redeemer follows the decision of Prince George's County public school system.**

If Prince George's County public schools are delayed or have no school, then there is a delay or no school for **Holy Redeemer students. If Holy Redeemer is scheduled for a 12:30 p.m. dismissal and the county has a two-hour delayed opening, then all students will have school and dismiss at 2:50 p.m.**

NOTE: If Prince George's County Public School System has a scheduled closing, listen for Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools, Prince George's County School announcement for closings or delays.

After Care Closings

Remember when an **emergency closing** has been called by **Prince George's County Public Schools or Holy Redeemer School, THERE IS NO AFTER CARE.**

Please listen to local radio or television stations when there is a prediction of inclement weather.

