



Holy Redeemer School

Newsletter

January 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Important Dates

- January 6th** - Mid Terms, Grades 6-8
- January 9th** - Mid Terms, Grades 6-8
- January 9th** – Kindergarten field trip, National Building Museum, 9:30-1:30 p.m.
- January 10th** - Mid Terms, Grades 6-8
- January 11th** - Mid Terms, Grades 6-8
- January 11th** – **12:30 Dismissal**
- January 12th** - Mid Terms, Grades 6-8
- January 13th** –End of 2nd Quarter, RSR Out-of-Uniform Day
- January 16th** – School Closed, MLK Holiday
- January 17th** – Re-Registration Begins for Current Families
- January 18th** – School Mass, 9:00 a.m.
- January 20th** – Report Cards Distributed, Pre-K-8th
- January 23rd** – March for Life
- January 27th** – CYO Dress Down Day
- January 29th** – Community Sunday/ Holy Redeemer School OPEN HOUSE, 9:00-12:00 p.m.
- January 29th- February 4th** – Catholic Schools Week
- January 31st** – Holy Redeemer School OPEN HOUSE, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy New Year! I wish you and your family God's peace and good health as we look forward to 2012 with all of its hopes and promises.

January promises to be a very busy month at Holy Redeemer School. We continue to focus on academic excellence as we near the end of the second quarter and prepare for Catholic Schools Week (January 29th – February 4th). The theme this year is "*Ca+holic Schools – Faith. Academics. Service.*" We want to spread the good news about Holy Redeemer School to those who may not know about us. Please invite a neighbor, friend or relative to attend our open houses to see how Holy Redeemer School lives up to its reputation of "*Excellence in Education with the Power of Faith.*"

We will start off the week on **Sunday, January 29th**, with our first *Open House* from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Our Children's Choir will be singing at the 10:00 AM mass, and guests may tour the school, talk with our teachers, view our curriculum displays, and enjoy refreshments. In addition, we hope to have a large turnout at our *Catholic Schools Week Open House* on **Tuesday, January 31st**, from 8:15 AM to 11:00 AM. Our Children's Choir will again perform that morning, and parents will have time to visit the classrooms and view our many displays.

On **Wednesday, February 1st**, the teachers are hosting a *Volunteer Breakfast* beginning at 7:30 AM, and we hope all of our parents and friends, who give so much of their time, will join us for breakfast and fellowship and then attend our *School Mass* at 9:00 AM.

We end the week on **Friday, February 5th**, with a **12:30 EARLY DISMISSAL**. Friday is also *Teacher Appreciation Day*, and our *Second Quarter Awards Assembly* will be held in the church at 10:30 AM.

I hope to see many of you throughout Catholic Schools Week as we celebrate Holy Redeemer School and the partnership of Students + Teachers + Parents.

God's Peace,

Maria Bovich
Principal

December RSR's (Respect, Spirituality and Responsibility)

Pre-Kindergarten

Zachary Gibbs
Huan Trinh

Kindergarten

Miri Alexanderwicz
Dania Calloway
Dominic Giunta
Madelyn Gore

Grade-1

Mason Hess
Jonathan Hillie
Neha Jain
Ellie Kim
Jade Ofotan
Ian Parson
Michelle Sov

Grade-2

Yasmin Alami
Melissa Guillen
Matthew Morris
Joshua Young

Grade-3

Austin Hess
Kayla Kirchknopf
Andrew Wagner

Grade-4

Brianna Canaval
Joshua John
Corina Miko
Christian Rindal

Grade-5

Ryan Bishop
Mitch Ewing
Alyssa Moran
Mira Varghese

Grade-6

Kaitlyn Griffith
Colin Keane
Vaughn Lucas
Cheyenne Parks

Grade-7

Maeve Ballantine
Gina Chung
Julianna Dunn
Matthew Gardner
Natalie Harrington
Lauren Hill
Taylor Koebler
William Song
William Winterson

Grade-8

Lexi Donovan
Jaime Flores
Julia Pedersoli



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.

Report Cards: 2nd quarter report cards will be distributed on Friday, January 20.

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.



Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

Please join us on January 29th, January 31st and February 1st during Catholic Schools Week to celebrate our wonderful school – Holy Redeemer School.

- **January 29th** Community Sunday/Catholic Schools Week Open House
9:00am-12:00 pm in the school and Four Seasons Room
- **January 31st** Holy Redeemer School OPEN HOUSE, 8:30-11:30 am
- **February 1st** Volunteer Breakfast
7:45-8:30am in the FSR,
School Mass, 9:00 am
- **February 2nd** Student Appreciation Day - Dress Down Day!
- **February 3rd** Teacher Appreciation Day,
2nd Quarter Awards Assembly
10:30 am in Church,
12:30 Dismissal

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.

Holy Redeemer Giving Tree

Located in the main hallway outside of the school office is the Holy Redeemer School **Giving Tree**. Please take the time to look at the leaves on the tree, which contain the wishes and needs from our teachers for their students and classrooms. We have had so many generous donations already such as books, cd's, white boards, games, art supplies, classroom furnishings, computer technology, and monetary donations. If you are able, please choose a leaf from the tree, attach a check (made out to Holy Redeemer School) or cash and slide your donation under the door to the school office. Please make sure you leave us your full name so that we may send you a thank you letter and place your name on our donations list in the next school newsletter. Thank you for your support of Holy Redeemer School.

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

Berg Family— Monetary Donation

Earnest Family— Electric Pencil Sharpener

Lannon Family— Add/Subtract Game,
(2) Numeracy Centers in a Bag

Miko Family— (3) Numeracy Centers in a Bag

Pizzano Family— Leaders of the Ancient World Book Set

3 Dozen Sharpies

Elasticity of Gases Apparatus





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.

