

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fathers Club Meeting
March 4th
- ◆ First Friday Mass
March 5th
- ◆ Family Bowling Night
March 5th
- ◆ Parents Council Meeting
March 9th
- ◆ St. Patrick's Day Read-a-Thon
Dress Down Day
March 17th
- ◆ Snow Day
School Closed
March 18th
- ◆ Conference Day
School Closed
March 19th
- ◆ Fathers Club Steak Dinner and Raffle
March 20th
- ◆ Middle States Visit
March 23rd - 26th
- ◆ End of 3rd Quarter
March 29th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Although we have approached the middle of the school year, there is still lots to do and events to plan for. A major event coming up for March 23rd – 26th is the visit from the Middle States Association. Three educators will be visiting our school to observe and analyze what we do here at Holy Name. We have asked them to offer assurance on those things our school community is already doing well and guidance and fresh thoughts on areas for improvement.

It has been said by the Middle States Commission members themselves that “a community’s willingness to open itself up to visitation and judgement by a team is a sure indicator that you take your educational responsibility seriously.” We are aware that our school is doing a good job, but we want Holy Name to become even better!

Schools entering the Middle States accreditation process are self-correcting and continuously planning for the future. It demonstrates a continuing capacity to increase quality, student learning, and instructional effectiveness. Their focus is on the development of the whole child with an emphasis on academic performance.

Once the evaluation process is complete and it is determined that we have met the criteria for accreditation, it will be one of the most honorable recognitions that Holy Name receives. Therefore, please keep us in your prayers as we engage in this rigorous school improvement plan that will improve services to our students, staff, and families.

REGISTRATION

Holy Name is still open for registration for the 2010-11 school year for Pre-K – 8th. **Please spread the word about our fine school to friends, neighbors, co-workers and have them call the school office for an appointment with Mrs. Stults.**

Many thanks to all those who supported our Calendar Raffle. It was a great success! The school profited \$12,500.

Congratulations to all our winners!

**“ST. PATRICK’S DAY IS AN ENCHANTED TIME—
A DAY TO BEGIN TRANSFORMING WINTER’S
DREAMS INTO SUMMER’S MAGIC”. —
ADRIENNE COOK**



HNJ Fathers Club Steak Dinner

The Fathers Club is raising 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. **Please send in your reservations for the Steak Dinner to the school office. Reservation forms and raffle tickets are also available in the Church vestibules. Please join us for this great evening of fun and good food, and help us to support this worthy cause!**

When The Saints Go Marching In...

On Saturday, March 13th, Holy Name students and their families marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in White Plains. **Everyone showed their pride in our school and everyone was Irish for the day!**

Congratulations to Our Honor Roll Students for Second Quarter!

First Honors

Jenna Bregante – 3rd Grade
Nicholas Giuliano – 3rd Grade

Joel Davis – 4th Grade
Anthony Sinopoli – 4th Grade

Jerry Brone – 5th Grade
Caitlin Daly – 5th Grade
Christopher Giuliano- 5th Grade
Jared Sirois – 5th Grade

Nicole Bregante – 6th Grade
Eileen Cacsire – 6th Grade
Monica Gayanelo – 6th Grade
Jerrin Kakkanatt – 6th Grade
Stephen Mateo – 6th Grade

Rizza Estacio – 7th Grade
Michael Molinari – 7th Grade
Kayla Stephens – 7th Grade

Tyra Cureton – 8th Grade
Bridget Duarte – 8th Grade
Samantha Poole- 8th Grade
Andrew Rivera – 8th Grade

Second Honors

Michael Abbamont – 3rd Grade
Sarah Brone – 3rd Grade
Tyler Tsiakaros – 3rd Grade

Liana DiVitto – 4th Grade
Vanessa Duarte – 4th Grade
Sanjana Malla – 4th Grade
Gabrielle Rivera – 4th Grade
Morgan Blank – 4th Grade

Jerry Brone – 5th Grade
Caitlin Daly – 5th Grade
Christopher Giuliano- 5th Grade
Jared Sirois – 5th Grade

Imani Campbell – 6th Grade
Bridget Grace – 6th Grade
Michael Hoffman – 6th Grade

Ian Davis – 7th Grade
Sean Fennell – 7th Grade

Congratulations to one of our 8th grade students – Samantha Poole for being awarded a scholarship to the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel! Great Job Samantha!

Success Story

Students from throughout the Lower Hudson Valley met Saturday, March 6th, to compete in the New York Regional Spelling Bee. Students in grades 1-4 showed their spelling skills, with the top three finishers in each grade earning the right to participate in the April 10th State Bee. We are so proud to announce that brother and sister, Sanjana and Sravanth Malla (grades K and 4) will be heading to Albany for the state competition! Both students came in second place for their grade level. GOOD LUCK!!

Alumni News

We are pleased to announce that the following graduates from Holy Name have achieved honors in the FIRST SEMESTER at the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel:

**High Honors – Anisha Kakkanatt
Honors – Katherine Fennell
CONGRATULATIONS!**

First Friday Mass

At our first Friday mass which was in honor of St. Patrick and the year of the priest, **February Values PINs were presented to the following Students for "Hearing God's call":**

David Sammarco – Kindergarten
Evan Coddett – First Grade
Gianna Sammarco – Second Grade
James Cardosi – Third Grade
Gabrielle Rivera – Fourth Grade
Christopher Giuliano – Fifth Grade
Michael Hoffman – Sixth Grade
Rizza Estacio – Seventh Grade
Bridget Duarte – Eighth Grade

Spiritual Bouquets were also created from students in grades Pre-K – 8th to offer prayers up to our Heavenly Father for our very own, Fr. Joe and Fr. Phil. The bouquets were brought up during the offertory by third graders who prepared for the Mass with their teacher, Mrs. Haughey. The colorful bouquets can be seen on the altar as a reminder to always keep priests in our prayers.

A Prayer For Priests To St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, you both saved and served the Word of God, and the Living Bread come down from heaven. Look down upon the priests of the Church, which had its origins in the household over which you presided, and pray for them that they, too, serve perseveringly the people entrusted to their care.

May priests teach the people faithfully the Word of God, and break for them daily the Bread of Life.
May they strengthen them in faith and in hope, console them in hardship and disappointment; and pray to your Jesus to crown their service of him on earth with eternal life with him in the happiness of heaven for ever. Amen.