



Spring Show
Holy Martyrs Masterpiece
Thursday, May 14th
7:00pm Music Show

Parents, Grandparents, Friends, and more are invited to our Spring Show. This evening will include highlight performances from our HMS Band and Glee Club. The final portion of the evening will include some wonderful performances by our students. Mrs. Demkovitz and Mrs. Gries have teamed up with Mrs. Hucker to integrate famous artists and artwork into the musical performances. Please plan on joining us for this production. You won't want to miss this evening!



Please note: this evening represents the culmination of the students' work throughout the year in music class. All students are expected to participate in the show.

Spreading the Good News

Congratulations to **Nicholas Camusi** (Gr. 5) for winning the Holy Martyrs School Spelling Bee. Michael did a fine job representing HMS at the Archdiocese Competition.

Archdiocese Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Art Contest.



Sarah Powell (Kindergarten) - 1st Place

Lauren Brogan (Grade 7) - 2nd Place

Moira Nolan (Grade 6) - Honorable Mention

Jen McGrath (Grade 8) - Honorable Mention

Sophie Mancini (Grade 1) - Finalist

Graham Demkovitz (Grade 3) - Finalist

These students entries were selected from over 950 entries from 99 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. We are very proud of them for representing our school so well.

Calendar Highlights for End of Year

- 5/1 - School Mass (Gr. 3&8) - May Crowning
- 5/3 - Parish May Procession (9:30am Mass)
- 5/8 - Muffins with Moms (7:30am)
- 5/10 - Happy Mothers Day
- 5/14 - Spring Show 7pm
- 5/15 - Field Trip K-2 to Mitchell Arts Center
- Field Trip Gr. 5-6 to Biztown
- 5/18 - Grade 8 to New York City
- 5/19 - Field Trip - PreK to Elmwood Park Zoo
- 5/20 - Field Day (Lunch 12noon)
- 5/21 - NO SCHOOL - Ascension Holy Day
- 5/22 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
- 5/25 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 5/31 - CYO Awards Banquet and Brunch
- June 1 - Exams - Grade 8
- June 2 - Exams - Grades 1-8
- June 3 - Exams - Grades 1-8
- June 4 - Exams - Grades 1-7
- Preschool End of Year Prayer Service (10a)
- June 5 - Exam Make Up Day (Grades 1-7)
- Kindergarten Graduation (10a)
- Alex's Lemonade Stand at HMS
- June 8 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
- Grade 8 Family Dinner (6pm)
- June 9 - 12noon Dismissal
- June 10 - 12noon Dismissal / Graduation 7pm
- June 11 - 12noon Dismissal / Family Night 6pm
- June 12 - 8:30am End of Year Mass
- 9:30am - Awards Ceremony
- 10:00am - Dismissal (Happy Summer)
- Sept 9 - Start of 2009 School Year

Monthly School Newsletter - May 2009

Attached is the Monthly School Calendar for May 2009. The full edition of the monthly school newsletter will be emailed to parents via the home and school email link and will be posted on the school webpage beginning Friday, May 1st. Items of interest include:

- 1) From the Principal's Desk
- 2) May Procession announcement
- 3) HMS Summer Camp
- 4) MAPs Update - Alex's Lemonade Stand at HMS
- 5) Absent Student Reminder
- 6) Morning Drop-Off Reminder
- 7) Student of the Month - April / Pizza Slip - note
- 8) Catholic Social Services - Foster Parents Needed
- 9) And More

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the school office at 215-887-2044.

**Alex's Lemonade Stand at HMS
Friday, June 5th.**

Our students have enjoyed this day in the past and we are excited for more fun and service this year!



HMS Summer Camp

Our seven-week program offers something for all students currently in Preschool-Grade 3. Before and After Camp Care is available. For more information or to request a registration form, please call the school office.

WEEK 1: June 15-19, 2009

"SURPRISE: A DIFFERENT THEME EACH DAY!"

Instructor: Miss Messina

A variety of themes with fun crafts, projects and activities and even some cooking, including Hawaiian Day, Pajama Party Day, Beach Party Day, Wet and Wild Water Day, and Picnic Party Day

WEEK 2: June 22-26, 2009

"ARTS AND CRAFTS"

Instructor: Mrs. Mancini

Lots of fun arts and crafts projects



WEEK 3: June 29-July 3, 2009

"STARS AND STRIPES WEEK"

Instructor: Miss Messina

A tribute to the USA with fun projects, activities, and cooking to celebrate the red, white and blue

WEEK 4: July 6-10, 2009

"SPORTS"

Instructor: Zach Galante

Get ready to exercise and play ball!



WEEK 5: July 13-17, 2009

"CAMP CAFE: COOKING"

Instructor: Miss Messina

Put your chef hats on and get ready to cook and bake some delicious treats!

WEEK 6: July 20-24, 2009

"READY, SET, READ: Beginning reading"

Instructor: Miss Messina

(For grades Pre-K-1) Let's work on letters, phonics, and sight words with fun games, activities, and much more!



WEEK 7: July 27-31, 2009

"SPORTS"

Instructor: Zach Galante

Get ready to exercise and play ball!

Holy Martyrs Parish

May Procession

Sunday, May 3rd

Following the 9:30am Mass

All students and their families are invited to join the parish family for this celebration to honor our Blessed Mother.



**Catholic Social Services
Foster Parents Needed!**

Can you make a place in your family for a foster child? Many children need the love and support of a foster family. Catholic Social Services is seeking married or single adults to become foster parents for children of all ages, races, and denominations. Homes are also needed for children with special medical or emotional needs and for siblings who wish to live together in the same home.

Catholic Social Services provides professional training, support, financial reimbursement, and catholic school tuition to foster children.

For more information, please call Melissa or Pat at Catholic Social Services: 215-587-3960.

Morning Drop-Off Reminders

Thank you for your cooperation with our revised drop off procedure. We have certainly taken steps to provide for greater student safety.

There are a couple of reminders:

- 1) Drop Off Time - 7:40am (Teachers begin supervisory responsibility at 7:40am)
- 2) No Drop Offs on Curb connected to School Lot - please use crossing guard.
- 3) Please use caution at all times when driving, especially in/out of parking spaces and lots.

Absent Students

If your child is absent, please call the school by 8:30am. In addition to the phone call, parents MUST send in a written note when the child returns to school. This note is required for teachers to properly cite the reason for student absence. These notes are kept on file for the remainder of the school year. Students that are absent for three consecutive days should bring in a doctor's note upon return to school.

Students of the month - April

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by our Faculty during the month of April.

**K - Anthony Parsons
Michael Lombardi**

1 - Carrie Johnston

2 - Eleanor D'Angelo

3 - Ian Nichols

Reese O'Connor

4 - Peter Corcoran

Evan McFadden

5 - Nicholas Camusi

6 - Jesse Schlosser

Bill Gries

7 - Ryan Coonahan

8 - Erich Schill

These students have displayed many positive attributes that make Holy Martyrs School a great place to grow and learn.

Special Note regarding the Student of the Month - Free Slice of Pizza Slip: Because the final lunch order form for the year has been returned to the office, please send in your Pizza Slip indicating which date you would like your child to receive free pizza. If they already ordered pizza, the students will get a second slice. Please return these forms to school before Friday pizza day so that we can make certain to have the extra slices available.

Holy Martyrs Collects:

General Mills - Box Tops for Education

Including - Ziploc Bags, General Mills Cereals, Yoplait Yogurt, Pillsbury Products, and much, much more!

Campbell's Soup Labels

We no longer need the entire soup label. Simply cut the UPC bar code and send that in.

Used Ink-Jet Printer Cartridges

We accept all styles of ink-jet cartridges for our program.

Paper for our Recycling Program

Please drop recycled paper in our Green Bins located in the back of the parking lot.

From the Principal's Desk

On Saturday, April 25th, 32 students from our parish received First Holy Communion. This group included 12 students from our school. We are very happy for them and for the life that they give to our church.

I wanted to share with you a story from my own First Holy Communion many years ago. As part of the first communion tradition in my family, my Grandfather gave each communicant their first wristwatch. I remember how excited I was to receive that special gift from him. I also remember very distinctly my confusion surrounding the importance of the sacrament day. I was excited for that moment, but I felt a bit guilty because I think I was more excited for the gift of the watch.

As part of the preparation for the sacrament day, Sr. Rose asked each of us to think about and write an answer to the question of why we were excited to receive the Eucharist. Feeling emboldened by opportunity to write what I thought, I expressed my confusion about which of these gifts - the watch or the Eucharist I should be most excited about. I wrote more than any other student in the class and actually gave up my recess time to complete the assignment.

Well, the sacrament day came, I received communion for the first time. I did not feel as changed as I thought I would. But I did feel good. At the party, I opened the gift from my grandfather - a shiny Mickey Mouse watch with the black band and moving mouse arms to tell time. I wore that watch everywhere. I felt very proud of that watch and was quite convinced that watch was clearly the best gift of the day. I was able to put aside my confusion and was quite pleased to have that moral dilemma taken care of.

A few months later, I was in a bicycle crash and my watch face was shattered. I was crushed that my watch - the gift that I thought was most important - was broken. My mom tried to console me by reminding me that it was the Eucharist that was the important gift of that sacrament day. It helped a little, but it was not until many years later that I truly realized the significance of my mother's words and the real beauty that is the gift of the Eucharist. The Lord works in mysterious ways.

I pray that we all may truly see the amazing GIFT that we have in the Eucharist. May it nourish us for all time and bring us closer to our Father in Heaven.

Yours in Christ,
David J. Hayden,
Principal

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 27	April 28	April 29 Progress Report Distribution	April 30	1 School Mass (Gr. 3 & 8) 8:30am May Crowning	2
Holy Martyrs Parish Mission - <i>Christian in the Eyes of Jesus</i> Fr. Kehoe will present each night at 7:00pm in the Church						
3 Parish May Procession After 9:30am Mass	4	5	6	7	8 Muffins with Moms 7:30am	9
10  Happy Mother's Day	11	12 K/PreK Move-Up Day HMS Night at O'Towne	13	14 HMS Spring Show 7pm	15 Field Trip K-2 - Mitchell Theater Gr. 5-6 - Biztown	16
17	18 Gr. 8 to NYC	19 PreK to Elmwood Zoo Generation Life presents to Gr. 7-8	20 Field Day	21 NO SCHOOL Ascension Holy Day	22 NO SCHOOL Professional Day	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday	26 Halligan's Family Night 5p-8p	27	28	29	30
31 CYO Award Banquet and Breakfast	June 1 Exams Gr. 8	June 2 Exams Gr. 1-8	June 3 Exams Gr. 1-8	June 4 Exams Gr. 1-7 PreK Closing Prayer Service	June 5 Kindergarten Graduation 10am MAPs -Alex's Lemonade	June 6