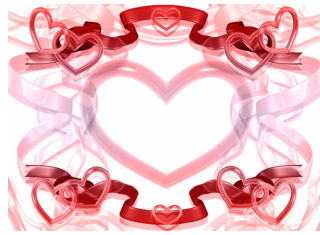


Holy Name of Jesus School

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Catholic School Week
February 1st - 5th
- ◆ Fathers Club Meeting
February 3rd
- ◆ Parents Council
Meeting
February 9th
- ◆ Report Cards
February 10th
- ◆ Presidents Day
Weekend
School Closed
February 12th - 16th
- ◆ Ash Wednesday
February 17th
- ◆ Dress down day for
American Heart Assoc.
February 19th
- ◆ Black History Month
Assembly
February 26th
- ◆ Calendar Raffle
Grand Drawing
February 28th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

As we celebrated "Catholic Schools' Week", we focused on the theme: DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE. A dividend is a profit that comes from an investment and investing in Catholic education provides benefits for life. Having grown up in the Catholic school system, I can vouch for the rewards of such an investment.

When I attended St. Francis Xavier School in the Bronx, my schoolmates and I were always so proud of wearing our school uniform and representing a community to call our own. We knew what a privilege it was to attend Catholic school, especially since the public schools nearby did not offer an ideal setting. I remember my parents warning me that if I did not behave they would send me to public school and that would instill such fear in me. So of course I tried my best to be a good student and daughter!

I share this memory, not to undermine public schools, but to share how my fondness for Catholic education started early on. I always felt a sense of belonging and spirituality that guided me to attend Catholic high school and college and go on to teach and become an administrator for the Archdiocese. I was intrigued with learning about our faith and doing good for others because it made me feel good. I often think to myself that I grew up as a follower of Christ and now I am a leader in Christ. My Catholic background has certainly defined who I am and what I strive to be.

I am often asked, "What keeps you working in a Catholic school?" My response is always "Catholic education is all I know! Where else can I work to instill morals, values, and faith in a child? It is a priceless experience."

As parents, all of you should feel a sense of pride and accomplishment in knowing that you have made a worthwhile investment in your child's future through a Catholic school education. You are providing an opportunity for your child to grow not only academically but spiritually in a safe, nurturing environment that will bring your family closer to God. For this I commend you.

God bless.

REGISTRATION

Holy Name is now accepting registration applications for the 2010-11 school year. School families need to re-register by Feb. 25th so that preparations can begin for next year.

As you decide to re-register, please take a moment to think about how your child has developed and grown in the last year. Has he/she exceeded your expectations? Do you have a sense of pride in his/her accomplishments? Consider your responses in talking to neighbors, co-workers, family and friends and help promote our great school.



Happy Valentines Day



Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to our 8th grade students who received acceptance letters to the Catholic High School of their choice, especially to Bridget Duarte, Tyra Cureton, and Andrew Rivera for being awarded scholarships to Good Counsel, Holy Child, and Fordham Prep. **We are so proud of all of you!**

HNJ Fathers Club

The HNJ Fathers Club is off to a great start this year. We welcome our new members as well as our returning members. Everyone is excited to begin our events. **On March 5th we will sponsor a Family Bowling Night at White Plains Bowl. What a great night to spend with your kids and their friends and families.** The cost is \$12 per person for 1 hour of bowling (shoes included) make sure to get your reservations in early!

This year the Fathers Club will raise funds to replace the entrance doors of Holy Name of Jesus Church. We have begun our Annual Raffle which includes great prizes of a 4 day stay at a Lake Placid Resort, 42" HDTV Television, and a Basket of Cheer. The drawing will be at our Annual Steak Dinner, March 20th in the school gym. **The Fathers Club is a great way to help the school and meet the other dads. It's never too late to join. If you'd like to help with our events, please send an email to hnjfathers@optonline.net.**

Shop for A+Bucks at Stop & Shop

Register your card for Holy Name of Jesus School!

Register your Stop & Shop Card online:
www.stopandshop.com/aplus
or by phone: 1-877-275-2758

Box Tops for Education

Submitting Box Tops can help our school earn points to receive resources. Each quarter a lower grade (PreK-3) and Upper grade (4-8) with the highest amount wins a dress down day! Parishoners can "Pitch-in" to the containers setup in the Church vestibules.

Shop at Target?

Great! Register Holy Name of Jesus School on your card and for every purchase, we will receive 5% of the total amount.

A Special Thanks...

Our District Superintendent, Philip Gorrasi, would like to express his sincerest thanks to all those who attended the PARENT RALLY at Stepinac. While the numbers were not quite what they were last year, it was nonetheless a wonderful evening where our elected representatives heard the voices of our Catholic school parents. Please know that Senators Klein, Oppenheimer, and Stewart-Cousins and Assemblymen/women Ball, Spano, Latimer, and Paulin support our cause and are fighting for us in Albany. They are our friends! **JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK to urge the Governor and legislators to fully reimburse our schools for what they are owed. The new MTA tax, recent budget cuts, and the state's failure to reimburse religious and independent schools for prior year expenses has resulted in a total debt of \$243 million owed. Be a part of the network and join tens of thousands who are fighting hard to support Catholic schools. Go to: www.nyscatholic.org and click "Join the Network".**



Students representing HNJ at Parent Rally

Scout Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 14th, is SCOUT SUNDAY. All of the Scouts of HNJ are invited to attend 8:00 Mass. It is Pancake Breakfast Sunday as well, so all Scouts in uniform will receive a complimentary breakfast. Holy Name is home to several troops. These troops meet on site after school to continue their charitable work and education on community living. Several of them collected toys for the children at local hospitals during the holidays and our very own Daisy troops in the Kindergarten class made "Thinking of You" cards for all the patients in the Holy Rosary Home in Hawthorne. **These acts reflect the goodness and faith-filled ways we strive to instill in our students everyday! THANKS to the troop leaders for their guidance!**

Parents Council

HNJ parents can stay involved by attending Parent Council Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and discuss/plan for school events, listen to updates, and other news. It takes place in the cafeteria. Join us!

Tuesday, February 9th