

**Holy Martyrs School Field Day**

To all of our AMAZING Holy Martyrs Families, Teachers, Mr. Hayden, Mrs. Gaffney and Mr. Jim,

As I sit here and watch the rain come down (I still can't believe we dodged the weather), words alone cannot express my gratitude to each and every one of you for all you did to make this years' Field Day another memorable one. From my set-up crew, game volunteers, lunch committee, "floaters", last minute subs and spectators (I am so sorry if I missed anyone), your presence was invaluable. So much goes into making this day a success and a lot of it is behind the scenes and I could never pull it off without you. It was also a tremendous joy for me to see so many new faces. As my own children grow I do not have as many opportunities to connect with the families of the younger children so this is a special treat for me. With so many parents involved it is no wonder that our children are so spectacular. And how they love having you there with them on this day!

Being an HMS parent and teacher is a unique gift for me and I am so proud to be a part of Holy Martyrs. Your children are all so special and it is truly a privilege to teach them and an honor to work alongside such an incredible faculty and administration. And I must give Mr. Hayden a special thanks for allowing me to run with Field Day every year and supporting me in my efforts. I hope your children enjoyed the day and as I look forward to teaching my new kindergartners next fall I say goodbye to my 8th graders and wish them all happiness and success and thank them also for a job well done today!

May you all have a happy, healthy and restful summer!

Sincerely,  
Michele Burns  
Phys. Ed. Instructor

**Calendar Highlights for June 2009**

- 6/1 - Exam Day - Grade 8
- 6/2 - Exam Day - Grades 1-8
- 6/3 - Exam Day - Grades 1-8
- 6/4 - Exam Day - Grades 1-7  
Preschool Graduation 10am in Church
- 6/5 - Exam Make-Up Day Gr. 1-7  
Kindergarten Graduation 10am in Church  
Alex's Lemonade Stand @ HMS 11:30a
- 6/8 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Day  
- Graduation Dinner 6pm (Grade 8)
- 6/9 - HMS Talent Show (10:30am)  
12noon Dismissal  
Busing Available from all districts
- 6/10 - 12noon Dismissal  
Busing Available from all districts  
Graduation 7pm in Church
- 6/11 - 12noon Dismissal  
Busing Available from all districts
- 6/12 - School Mass (Gr. 7) - 8:30am  
End of Year Awards - 9:30am  
Dismissal - 10am

**NO BUS TRANSPORTATION  
on Last Day (6/13)****Communication Folder Update**

Tuesday, June 2nd will be our final communication folder for this school year. This envelope will include a listing of important information including the 2009-2010 Tentative Calendar.

**HMS Graduation 2009  
Wednesday, June 10th  
At 7:00pm  
In the Church**

All students, parents, families, and friends are invited to join us for this culminating experience for our 8th Grade students. We will begin with Mass at 7pm followed by awards and conferring of diplomas. The evening will conclude with a light reception in the parish hall hosted by our Grade 7 parents. We hope to see you there!

### MAPS Update

Our next event is **Alex's Lemonade Stand** at HMS on Friday, June 5th. Our students have enjoyed this service project in the past and we are looking forward to more fun and service this year!



We may continue with some of our wonderful service projects over the summer. For these events, we will use email communications so please remember to check in occasionally.

### HMS School Office Summer Hours

June 15 - June 26 - OPEN (9a-2p)

June 27 - August 23 - CLOSED

August 24 - September 4 - OPEN (9a-2p)

If you need immediate assistance please contact the rectory at 215.884.8575. Otherwise, please leave a voicemail message and your call will be returned at the earliest possibility. We will be checking voicemail and email messages weekly.

Please check your email during the first week of August for our back to school mailing.

### Holy Martyrs School Spring Festival of the Arts

Thank you to all of our parents and guests that turned out to join us for a wonderful evening to appreciate the Arts at HMS.

Thank you to Mrs. Hucker for all of her hard work in helping our students to create such beautiful artwork all year long. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful Art Teacher!

Thanks also to Mr. Banks for his spirited direction of our HMS band.

Lastly, thank you to Mrs. Gries and Mrs. Demkovitz for their efforts in bringing out an amazing sound from the voices of our students. The Glee Club and class performances were outstanding!

### Uniform Update

**Friday, June 5th - Free "Yellow" Tag Day.**

Students are invited to wear yellow to show their support for Alex's Lemonade Stand.

**Tuesday, June 9 - Thursday, June 11th - Free Tag Days** sponsored by Student Council as a thank you for a great year!

**Friday, June 12th** - All students should be properly attired in the **school uniform** for our end of the year mass and awards.

### Uniform Exchange (CHURCH HALL)

Beginning now through June 5th, you may drop off any "gently worn" winter, summer or gym uniform that no longer fits your child. Please make sure the items do not have stains or holes in the knee. Beginning June 9th, you are invited to stop by the exchange table during school or parish hours and pick up any extra uniforms you need free of charge. Uniforms will be available for exchange downstairs in the church hall:

**DROP OFF only:** now through June 6th!

**PICK UP:** beginning June 10th - June 25th

Please remember that students are required to be in full uniform for the end of the year mass on Friday, June 12th.

### Uniform Sales

Flynn & O'Hara (*Springhouse*) and Rose's Uniforms (*Willow Grove*) are the official retailers for the Holy Martyrs School Uniform. Stop by to see their customer service representative who will be happy to assist you on meeting your uniform needs.

We wish all of our families a safe, healthy, and happy Summer Vacation!



School Resumes - Wednesday,  
September 9, 2009

## THANK YOU PARENTS

### From the Faculty and Staff of HMS!

The Faculty and Staff of HMS would like to offer our sincere gratitude to all the wonderful parents and supporters of Holy Martyrs School. Your support and care all year long have made Holy Martyrs School a great place to work.

Your volunteer time in the lunchroom and school yard allow us some time to catch our breath and plan for the afternoon. Your attendance at our various open houses, performances, and shows provides students and teachers with a tremendous feeling of accomplishment. For these things, and so much more, we can only begin to say, "Thank You!"

Although the Summer Vacation is around the corner, we are sad to see the children leave. However, we will use this time away to re-energize as we prepare for another great school year.

*Have a safe and happy summer!*

### Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students that have been recognized by our teachers for their contributions to our school community.

**K - Samantha Taube  
Sarah Powell**

**Gr. 1 - Madison Laing**

**Gr. 2 - Sam Steele**

**Gr. 3 - Nina Violi**

**Gr. 4 - Quinn Johnston  
Corey Lavery**

**Gr. 5 - Megan McGrath**

**Gr. 6 - Parker Steele  
Nick Wierman**

**Gr. 7 - Brett Gray**

**Gr. 8 - Kierra Velazquez  
Kerry Smith  
Georgina Mezher**

Through their positive attitude, cooperation, and effort these student have helped to make Holy Martyrs School a great place to grow and learn.

Holy Martyrs Collects...

Used ink jet printer cartridges

Campbell's Labels UPC Codes

ACME Register Tapes

General Mills Box Tops for Education

Thank you for your continued support!

### Scrip Coordinator Needed

I offer an enormous THANK YOU to Debbie McGrath who has graciously coordinated our Scrip program for the last eight years. Her tireless effort and amazing dedication and effort has helped raise over \$100,000 in donation and tuition credits to support Holy Martyrs School. We are grateful for her service and wish her well as she steps away to spend more time with her family.

To assist in the search for a new coordinator, a brief list of responsibilities and duties is listed below. If you would like to learn more or would like to volunteer, please contact the school office at 215-887-2044.

#### Scrip Coordinator Job Description

##### *Weekly*

- Fill orders sent through School
- Data Entry of sales
- Make Deposit to bank
- Envelopes for all backorders (go home with students or may be picked up)
- Restock inventory (order Acme & Shop-N-Bag as needed)
- Pick up order from school (check that order is correct)
- Verify total inventory
- Get book to Sunday Seller and have them return it to you.
- Balance Check Book/account

##### *Monthly:*

- Inventory ( scrip purchase, sales, financial balance)
- Keep order form current

##### *Yearly*

- Annual report for parish and archdiocese
- Tuition Credits

### Be sure to Capture a Great Year! 2009 Yearbooks Are In!

Order forms have been sent home in the Communication Folder. If you need additional forms, please call the school office. Yearbooks are being distributed on a first-come first served basis and cost is \$15 each. This yearbook contains more than 40 pages of full-color photos of a another great year at HMS.

## **A volunteer is many things....**

...an extra pair of hands...an extra measure of personal warmth...a valuable resource! Holy Martyrs School relies heavily on volunteers to meet many of our needs. Below is a listing of volunteer needs that we anticipate for next school year.

**Hot Lunch Servers** - We are very fortunate to offer a 5-day/week lunch program to our students and families. This is only possible through the volunteer efforts of many. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve the lunches each day. We have simplified many of our menu offerings to reduce the amount of time needed to volunteer. Some days require only one hour of your time.

**Yard Parents** - To assist the teachers in supervising a safe school yard for recess play, we are looking for volunteer yard parents. This is a great way to see our students interact with each other. Recess times are from 11:30a-12:20pm.

**Home and School Event Coordinators** - Our H&S Officers are setting the calendar of events for next year. As always, we will be looking for parents to take leadership roles in the various events that we have planned.

**Enrichment Program Instructors** - Do you have a hobby (carpentry/Scrap booking) that you would like to share? Would you like to supervise an after-school club? We are looking to expand our enrichment clubs next year.

Information on these opportunities and more will be available at Back to School Night in September.

**Please Note:** *In accordance with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Safe Environment Policy and for the safety of our students and our volunteers, we require all volunteers that have direct contact with children have PA State Police Criminal Background Check and Childline Child Abuse Clearance on file and they must have attended a safe environment training program for adults.*

## **Exam Schedules**

End of Year Assessments are given in our classes to measure the students overall progress for the year. Religion, Math, and Integrated Language Arts Exams are created by the archdiocese curriculum committees and are given to all students across the Archdiocese and are cumulative in nature. These exams are scheduled to be given during the week of June 1st. Each classroom teacher devises their exam schedule and will communicate that information to the students. Parents, please check the homework copybook for your child's exam schedule. Also, teachers will post the exam schedule on their school notes page that can be accessed through our school webpage.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers by phone 215.887.2044 or via email.

## **CYO News**

Congratulations to the Holy Martyrs CYO track team that competed at the Area E meet. There were over 1000 athletes from 27 parishes attempting to qualify for the Diocesan CYO championships. The following HM students, who placed in the Region 10 championship meet on 5/3/09, competed on at the Area E Meet: Brigid Corcoran, Catherine McDonald, James Burns, Matt Krewson, Cullen Doyle, Tara Dingley, Ryan Coonahan, John Archie, Michael Burns, Nicholas Camusi, Eddie Corcoran, Eamon Corcoran, Cole storm, Greg McGrath, Evan McFadden, and Sean Farrell. All of these kids put forth their best efforts of the season and all either ran or jumped to their personal bests. Congratulations to all of our athletes. A special congratulations to James Burns (high jump) and Eddie Corcoran (high jump) who qualified for the Archdiocese CYO championships.

# June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	End of Year Assessments - Gr. 1-8 (Teachers have communicated daily schedule)					
				Preschool Graduation 10am	Kindergarten Graduation 10am Alex' Lemonade 11:30am-1:00p	
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