

HOLY NAME



HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Last year at this time, I spoke of the spirit of the HN community as it gets stronger every year. It is especially apparent during the Christmas season when the true meaning of Christ's birth comes alive in our community.

I could reiterate all the events and services our school is involved in, such as the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Christmas Giving tree, and describe in detail the spirit of our students as they interact with one another, reaching out to the greater Worcester community on a daily basis- but you know that already.

Ask your daughters and sons about their day, look through all the events and happenings listed in this newsletter, and peruse the Holy Name and department websites. You will find that the school is alive with the spirit of Jesus Christ, and in your heart you know that is the reason you make this sacrifice to send your children to Holy Name. In fact, we could safely say that Christmas is celebrated here at Holy Name every day of the school year, for Christ is born in our community daily.

I offer my Christmas wishes and prayers to all of you from the Office of Campus Ministry at Holy Name through the words of Saint Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians:

“Be at peace among yourselves.

We urge you ... admonish the idle, cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all.

See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good (both) for each other and for all.

Rejoice always.

Pray without ceasing.

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit...

May the God of peace himself make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

.... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed holiday season!

Steven Grieger
Director of Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY



The Christmas Giving Tree will be set up for the first two weeks in Advent. Students from Teens Against Poverty (TAP) and Christian Leadership have made tags for the tree. Students and faculty are asked to take a tag from the tree and purchase a gift that will

be appropriate for the child described on the tag. Local churches and agencies will distribute the gifts to families in need.

Sarah Campbell, Yelitza Garcia, Tara LaRose, Joshua Loell, Samantha Manzello and Ryan Moran were installed as Ministers of Holy Communion by Bishop McManus at our Thanksgiving liturgy on November 23rd. Congratulations to these students!

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was once again a great success. Approximately one hundred complete meals were donated this year from Holy Name for needy families in the Worcester area. The agencies and parishes were most grateful for all the help we gave them.



Campus ministry will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive to help support Visitation House in Worcester. Visitation House is dedicated to providing material, emotional and spiritual assistance for women facing crisis pregnancies. Campus ministry will be distributing baby bottles to students who are willing to take them home and fill them with change left over at the end of the day. Last year after the bottles were given to seniors, who then filled and returned them, we collected over \$1600.00 for Visitation House.

Christian Leaders will be conducting a drive to support our troops. Details on this program can be found at: www.give2thetroops.org

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Craig Robbins '12 recently received the results of his audition for the Central Mass District Jazz Band. He equaled his position in last year's band as first chair trombonist! In addition, he now qualifies for the Massachusetts All-State and the All-Eastern Jazz Band. All-Eastern encompasses the states from Maine to Washington D.C. We wish Craig the best!

The music department now has six private instructors teaching approximately sixty students lessons each week. Contact Mr. Burke for further information.

The next music parents meeting will be on January 31, 2011.



22nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas season is here and the dates for the Christmas Concerts have been announced.

***December 15th at 12:15PM**

Grandparents Concert - No Charge

***December 16th at 7:00 PM**

***December 19th at 2:00 PM**

Students who are members of the Band or Chorus are entitled to two free tickets for the Sunday or Tuesday concert. All prepaid tickets are \$5.00. Tickets purchased at the door are \$8.00.

Please use the form found in this newsletter to reserve your tickets.

The next concert featuring the Beginners, Intermediate and Jazz Bands will be held on February 9, 2011,

CAMP SUNSHINE

Holy Name sent two groups of juniors to Camp Sunshine to work as counselors this summer. On July 25th through July 30th **Victor Agudelo, Frank Braney, Alyssa Bourke, Sarah Campbell, Zack Cole, Samantha Manzello, Kira Melendez, Cara Loughlin, Emma McLaughlin and Elizabeth Patient** along with advisors Mrs. Ivas and Mrs. Manzello worked with children suffering from Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome. Mrs. Ivas characterized this week as "an experience of a lifetime!" She stated that, "our kids were great! They worked with the children, cared for them and entertained them as well." Mrs. Ivas was assigned to work with the teenagers and found herself challenged as she climbed the rock wall and was given moral support from the teens in her group. It proved to a wonderful learning experience for everyone. Alyssa Bourke stated that she, "was completely amazed at how attached she got to the children." Alyssa was assigned to the Tot Lot.

On August 15th through 20th Mr. Derrell and Mrs. Maloney took **Christelle Boursiquot, Kelli Breden, Antoinette Pacifico, Colin Crawford, Sarah Decelles, Lindsey DeLuca, Ellyn Glosinski, Joshua Loell, Ben Maloney and Ryan Moran** to Maine to work with children suffering from Lupus. Lindsey De Luca stated that, "There are so many wonderful things to say about Camp Sunshine from the people I met to the fun I experienced. There was never a moment I felt unhappy or out of place. The usual politeness and friendliness that I experience in daily life at Holy Name increased exponentially while at Camp Sunshine. It was truly a rewarding experience and I wouldn't trade that one week at Camp Sunshine for anything else in the world."

The Holy Name community is now in the process of raising \$2000 to send a family to camp next summer.

From the Nurse's Office....



Please remember to have your physician sign the School Health Services "Standing Orders" form and send it into the school. According to the Department of Public Health, we are unable to give any medications without this signed form.

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

The Catholic School Department, in concurrence with the Worcester Public School Department, makes all decisions regarding school cancellations, delays, and early dismissals. Please listen to the area television and radio stations for information on school closings. When the Worcester Public Schools are closed, Holy Name is closed. When the Worcester Public Schools have a two hour delay, Holy Name has a two hour delay.

Early dismissals from school due to inclement weather are often misunderstood. When the radio announces that schools are releasing students early, schools are released in a **staggered** fashion. Holy Name is on tier one of early dismissal which means that our busses come to pick up the kids at 12:45 PM.

Please do not call the school to ask these kinds of questions; it is very difficult to handle the volume of calls. Since Holy Name has student from forty-two surrounding towns; this can make for a very difficult situation. Nonetheless, parents have the final decision. If you believe conditions are too dangerous for your child's commute, please keep him/her at home. Students calling home to be dismissed are motivated more by which friends are in school that road conditions.

Please do not call the school to dismiss your child. It is more often the case that remaining at school allows for the clearing and sanding of roads and a safer commute home. Be assured that, like you, the student's safety is our number one priority.

SKI CLUB

Any parent interested in chaperoning the Holy Name Ski Club should contact Mr. Reynolds at ereynolds@holyname.net. Chaperones are asked to accompany Holy Name students to Mt. Wachusett on Wednesday afternoons for six weeks this winter. Please consider volunteering for one, two, or all six trips. It is a fun way to spend time with the kids and enjoy some skiing or snowboarding.

FINANCIAL AID & ADMISSIONS NIGHT

was held on Thursday, December 2nd, hosted by the Guidance Dept and Planet Tuition. This informational workshop helped parents with insights into the financial aid process, how to apply for financial aid, and college admission tips.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed early on December 15th to allow for the Grandparents Concert. Worcester busses will be here at 10:49AM.

FRENCH CLUB



Students interested in studying French language and culture have held their first meeting to organize the Café François, a

new French Club led by junior Charles O'Donnell and sophomore Elaine Agudelo. The group has plans for many events and activities during the year, including some attempts at French cooking and some research of French music, art and fashion. There will be activities to observe Mardi Gras, Christmas and other French holidays as well as helpful information for traveling in French-speaking countries. Films, games and competitions are being planned and French pen pals are being sought. The group meets every other Tuesday in Room 101. All students are welcome.

A+ PROGRAM

IT'S NOT JUST THE STUDENTS WHO CAN WORK AT GETTING A+

Remember to sign up your **STOP AND SHOP** card so you can start earning points for Holy Name every time you shop:

Go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus and follow the prompts. You will be asked to choose three schools from a list. Points for Holy Name will be averaged with what is earned by those schools. The results in cash points for Holy Name that will accumulate quickly as we use our cards at Stop and Shop.

If you do not have a Stop and Shop card, all you need to do is ask at the service desk and start saving money for our school. Just think if we had all bought Christmas turkeys at Stop and Shop.

ENTRANCE EXAMS



Students who wish to apply to Holy Name for Grades 7 or 9 must take the entrance exam on December 4th from 8am to 11am. Students entering 7th grade must bring in a copy of their final 5th grade report card and a copy of their first quarter 6th grade report card. Students entering 9th grade must bring in a copy of their final 7th report card and a copy of their first quarter 8th grade report card.

There is a \$20.00 test fee, and pre-registration is encouraged. (508-753-6371)

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Christmas season is rapidly approaching. . . . Mr. Hoogasian's self-published book of intriguing poetry and thought-provoking passages will make a nice gift for those who like to read in the warmth and comfort of home during those cold New England nights. Contact him at mhoogasian@holyname.net for details on how to obtain a copy.

Mr. Hoogasian would like to thank everyone for donating food for the Thanksgiving food drive, especially his B-period Theology class! Your generosity does not go unnoticed

Mr. Hoogasian's 7th grade science classes are winding down their efforts on the research portion of their science fair projects. Students (and parents) are reminded that the final revised draft of their report. (title page, outline, body of report, bibliography) is due before December 22nd. It counts as a test grade. See him for help or email at mhoogasian@holyname.net. The details are also available on his webpage under class news.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Athletic Director **James Manzello** and Senior **Kevin Donohue** for their Galaxy of Stars Awards, given out by the Friendly House. Mr. Manzello is being recognized for his support and promotion of athletics in the Worcester County area. Kevin is being honored for his athletic success, coupled with his academic achievements. The Friendly House will present these awards at a banquet on Thursday, December 9th, at the Manor in West Boylston. All proceeds from the banquet go directly to support Friendly House.

CLASS OF 2011

Thank you from the Class of 2011 to all who participated and watched the evening of laughter with hypnotist, Dan Candell. Laughter takes on a whole meaning after a night like that.

Thank you to all who purchased Yankee Candles. All orders will be delivered within the first two weeks of December and students will bring home the orders as soon as they arrive.

The senior/junior Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, December 18th, at the Hagan Center at Assumption

NO SCHOOL BISHOPS DAY - DECEMBER 23, 2010

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



College from 7pm to 11pm. Tickets will be sold for \$20.00 per person and are available to Holy Name students only. Tickets will go on sale December 6th.

VARSITY SOCCER

While most people were recovering from their Thanksgiving Dinner, Holy Name's Girls Central Mass All-stars were on the field playing in the cold, rainy Senior Bowl at Wachusett High School. This year Holy Name had three girls named to the Central Mass Coaches All-star team, they are **Ana Bowden**, **Kelli Breeden** and **Bridget O'Sullivan**! **Ana Bowden** was also named to the All-State Team!

Named to the Boys' Central Mass Coaches All-team are junior soccer players **John Soltys** and **Michael Hoye**!

Congratulations to all our Central Mass All-Stars!!!

BOOKSTORE NEWS

The bookstore will be open 7:30 to 12:30 Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30-2:00 Thursdays and Fridays during the month of December. Available *scrip* (gift cards) include 99 Restaurant, I-tunes, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Shaw's, and more.



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