

# Holy Martyrs School

SCHOOL NEWS

From: Mr. Hayden

December 2008

## Holy Martyrs Parish Advent Happenings

Holy Martyrs Faith Formation group has put together a variety of activities to help us prepare our hearts for the wonder of Christmas. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending these events:

### Advent Reflections on Writings of St. Paul

Sundays in Advent after the 9:30am Mass  
Tuesdays in Advent after the 8:30am Mass

### Do You Hear What I Hear?

**Sunday, December 7th - 7:00pm in Church**

Come and listen with new ears to the sounds and symbols of Christmas. Free Admission! Bring a friend for the Carols, Tree Lighting, and Fellowship.

### Blessing of the Christmas Crib

Sunday, December 14th at 9:30am Mass

### Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 22nd - 7:00pm in Church

Please remember to check the parish Sunday bulletin for additional announcements.

## Calendar Highlights

Nov. 30th - First Sunday of Advent  
12/1 - Start of 2nd Marking Period  
12/2 - First Penance Meeting - 7pm in Church  
for Parents AND Students  
12/4 - H&S Secret Santa Shop / Free Tag Day  
12/5 - NO SCHOOL - In-Service Day  
12/6 - Parish Christmas Bazaar - 10a-5p  
12/7 - Christmas Bazaar - 10a-2p  
Advent Program - Do You Hear What I Hear?  
7p - Sing-a-long and Tree Lighting  
12/8 - NO SCHOOL - Immaculate Conception  
12/9 - DARE (Gr. 5) Graduation 9:15am  
12/10 - Report Card Distribution  
12/11 - HMS Christmas Show - 7pm  
12/12 - Tag Day \$1 - benefits Operation Santa Claus  
12/13 - First Penance (Gr. 3) 10am  
12/14 - Breakfast with Santa (10:30am)  
12/16 - HMS Night at O-Towne Tavern 5p-8p  
12/19 - H&S Parents' Night Out  
12/23 - Preschool Christmas Show - 10am  
- 3pm Dismissal - Start of Christmas Break  
Jan 5 - School Resumes  
Jan. 25-31 - Catholic Schools Week 2009  
*Catholic Schools Celebrate Service*

## Directory Updates

Please make the following update in your school directory

Cirelli Family

Charles and Elizabeth  
513 West Garden Road  
Oreland, PA 19075  
215-948-3570

Support Holy Martyrs School  
And Earn Tuition Credits

# BUY SCRIP!

Contact the school office for more information!

## First Trimester Report Cards

Student Report Cards for the First Trimester will come home with the students on:

**Wednesday, December 10th**

Please remember to check you child's school bag. Report cards should be signed and returned to the classroom teachers by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Holy Martyrs School Christmas Show

**Thursday, December 11th**

**7:00pm in the Church**

All family and friends are invited to attend this annual celebration of Christmas. HMS Advanced Band and Glee Club will delight the crowd with some holiday favorites. The evening will be capped off with our students singing some holiday favorites and acting out the nativity scene. Our students have been working with Mrs. Gries and Mrs. Demkovitz in preparing for this event. We hope you are able to come out and enjoy the festivities!

## Red Cross Blood Drive At Holy Martyrs Parish



**Tuesday, December 23rd**

**11am - 7pm**

**In the Parish Hall**

There are thousands of pints of blood that are given every day in the Philadelphia region. Please consider giving blood to help prevent critical shortages.

## **FREE TAG DAY!!!**

**Thursday, December 4th**

Please join our Home and School Association as we show our holiday spirit by wearing Green and Red on this day!

### ***Student Council Update***

A big THANK YOU and congratulations to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive. Together, we collected seven hundred forty-eight (748) cans. The cans will be distributed to various food pantries and soup kitchens to benefit those in need.

Upcoming Activities:

**Operation Santa Claus** - Collecting new unwrapped toys for distribution throughout the Archdiocese. Collection ends on Monday, December 17th. Detailed information will come home next Dec. 4th.

**Catholic Schools Week Tombola** - We will again be hosting our annual Tombola at the end of January. It is never too early to think about possible donations. Details for this event will come home after the new year.

### **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

**DARE Graduation**  
**Tuesday, December 9th**  
**9:15am in Church**

Congratulations to our Grade 5 students on their completion of the DARE Program. Each year our Grade 5 students participate in the DARE Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program). Detective Pike has been meeting with the students each Tuesday to discuss the effect of drugs and violence and how to say no to these dangers. This great program culminates in the graduation ceremony on Dec. 4th. At the ceremony, one student chosen by the class will read their essay and Det. Pike will present certificates and awards to students. All are invited to attend.

Holy Martyrs Home and School News:

**Secret Santa Shop**  
**December 4th**

Our students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends at Secret Santa Shop sponsored by our Home and School Association. Gifts range in price from \$1 - \$10. Please see the order information and flier for more information.

**Breakfast with Santa**  
**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am – 12:30noon**

**Price \$7/person or \$35/family**

Come and enjoy some holiday fun with breakfast,

### **Emergency Closing Information Sheet**

Emergency Closing Information Sheet is coming

home in the communication envelope. This page is critical in the event that HMS is forced to close early. Please return these forms to the office by Friday, 12/7!

**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

### **Student of the Month - November**

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

K - Sarah Powell

1 - Owen McFadden, Victoria Mezher

2 - Rabia Shah

3 - Gary Seeburger

4 - Juliana Burns, Sean Farrell, and  
Andrew Imredy

5 - Domenico Varone, Briana Detwiler

6 - Sarah Boyle, Cameron Detwiler

7 - Kaitlyn Brogan, Tara Dingley

8 - Jake Camusi, Georgina Mezher

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

