

# Holy Martyrs School

SCHOOL NEWS

From: Mr. Hayden

January 2010

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Holy Martyrs School, I offer my deepest thanks for your generosity during the holiday season. Please know that the gifts we received are most appreciated and will certainly be put to good use. The continued support of so many parents inspires us to continue to provide the best learning opportunities for all of our students.

We pray that the new year bring you all closer to each other and closer to God. May we all enjoy many more blessings for the new year and beyond.

Sincerely,

*David J. Hayden*

Principal

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Monday, January 18, 2010

Please plan on joining us as we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through this day of service. Additional information will be coming home shortly.

## Spreading the Good News

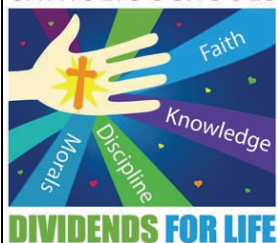
Congratulations to **John Archie, Theodore Arsenault, Kaitlyn Brogan, Lauren Brogan, Tara Dingley, Lydia Gahm, Alyssa McFadden, and Sara Violi.**

These 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students have qualified for the *Archdiocese of Philadelphia Neumann Scholarship Exam*. To qualify, students must meet or exceed the competitive minimum requirements of:

- 92% Academic Average in Grade 7 AND
- 120 CSI (Terra Nova Cognitive Score Index)  
OR
- 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile National Rank in total score on the Terra Nova tests taken in Grade 7

Congratulations to these individuals on their achievement!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## Catholic Schools Week 2010

To celebrate this exciting week, we have a number of events planned. We hope that all students, parents, and friends will join us for our Open House:

**Holy Martyrs School Open House  
Sunday January 31st**

**Following the 9:00am Parish Mass**

The Open House is a great opportunity to see what makes Holy Martyrs School a great place to be and is a wonderful way to kick off this week-long celebration of Catholic Schools.

**Grandparents Mass and Luncheon  
Wednesday, February 3rd**

**10:30am Mass / 11:30am Luncheon  
12:30pm HMS Band Concert**

Mark your calendars now and spread the word to our senior friends for this annual tradition!

**TOMBOLA  
Friday, February 5th**

Tombola is Holy Martyrs annual raffle in which students buy chances to win different prizes. The drawing is held during the afternoon assembly on the last day of Catholic Schools Week. We are looking for any donations – gift cards, baskets, etc. for our raffle. Please send donations to Mrs. Hill (Grade 7). Thank you for your support!

## Free Eagles Tag Day

Show your team spirit as the Eagles make a run to the Super Bowl. We will have free Eagles Tag Days every Friday (as long as the Eagles are in the playoffs).

**Eagles Tag Day  
Friday, January 8th  
Free for all students**

Fly Eagles Fly...E-A-G-L-E-S!

## Emergency Closing Information

**Reminder:** For Weather-related Closings, please check KYW-Radio (1060 AM) and WPVI-TV (Ch. 6) for the latest closings.

## Holy Martyrs School – 1111

For busing service only, please keep in mind the following school closing numbers:

Springfield – 319 / Abington – 301 / Colonial – 305  
Upper Dublin – 311 / Cheltenham - 306

**Sacrament Update**  
**First Holy Communion Retreat and Presentation of Candidates**  
**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:45am-12pm**

All students that will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to attend our retreat experience which will include Mass, Breakfast, and Spiritual experience.

This presentation includes our current Grade 3 students and PREP students who have received the sacrament of First Reconciliation (December 12) and will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st.

Students should arrive at 8:45am and report to the Parish Hall for registration. The students will process up to church for mass and will sit as a group. During the Mass, students will be called to stand and be presented to the parish. Please keep all of these boys and girls in your prayers as they prepare for these important steps in their faith formation.

Additional information will be coming forth from Mrs. Carole Galante. If you have any questions you may contact her by phone at 215-884-8575 or via email at [carolegalante@yahoo.com](mailto:carolegalante@yahoo.com).

**National Vocation Awareness Week**  
**January 10-16, 2010**

Please check out the Archdiocese of Philadelphia link for information on this important week. For more information and resources, visit the website: [www.heedthecall.org](http://www.heedthecall.org)



**Monday, January 11, 2010** - Cardinal Rigali has made an *Archdiocesan Day of Eucharistic Adoration for Priestly Vocations*. The Blessed Sacrament will be presented for all to pray. Classroom teachers will be bringing students to the church for this important prayer experience.

**Prayer for Priestly Vocations**

*Loving God,  
You call us through our baptism in the Spirit to continue the mission of your beloved Son, Jesus.*

*Open us to listen attentively for your invitation.  
Empower us to respond to your call.*

*Inspire women and men to follow the path of service. Together may we build up the Church to be a vibrant sign of your presence in our world.*

*We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

**Cold and Flu Season and**  
**Appointments During School Hours**

For the most part, we have been very fortunate this cold and flu season with the limited number of absences. We appreciate all the efforts that parents have made to keep sick children home and to seek appropriate medical attention when needed. We do ask for your continued cooperation on this matter.

We also remind parents to please try to schedule doctor's appointments outside of school hours. We understand that this is not always possible. And we appreciate your effort in trying to limit the number of classroom disruptions and time away from academics.

Thanks again for all you do to make HMS great!

**Appropriate Footwear for School**

For safety reasons, we ask that all students wear appropriate footwear to school on all days (regular uniform, gym uniform, and tag days).

Proper footwear must have

- 1) a lace, buckle, or strap to secure the shoe to the foot
- 2) A closed front and a closed back to help keep the shoe on the foot.

Slippers, flip flops, clogs are not appropriate footwear as they easily come separated from the foot and can create a danger in the event of an evacuation drill.

**Holy Martyrs School and Home and School  
Upcoming Events:**

Night at the Rink	Sat. Jan. 9
Family Bingo Night #1	Fri. Jan. 22
Joe Corbi Pizza sales	Feb. 2-Feb. 16
Grandparent's Day	Wed. Feb. 3
Super Bowl Hoagie Sale	Sun. Feb. 7
Family Bingo Night #2	Fri. Feb. 19
Casino Night	Sat. March 13
Donuts with Dad	Fri. March 26
Flea Market	Sat. March 27
Trivia Night	Fri. April 16
Muffins with Mom	Fri. May 7
Graduation Dinner	Mon. Jun. 14
Family Appreciation Night	Thu. Jun. 17

Please mark your calendars now to make sure that you do not miss out on these exciting events. Specific information on each event will come home as each date gets nearer.

**Holy Martyrs School Collects...**

Campbell Soup Labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education, along with used ink-jet cartridges and paper for our recycling program

**Absent Students**

If your child is absent, please call the school by 8:30am. Also, please remember to send in a note from the parent or doctor when the student returns to school. These notes are used by teachers to accurately record the reason for absence and are maintained on file for the duration of the school year.

Please note that a Parent signature is required for these notes. Therefore, email messages can not be accepted for student absences or change in dismissal routine.

**Students of the Month - December**

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their Attitude, Cooperation, and Effort.

- Kindergarten - Timothy Hayden  
Tracey Murray
- Grade 1 - Nicholas Scheidler
- Grade 2 - Jack Debes
- Grade 3 - Elizabeth Lamb  
Maggie Spoerl
- Grade 4 - Reese O'Connor
- Grade 5 - Andrew Imredy  
Juliana Burns
- Grade 6 - Michael Burns  
Kelly Coonahan
- Grade 7 - Emily Benincasa  
Patrick Meenan
- Grade 8 - Tara Dingley  
Lauren Brogan

We Thank these students for making Holy Martyrs School a great place to grow and learn.

**Take a break from the kitchen and join us...**

**HMS Night at O'Towne  
Tuesday, January 12th**

Additional Dates for HMS Night at O'Towne:  
2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

**Halligan's Family Night  
Tuesday, January 26th**

Additional Dates for Halligan's Family Night:  
2/23, 3/23, 4/27, 5/25

A portion of the dining receipts are donated to HMS. We thank these establishments for their support for our school!

**Support Holy Martyrs School  
And Earn Tuition Credits**

**BUY SCRIP!**

Contact the school office for more information!

# January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4	5	6	7 School Mass 8:30am (Grade 6)	8 FREE Eagles Tag Day	9 HMS Night at the Rink 6p-8p@ York Road Skating Club
10	11	12 HMS Night at O'Towne Tavern	13	14	15	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL MLK Day of Service	19	20	21	22 H&S Event Family Bingo  Tag Day \$1	23
24 First Holy Communion Retreat	25	26 Progress Report Distribution  Halligan's Family Night	27	28	29	30  CYO Night at the Races
31 HMS Open House	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3 Grandparents Mass 10:30a Luncheon 11:30a Band Concert 12:30pm	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6
Catholic Schools Week - 2010: January 31st - February 6th <b>Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life</b>						