

HOLY NAME HIGHLIGHTS

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HN Highlights is a monthly newsletter for parents/guardians of students at Holy Name Central Catholic Jr.Sr High School
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Dear Parents and Friends:

On behalf of Holy Name Central Catholic Junior.Senior High School, I wish you and yours a most blessed New Year. We had a wonderful Christmas season at Holy Name, full of music, fun, and fellowship. This spirit has carried us forward as we are now focused on preparing the students for their mid-year exams. Teachers and students have been working hard, and I am certain they will be successful.

Recently, we asked our students to take the Million Voice Survey given to high school students across the country. This survey helps administrators and teachers to gauge the climate and to get a sense of the student experience at their schools. Upon first reflection of our student responses, I am pleased to report that the vast majority of our students seem satisfied with Holy Name High School and have a strong sense of purpose moving into the future.

97% indicate their parents care about their education. (Kudos to you all!)

84% indicate school is a welcoming and friendly place.

80% indicate they feel accepted for who they are at school.

77% have a teacher who is a positive role model for them.

87% indicate they are encouraged to practice good citizenship at school.

77% indicate they learn new things that are interesting at school.

82% indicate what they learn in school will benefit their future.

94% believe they will be successful in the future.

77% believe they can make a difference in the world.

88% are excited about their future.

It is refreshing to see, in a culture that sometimes celebrates underachievement and portrays high school students as pessimistic and shallow, that our students maintain a positive outlook and truly care about and enjoy their school experience. In this new year, I join with our staff and parents to celebrate our partnership and our greatest gift, the students of Holy Name!

God Bless You and Yours,

Edward Reynolds
Headmaster

MIDTERM EXAMS

begin on Tuesday, January 18th and conclude on Friday, January 21st. The mid term exams are worth 10% of students' final grade when the office staff computes final

room five minutes before the start of exams. Exams begin promptly, and students are not allowed to enter the room late. Since there is no homeroom period during exams, attendance is taken at the beginning of each exam period.

Seventh and eighth grade students do not have an A period exam; therefore they will only have one exam on the first day. Junior high students do not have to come to school until the start of the B period exam, but they may come early for a quiet study in the cafeteria during the A period time. (Most high school students do have the A period exam.)

All students are expected to take their exams as scheduled. If a student is ill, he/she must bring in a note from a doctor to Mrs. Maurello or Mr. Greenwood, verifying the illness. The principal will then reschedule the missed exam(s). Upon approval, the make-up period for exams is immediately after the last exam, January 21st. If more than one exam needs to be rescheduled, the subject teacher and the principal will determine the time.

If there is a school delay of one or two hours, the exam periods will start accordingly and finish later. If school is cancelled for one or more days, exams will continue in order on the next day school is in session. Busses will be here for dismissal after exams finish each day.

Exam Schedule

Tuesday, January 18th – 8:00 – 9:30, A period exam
10:00 – 11:30 B period exam
Dismissal 11:30

Wednesday, January 19th –8:00 – 9:30, C period exam
10:00 – 11:30 B period exam
Dismissal 11:30

Thursday, January 20th – 8:00 – 9:30, E period exam
10:00 – 11:30 F period exam
Dismissal 11:30

Friday, January 21st - 8:00 – 9:30 G period exam
10:00 – 11:30 Make-Up period
Dismissal 9:30

IT'S RE-REGISTRATION TIME AGAIN!

The process for enrolling students for the 2011 – 2012 school year has begun.

Re-enrollment will begin in February. Parents will receive instructions on how to re-register their children online for the upcoming school year. **The re-registration packet will be sent home with students.** At the time of re-enrollment, there is a \$150.00 non refundable re-enrollment fee which is not included in the tuition amount. However, for re-enrollments that occur on or before February 28, 2011, the fee will be \$100.00

We ask all families to register their students on-line through a link from the Holy Name website:
www.holyname.net

Any family who is without Internet access or would like assistance through this process is asked to call Mrs. Norgren in our Admissions' Office at 508.753.6371.

Families may apply for Financial Aid online once they have completed the enrollment process and the tuition payment agreement. A reminder that the deadline to apply for Financial Aid for the 2011 – 2012 school year is April 20, 2011.

ENTRANCE EXAM – JANUARY 22, 2011

An Entrance Exam for prospective 7th and 9th grade students will be held on January 22ND from 8-11am. Students should bring copies of last year's report cards and the current year's grades. Pre-registration is suggested by contacting Mrs. Norgren at 508.753.6371. The testing fee is \$20.00

SKI CLUB



Any parent interested in chaperoning the Holy Name Ski Club should contact Mr. Reynolds at reynolds@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!

DONATE YOUR USED/JUNK CAR FOR HOLY NAME

Did you know that you can donate your used or junk car to benefit Holy Name? Holy Name is now registered with Donate for Charity, a firm that will pick up your "gently used" car and that donate %75 of its value at auction to Holy Name. Please visit donateforcharity.com or contact Mrs. Hayward at 508.753.6371 for more information.



THEATRE GUILD

The Holy Name Theatre Guild will be presenting its one act play competition on January 29th at 7:00p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and are \$3.00 for student and \$5.00 for adults. The family pass is not accepted for this event. Please come and support our students - -the competition really offers our actors the opportunity to direct, produce and design their own shows. The night is an enjoyable evening for all.

Congratulations to Telegram & Gazette Football

Offensive MVP: Kevin Donohue

Defensive MVP: Nick Fritz

OL: Jugert Bango

DL: Evan Charbonneau, James Mullin

LB: Sean Mahoney

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Craig Robbins '12, Anna Koogler '14, and Drew Stairs '13 have qualified for the Massachusetts All-State tryouts which will be held on January 29th. We wish them the best.

The Christmas concert series was a tremendous success. This is the first time in recent memory that a snow storm did not cancel a concert. A highlight of this year's series was the visit by St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary and St. Mary's Elementary students. The grandparents were as much moved by their presence as they were by the concert.

The Jazz, Intermediate and Beginners Bands have been working quite diligently towards their first concert which will be held on Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. This is always a great night for all in attendance. Mrs. Nancy Ackerman is the director of these ensembles.

Auditions for this year's Talent Show will take place March 30th. The show is April 6th.

HOLY NAME PARENTS ASSOCIATION **Next Meeting Wednesday, February 2, 2011 @** **6:30 PM in the Teachers Lounge**

The Parents Association wishes the Holy Name Community a Happy Healthy New Year!

We are also hoping that you were a lucky winner in our calendar raffle. The winners are posted on **www.holyname.net/parents/parentsassociation**.

On March 5th the Parents Association is planning a Wine Tasting! Come and mingle with friends while sampling some fine wines and beers. Tickets are \$35.00 each or \$60.00 couple. Monies from the event will help Holy Name upgrade a few areas of the school. One of the areas we hope to upgrade is the nursing office. If you would like to help with this event or sell tickets for the wine tasting event, please contact Noel at **nchoquette@enosis-gs.com**.

Our February 2, 2011 meeting will be held at 6:30 pm in the teachers lounge. We are very happy to have a presentation by the District Attorney's staff. The District

use, texting, sexting, etc... We urge all parents to attend this informational and important meeting.



Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

CLASS OF 2011

We want to thank everyone who participated in the Yankee Candle Fundraiser, it was a great success! Also a BIG round of applause to **Meg Dickinson, Thomas Hager, and Kelli Breeden** for being the top candle sellers for this year!

Upcoming events: In March there will be the annual Dodgeball Tournament and the Butter Braid fundraiser; all butter braids will arrive in time for Easter! Look for specific dates in the next newsletter

The Winter Ball was a lot of fun, and we hope the celebration for the holidays continued to be as pleasant and joyous for everyone and their families!

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Mrs. Peter's social studies classes, the students wrote birthday cards to Mrs. Daisy McFadden who turned one hundred years old in November. She lives in the Bronx, New York, and told the students that on her birthday she intended to wake and thank God for giving her one hundred years. She was thrilled to receive all of her birthday cards from the students and marveled at their exchange of questions and comments. Weeks later she telephoned to apologize for not responding yet to the class in writing, but she wanted to answer one of the questions that a student asked. "What was the scariest thing you ever did" Her response was "I was most afraid while riding an elephant down a hill in India. That was the scariest time in my life".

The grade seven students are learning about ancient philosophers. The students have reflected on the sayings of Confucianism, Daoists and Legalists. The students have created charts, concept webs and timelines to reflect each.

The grade eight students are studying the Constitution. The students have learned about the three branches of government and the checks and balances in place to prevent one branch of government from gaining too much power over another. The students researched Supreme Court cases and reviewed the findings of the Supreme Court in each case.

The grade nine students are studying the spread of civilization in East Asia 500-1650. The students have learned about two golden ages of China, the Tang and the Song dynasty. Students have worked with each other

included a mechanical clock, gunpowder and block printing.

Students are also learning about cooperation, meeting deadlines, public speaking and working with technology to maximize their learning opportunity in our classroom.



Special thanks are given to Mrs. Ivas, Mrs. Roche, the cheerleaders, the Band and the Holy Name Letterman, for fabulous Winter Sports Pep Rally!

Nicholas Montiverdi – Lyndon State College, Castleton State College

Ryan Moran – Fairfield University, Seton Hall University

Katherine Nelson – Siena College, Fairfield University

Jessica Poti – Mercy College, Mount Ida College, Western New England College, University of New England

Samantha Sampaio – Regis College

Asha Simpson – The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Cassandra Smith – Curry College, Rivier College

Erica Soucy – University of Bridgeport

Deanna Tomasetta – Point Park University, University of Michigan

Chelsea Valentino - St. Joseph's College of Maine, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES. . .

Victor Agudelo – Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Daniel Cournoyer – Wentworth Institute of Technology

Danielle Cutillo - Johnson & Wales University

Bianca Dintino – Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Jessica DiPilato – Assumption College, Southern New Hampshire University, Worcester State University, University of Massachusetts at Lowell

Stephanie Donaghy - Assumption College

Kevin Donohue - Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Aaron Fossas – Wake Forest University

Yelitza Garcia - Assumption College

Thomas Hager - Worcester State University

Elizabeth Holland – Emmanuel College, Southern New Hampshire University

Michael Ivas – Worcester State University, Fitchburg State University

Damian Jarwzanski - Worcester State University

Kevin Johnson – Anna Maria College, Becker College, Laselle University, Worcester State University

Emma McLaughlin – Wheelock College, Assumption College

Randy Millay – Xavier University, Valparaiso University, Monmouth University, Ohio, University

Activities for Catholic Schools Week

January 30, 2011 – February 5, 2011

1. School-Wide liturgy: Monday, Jan. 31
celebrated by Father Flynn
2. Morning Prayer in the Chapel: Each morning at
7:10 am, faculty and students will be invited to join
as a community for the Liturgy of the Hours.
3. Homeroom period each day will begin with
prayer over the intercom for all those who make
up our Catholic school community.
4. Christian Leaders will sponsor a collection of
“baby items” for Problem Pregnancy.
5. Camp Sunshine: “Sunnies” will be on sale
each day in the cafeteria, and students will
sponsor a bake sale to support Camp Sunshine.
6. We will collect supplies and send care packages
to our troops overseas.
7. The junior high classes will research the history
of Holy Name and study the background of our
founders, the Sisters of Saint Anne.

