

Auction Success

Thank you to Laura Archie and the rest of the Silent Auction Committee for their work in making our event a wonderful success. From the wide range of gifts, to the beautiful decorations and so much more, this event continues to be one of grand highlights of our school community. I offer my deepest thanks to each and every person that played a role in the success of this night!



Although the final numbers won't be available for a few days, it appears that our efforts have raised close to \$16,000 for Holy Martyrs School. Whether or not you took home the big prize, the students of Holy Martyrs School were clearly the big winners of this night! **THANK YOU!**

Calendar Highlights for April

- 4/3 - School Mass (Gr. 1) 8:30am
- 4/5 - Mother-Son Bowling
- 4/7 - Field Trip - Gr. 7-8 to Franklin Institute
- 4/8 - Stations of the Cross - 2pm
- 4/9 - NO SCHOOL - Holy Thursday
- 4/10 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
- 4/11 - Oreland Easter Egg Hunt (11am)
- 4/12 - Alleluia, He is Risen
- 4/13 - NO SCHOOL - Easter Holiday
- 4/20 - Reading Olympics (Gr. 4-6)
- 4/21 - First Communion Rehearsal (5p)
- 4/22 - Earth Day / Internet Safety Presentation
- 4/25 - First Holy Communion (Gr. 3) 10am
- 4/28 - Reading Olympics (Gr. 7-8)
- 4/29 - Progress Report Distribution
- May 1 - School Mass (Gr. 3 & 8) 8:30am
- May 3 - Parish May Procession
- May 8 - Muffins with Moms (7:30am)

Home and School News

Thank you to all of the Dads that were able to join us for Donuts with Dads on Friday, March 27th. It was great to see the smiles the students as they showed their Dads around their classroom.

Nominations for New Board Members

In the coming weeks, we will be sending home nomination forms for the following offices:

Vice President and Treasurer

We ask the you consider nominating yourself or someone else to fill these positions. Please keep in mind that both positions require a two-year commitment with the Vice-President transitioning to President for second year of service.

Planning for 2009-2010 Events/Fundraisers

With the end of the year fast approaching, we are putting together our calendar of fundraisers and events for next year. We are interested in hearing from you, the parents, about what you liked, what changes you would make. Please write/email your thoughts and ideas to holymaryrs.homeandschool@yahoo.com. Thanks for making HMS a great place!

Attached is the Monthly School Calendar for April 2009. The full edition of the Monthly Newsletter will be sent out via H&S email on Tuesday, March 31st and posted on the school website by Friday, April 3rd. Please see the full edition for the following tidbits of information:

- Home and School News
- Maps Fashion Show Recap
- Calendar Highlights
- Student of the Month (Feb/Mar)
- MAPs Upcoming Events
- Reading Olympics Update
- Spring Uniform - April 27th
- Preschool Trike-a-Thon
- First Holy Communion Update
- Calendar Highlights for remainder of Year
- Family Enrichment Conference
- Camp Rainbow
- Spreading the Good News
- April 2009 School Calendar
- Inkjet, Box Tops, Campbell's, ACME tapes
- And more...

MAPS KIDZ HIT THE RUNWAY

TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS FOR S.S.I.S.

Congratulations to our MAPS Kidz who worked very hard to make the event a great success! Together they raised over \$740 for S.S.I.S. Let's hear it for:

Preschool

Mary Faith DeCarlo

1st Graders

Carrie Johnston

Madison Laing

Sophie Mancini

2nd Graders

Sean Cornely

Eleanor D'Angelo

Casey DeCarlo

Olivia DePaul

Tommy Nadolski

Colleen Quinn

Maggie Spoerl

3rd Graders

Maeve Corbett

Kimberly Donnelly

Mariele Ford

Taylor Laing

Jimmy Lombardi

Reese O'Connor

Nina Violi

4th Graders

Juliana Burns

Lily D'Angelo

Julia Dellaporta

Quinn Johnston

Emily Mancini

Greg McGrath

Elizabeth Nadolski

Madison Regan

Cole Storm

Julia Violi

5th Graders

Michael Burns

Nicholas Camusi

Kelly Coonahan

Megan McGrath

6th Grader

Ashley Donnelly

7th Graders

Kaitlyn Brogan

Lauren Brogan

Julia Burke

Tara Dingley

Alyssa McFadden

Raeghan O'Connor

Alicia Schlosser

Sara Violi

8th Grader

Kerry Smith

Big Kudos to our Seventh Grade Girls who originated the Fashion Show idea and helped turn it into a MAPS Kidz Service Project. Teaming up with the non-profit organization S.S.I.S. gave all MAPS Kidz the opportunity to learn how wanting to help our surrounding community can be as easy as donating new or gently used clothes to those less fortunate. MAPS Kidz met with founder of S.S.I.S Melodye Zapalac in February to learn more about her amazing story and how one family, with the help of friends, can make a difference for a community. Questions were asked, ideas were born, and the MAPS Fashion Show provided the Holy Martyrs and Oreland Community with an opportunity to once again pay it forward!

WHAT IS SSIS?

SSIS is a non-profit organization giving underprivileged Norristown girls, grades 5 to 12, an opportunity to shop for and receive, at no cost, up to three complete outfits, including accessories, for the start of the new school year. It was conceived by a group of Blue Bell neighbors upon hearing that many Norristown girls are forced to go to school in the same clothing every day.

SSIS collects gently worn and new outfits from concerned families and merchants to create an inventory to give the girls a unique self-selecting shopping experience. The girls select and coordinate their own outfits in a mall-like environment at the Mercy Suburban Outreach Family Practice Center, 530 Church Street in Norristown.

Find out more about SSIS by visiting its website at:

www.startinschoolinstyle.com.

MAPS EVENTS: SUMMER 2008— JUNE 2009

Summer – Faces of Jesus Orphanage in Mexico

September – Creation of MAPS Kidz, Special Olympics, Car Wash

October – Cradle of Hope, Bracelet Making, Bake Sale

November – Ronald McDonald House, MAPS Shirt

December – Visited Cradle of Hope, Christmas Caroling, Donut Sale

January – St. John's Hospice MLK Day of Service, Ronald McDonald House

February – Bake Sales, Prep for SSIS Fashion Show (\$745)

March – Fashion Show SSIS

April – Basket Ball Shoot Out for Autism (Variety Autism Center), Car Wash

May - Fitness Fest – Raising for Money for Generation Hope (May 15th)

June – Alex Lemonade Stand

Ongoing Projects – Snoodles, Offertory Procession, Cards for Soldiers,

Bingo for Seniors, Shoveling for Seniors

Students of the Month

We congratulate the following students who have been selected as the Students of the month. These students are recognized for their positive attitude, cooperation and effort during the respective month.

February 2009

Kindergarten - Mary Cirelli

Grade 1 - Sophie Mancini

Grade 2 - Bryon Jordan

Grade 3 - Mariele Ford

Louis Luongo

Grade 4 - Nolan Debes

Julia Dellaporta

Grade 5 - Dorianna Stock

Grade 6 - Monica Parsons

Grade 7 - Alicia Schlosser

Raeghan O'Connor

Grade 8 - James Burns

Tyler Winning

MARCH 2009

Kindergarten - Nicholas Scheidler

Grade 1 - Victoria Mezher

Grade 2 - Elizabeth Lamb

Grade 3 - Graham Demkovitz

Maeve Corbett

Grade 4 - Shane Meenan

Cole Storm

Grade 5 - Hunter Seeburger

Grade 6 - Daniel Hardcastle

Grade 7 - Robert Gillies

Patrick Mahoney

Grade 8 - Matthew Krewson

Erica Witkowski

Through their actions, these students have made Holy Martyrs School a great place to grow and learn. We thank them for their good work.

Holy Martyrs School Collects:

Empty ink-jet cartridges
ACME Register Receipts
General Mills - Box Tops
Campbell's UPC Labels

Holy Martyrs MAPs Update

April is National Autism Month. To help spread awareness, our children are invited to participate in the following event:

Knockout Autism Basketball Shootout

Friday, April 3rd -3:30p

All students (PreK-Gr. 8) are invited to join in this fun event that includes a free throw shooting contest, Knockout, and Hot Shot events. Cost is \$2 per event with proceeds going to the Variety Autism Walk and Variety's Family Resource Center.

Mark Your Calendars

Fitness Fest - Friday, May 15th

This fun event will raise money for Generation Hope. No Limits, No Excuses!



Alex's Lemonade Stand at HMS

Friday, June 5

Detailed information will be coming home in May. Please plan on joining us for this wonderful event!

Thank you to all of our volunteers (students and parents) for making this year's MAPs program so successful.

Reading Olympics Update

Mark your calendars now. We have just been advised of the dates for the competitions this year:

Chapter Chasers (Grades 4-6)

Date: Monday, April 20th

Location: Colonial Middle School

Newberry Nerds (Grades 7-8)

Date: Tuesday, April 28th

At Wissahickon Middle School

Congratulations to all of our Olympians as they continue to read, read, and read some more! We also wish them Good Luck in their upcoming competitions.

**Internet Safety Program
Wednesday, April 22
9:00am - 10:00am
Mrs. Maureen Gallagher
In the School Library**

In conjunction with Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Catholic Education, we are pleased to offer parents an informative session to assist in keeping our students safe on the internet. Mrs. Gallagher will present the Netsmartz - Internet Safety Program to interested parents at this time. Please mark your calendar and plan on learning more about this important topic.

*On behalf of the Holy Martyrs
School faculty and staff,*



*we wish each of our families a
spiritual Holy Week and a
Blessed Easter Holiday!
Alleluia, He is Risen, Alleluia*

Fall/Spring Uniform

Beginning Monday, April 27th students should be attired in the Fall/Spring Uniform.

Boys

- Shirt** White Golf shirt / White Oxford
- Sweater** *Optional* Uniform sweater/sweater vest
- Pants** Navy Blue Uniform Shorts (w/ belt)
- Socks** White or Blue Socks (must be visible)
- Shoe** Black/Brown School shoe w/ laces or buckle

Girls

- Shirt** White Golf shirt / White Blouse
- Sweater** *Optional* Uniform sweater/sweater vest
- Pants** Navy Blue Uniform Shorts (w/ belt)
Optional Uniform Kilt (Gr. 4-8)
- Socks** White or Blue Socks (must be visible)
- Shoes** Black/Brown School shoe w/ laces or buckle

**Preschool Trike-a-Thon
for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
Friday, April 24th**

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this fun event. Our youngest students will gather sponsors and ride their trikes, bikes, and other riding toys to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. We are proud of our students' willingness to give back to those in need.

First Holy Communion Update for Grade 3 Students and Families

Tuesday, April 21st - Rehearsal - 5pm - 7pm)

We will gather in the church for our rehearsal for our First Holy Communion Mass. Detailed information will be coming from Mrs. Carole Galante.

Saturday, April 25th - Sacrament Day - Mass at 10am

Students should arrive by 9:40am. Additional information will be coming directly from Mrs. Carole Galante.



Calendar Highlights for End of Year

As we move closer to the end of the school year, I wanted to make certain that parents had accurate information related to our calendar.

May 1 - School Mass (Gr. 3&8) - May Crowning
May 3 - Parish May Procession
May 8 - Muffins with Moms (7:30am)
May 14 - Spring Show 7pm
May 18 - Grade 8 to New York City
May 20 - Field Day
May 21 - NO SCHOOL - Ascension Holy Day
May 22 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
May 25 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
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
June 5 - Exam Make Up Day (Grades 1-7)
- Kindergarten Graduation
- Alex's Lemonade Stand at HMS
June 8 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
- Grade 8 Family Dinner
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

The Pauline Fathers of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa invite families to attend...

Called by Name, A Family Enrichment Conference

When: Divine Mercy Saturday, April 18th
Where: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown PA 18901
Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Conferences, Talent Show, Free Lunch for All
This event is organized and sponsored by Family Vocations Ministry. For more information, check out the webpage
www.familyvocations.org

Spreading the Good News...

CYO SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to all of our students that participated in the Winter Sports. Several of our Basketball teams advanced far into the Archdiocese Regional Tournaments. We are very proud of all our students in their sports competitions.

Good Luck to our Spring Sports teams. We look forward to hearing good things from our Softball, Baseball, and Track Teams.

Save the Date:

Sunday, May 31st - CYO Breakfast and Banquet

Alumni Update

Congratulations to the Following graduates of Holy Martyrs School. These students have achieved a great level of academic success at the high school level:

Archbishop Wood High School

Olivia Demkovitz - Distinguished Honors
Samantha Nichols - Distinguished Honors
Zoe Demkovitz - First Honors
Maureen Shiels - Second Honors

St. Basil Academy

Emalee Meyers - High Honors
Jenna Violi - Honors
Meghan McGovern - Honors
Angela Meyers - Honors

We certainly enjoy hearing about the success of our current and former students. If you have some good news to share, please forward the information to Mr. Hayden via email at: holymartyrs54@yahoo.com.

Camp Rainbow

A summer camp for "deserving" boys and girls (ages 7-12) who live in Montgomery County. Applications are available via the school office.

Camp Rainbow is a non-profit organization located in Schwenksville, PA. The camp is open eight weeks each summer to provide a no-cost camping experience to more than 500 socially, economically, or culturally deprived children who may otherwise not have the opportunity to for a vacation.

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 YEARBOOK DEADLINE All Ads and Greetings are due by this date	2	3 School Mass (Grade 1) 8:30am Knockout Autism B-Ball Shootout 3:30pm	4
5 Mother-Son Bowling	6	7 Field Trip Gr. 7-8 to Franklin Institute Night out at O'Towne Tavern	8 Stations of the Cross 2:00pm All are Welcome	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11 Oreland Easter Egg Hunt
No School - Easter Holiday School Resumes - Tuesday, April 14th						
12 Happy Easter 	13 NO SCHOOL Easter Holiday	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Reading Olympics Gr. 4-6 @ Colonial	21 First Holy Communion Rehearsal 5PM Halligan's Family Night	22 Internet Safety Presentation 9am-10am Scoliosis Screening	23	24 Pre-School Trike-a-thon For St. Jude's Tag Day \$1	25 First Holy Communion Mass 10am
26	27 Spring Uniforms to be worn	28 Reading Olympics Gr. 7-8 @ Wissahickon	29 Progress Report Distribution	30	May 1 School Mass (Gr. 3 & 8) And May Crowning 8:30am	May 2