



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I offer you the following prayer for inner healing for your prayer and reflection. "Lord Jesus, you came to heal our wounded and troubled hearts. I beg you to heal the torments that cause anxiety in my heart; I beg you, in a particular way, to heal all who are the cause of sin. I beg you to come into my life and heal me of the psychological harms that struck me in my early years and from the injuries they have caused throughout my life.

Lord Jesus, you know my burdens. I lay them on your Good Shepherd's Heart. I beseech you – by the merits of the great, open wound in your heart – to heal the small wounds that are in mine. Heal the pain of memories, so that nothing that has happened to me will cause me to remain in pain and anguish, filled with anxiety.

Heal, O Lord, all those wounds that have been the cause of all the evil that is rooted in my life. I want to forgive all those who have offended me. Look to those inner sores that make me unable to forgive. You who came to forgive the afflicted of heart, please heal my own heart.

Heal, my Lord Jesus, those intimate wounds that cause me physical illness. I offer you my heart. Accept it, Lord, purify it and give me the sentiments of your Divine Heart. Help me to be meek and humble.

Heal me, O Lord, from the pain caused by the death of my loved ones, which is oppressing me. Grant me the knowledge that you are the Resurrection and the Life. Make me an authentic witness to your Resurrection, your victory over sin and death, your living presence among us. Amen."

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.
Principal

Report Cards – Cards were sent today with students. Look for the red envelope. Encourage students to continue the good work they have started this year and to shore-up their efforts in areas that are more challenging. Second quarter is a fresh start for each student!

Thank You

Thank you to all who generously contributed to our First Friday collection. The parish food pantry assists those in our community who are in need. They very much appreciate your food donations.

Saint Henry School Committee

-Thank you to everyone who participated in our online survey regarding the proposed uniform changes. We had 166 responses to the survey and the results were overwhelmingly positive. At this time the comments are being read and grouped according to concerns/questions. An information fact sheet will be developed to address these concerns/questions. In addition, the committee is carefully reviewing the results and continuing to research ways to make a potential change and transition more cost effective for everyone.

-We are currently assembling a team to write grant applications for technology improvement.

-Mr. Hodes and Mrs. Sedita are preparing a parent presentation later this fall about online safety for our children. We feel this is a very timely topic in a world ruled by social networking, the internet and cell phones. Speakers and date to be announced soon.

-Saint Henry School will be hosting 3 open houses for prospective families. They will be October 18th and October 26th for grades PreK-8 and November 6 for PreK and K only. If you have friends or family looking at schools for their children be sure and invite them to come see what Saint Henry is all about!

Faith Rally T-shirts

Your child's Faith Rally t-shirt will be coming home October 25th. All students should wear this Faith Rally shirt on the First Friday of each month and at the Faith Rally on February 3rd. ***Please be sure to take good care of this shirt as they will need it throughout the year.***

Tiger Connection Archives

The weekly Tiger Connections with attachments can be found on the website for the entire school year. To locate a TC for a past week, just click on the tab "Our School" and go to 'school publications' to access the TC you need.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Information-Parent teacher conferences will be October 20th and 21st. **Both days are 11:30 dismissal.**

Explorer Test

The 7th & 8th graders will be taking the Explorer Test the week of the October 24th. Please make sure the children get plenty of sleep and a good nutritional breakfast.

All Saints Day

The Solemnity of All Saints is November 1st. This day is also a Holy Day of obligation. No School.

Pre-Kindergarten – 8th Grade Open Houses

October 18th from 9:30-11:30 for new prospective families - Pre-K-8th grade

October 26th from 9:30-11:30 for new prospective families - Pre-K-8th grade

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Open House

November 6th from 12:00-1:30 for new prospective families - Pre-K/Kindergarten

Witness of the Week -The Witness of the Week for Pre-K-4 is Allie Bennett in Mrs. Gaughan's 4th grade class. Allie showed her classmates how important it is to reach out to others. When a classmate didn't do well on a test Allie saw how upset he was so she went home and made flash cards for him to help him study for his re-test. The witness of the week for 5-8 grade is Will Hopkirk in Ms. Griffith's 6th grade class. Will showed his peers how important it is to notice situations around you and to help others by making adjustments. While altar serving Will stepped up as a leader and changed positions with another student who was unsure of their job and made sure that everything went smoothly.

First Penance

November 9th at 7:00 pm is First Penance for our second graders. Please keep them in your prayers.

7th & 8th Grade Science Olympiad

Parent/Student Meeting

There will be an important meeting on October 27 at 7:20am and 3:20pm for any student who is interested in participating on the Saint Henry Science Olympiad team. You will need to attend *only one of the two scheduled meetings*. We are asking that *both the parent and student* attend. We also encourage you to visit the Science Olympiad webpage (<http://soinc.org>) prior to this meeting.

SHS Sports-Varsity Football is in the Championship Game!!!!

7pm this Saturday October 22nd at Father Ryan. We will be playing St. Edwards. Come out in your Black and Gold and cheer for Our Boys!!!

Our cheerleaders will have their competition on Sunday, the 23rd at Father Ryan 7pm.

It's a great event and the girls have worked very hard.

Basketball Registration will not be accepted after tomorrow. Wednesday the 19th. Please get them in today!

Forensics

Congratulations to the Forensics winners from this weekend. Emily Smith placed 4th in Audition
Hannah Sizemore 1st in Story Telling
Elliot Gild 4th in Humorous Interpretation
Sarah Roushdi 1st place in Pantomime
Samantha Deal 4th place in Impromptu

In-House Forensics

Saint Henry in-school forensics competition is coming up! On November 11th, students in grades 3-8 will compete for titles in poetry and prose. Students may choose either a humorous or dramatic piece. Rules for the contest have already been sent

home through the students classrooms. If additional copies are needed, they will be at the front desk.

What is forensics? It is competitive drama. What is the benefit of competing in forensics? Forensics helps build self-confidence and poise, refines your acting and speaking skills, and enhances your communication skills

Auditions for Beauty and the Beast will be October 25, 26, and 27 in the dining hall from 3:00 -5:30. Students will need to sign up for one of the three days in the library. Students wishing to be on the tech crew will also need to sign up and come to one of the three days. Call backs will Friday the 28th from 3:00-5:30. All students must have a signed permission slip and fees paid on or before their audition. They may be turned into the front desk prior to auditions.

Home & School

5K TIGER TOWN RUN **Less Than Three Weeks and Counting***

***RUN, WALK OR STROLL YOUR WAY TO THE FINISH LINE ~** The race is open to runners as well as walkers and those with little ones along for the ride...so sign up today and join in the fun

***SPEAKING OF REGISTERING ~** Even if you sign up your family to participate in the Nov. 5 event, a race registration form must be filled out for EACH PARTICIPANT -- one per person (a family of four turns in four separate forms) -- thanks for helping make the registration process go smoothly!

***HOW ARE THE PLEDGES COMING ALONG? ~** We know the Tiger Town nation is out there asking family, neighbors and friends to sponsor them for the run. With so many exciting incentives --cash prizes, pizza parties, free ice cream, an out of uniform pass (spirit tee/jeans)-- we know those pledge sheets are filling quickly! The half way point for our pledge program is October 20th. Stay tuned for a mid-way pledge report in the October 25th *Tiger Connection*...and remember **if \$12,500 in student pledges are collected, Assistant Principal Dan Hodes will kick off the 5K with a skateboarding demo!** Pledge envelopes must be returned to SHS no later than October 28th to be eligible for prizes. **THIS IS YOUR RACE TIGER TOWN ~ WE APPRECIATE YOUR ON-GOING SUPPORT!!**

Nashville Catholic Wrestling

Nashville Catholic Wrestling (NCW) invites boys grades 5-8 interested in learning about the sport of wrestling to join us on Sunday October 16 and October 23. These meetings in the Father Ryan wrestling room will be informational for parents, and first practices for the boys from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. No experience is necessary and everyone makes the team. NCW provides great instruction and is the (5) time defending Grand Champion in Middle Tennessee, and there have been (34) individual TSSAA State High School Championships achieved by NCW alumni since 1998. There is also a "Club" team for boys K-8 and signups are December 4th and 11th at 4:30 pm. Financial assistance is available, and for more info visit www.nashvillecatholicwrestling.com.

Speaker Jim Williams

Thursday, October 20th, at 6:30 in the St. Cecilia Academy Theater Jim Williams will be speaking on "Taking the Power back from the Bully". You will not want to miss his powerful program.

Website Attachment: Robin Crist sign-up sheet and Saving Catholic Education

"Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid. Build me another altar and lay down your whole will as a burnt offering."

Saint Henry Lunch Schedule for November				
	November 1st	November 2nd	November 3rd	November 4th
	No School	Hamburger or Cheeseburger	Meatball Sub. w/Moz Cheese and Marinara Sauce	Catfish
		French Fries	Broccoli Salad	Hushpuppies
		Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Cole Slaw
		Jell-O	Puttting	Fresh Fruit
		Milk or Water	Milk or Water	Air Head
				Milk or Water
November 7th	November 8th	November 9th	November 10th	November 11th
Turkey Burgers	Spaghetti	Hamburger or Cheeseburger	Grilled Seasoned Chicken	Grilled Cheese, Tuna,
Sweet Potato Fries	Yeast Rolls	French Fries	Wraps/cheese/lettuce/salsa	Bologna, PB&J and PB
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Salad	Fresh Fruit	Pasta Salad	Smiley Fries/Fresh Fruit
Cake	Fresh Fruit	Jell-O	Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Chip Cookie
Milk or Water	Milk or Water	Milk or Water	Milk or Water	Milk or Water
November 14th	November 15th	November 16th	November 17th	November 18th
Twisted Pizza	Sloppy Joe	Hamburger or Cheeseburger	Thanksgiving Feast	Submarine Sandwiches
Green Beans	Corn on the Cob	French Fries	Chicken Fingers	Assorted Chips
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Carrots	Fresh Fruit	Turkey Leg	Fresh Yogurt
Brownies	Fresh Fruit	Jell-O	Mashed Potato/Peas	Milk or Water
Milk or Water	Dirt Puttting	Milk or Water	Yeast Rolls/Fresh Fruit	
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November 21st	November 22nd	November 23rd	November 24th	November 25th
French Toast	Hot Dog/Chilli Dog			
Bacon	Buttered Corn			
Potato	Fresh Carrots/Fresh Friut	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Fresh Fruit	Puttting			
Milk or Water	Milk or Water			
November 28th	November 29th	November 30th		
Chicken/Cheese Ques.	Veal Parmesan	Hamburger or Cheeseburger		Daily Lunch \$3.75
Seasoned Rice	Garlic Butter Noodles	French Fries		Daily Milk \$.60
Fresh Salad	Tossed Salad	Fresh Fruit		
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Jell-O		
Cake	Gingerbread	Milk or Water		
Milk/Water	Milk or Water			

ROBIN CRIST MINIATURE GOLF CLASSIC

Benefitting Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation

OPEN PUTT-PUTT

\$10/player/round
\$25 for a family of 3 or more

Tuesday, November 1st, 2011

10:00 am - ?

Grand Ole Golf

244 Music Valley Drive (near Opryland)

Contact Jane Bray with questions, to volunteer, or to sponsor a hole at bray9606@bellsouth.net.

(These forms also available at www.sthenryschool.org)

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Family name: _____

Player's name(s): _____

phone: _____

email: _____

amount enclosed: _____

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JR HIGH SCRAMBLE

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Form your own four-some.

Single player/groups with less than 4 players
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Saving Catholic Education

Earlier this week, the Los Angeles Catholic Education Foundation announced a campaign to raise \$100 million for Catholic schools in our area.

Catholic education in the United States is in dire straits. A report from Loyola Marymount University in June found that Catholic schools

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

By Richard Riordan

continue to close even though they graduate 98% of their high school students and send almost all of them onto college. In the early 1960s, the U.S. had over 13,000 Catholic schools with 5.5 million students. Today there are 6,900 schools with two million students. In the Los Angeles area, enrollment has fallen by 20% over the past 10 years, to 80,000 students from 100,000. This trend is due not to lack of demand, but to the inability of parents to pay tuition.

The urban poor are more desperate than ever for Catholic education. Urban public schools have failed these families, graduating approximately 30% of Los Angeles high school students in four years. Catholic schools are their best hope—something I know from personal experience.

Catholic schools shaped my spiritual, intellectual and social

growth. This included grammar school (where I got a very good education despite having 55 students in my classroom), high school and then college. I remember vividly my third-grade teacher reading to us for a half-hour every day. It started me on a lifelong love of reading. I remember the ethic of service the nuns and lay teachers instilled in me. I was taught that the poor were not to be pitied—they wanted only to be given the opportunity to succeed. And the fortunate had an obligation to help.

So why are Catholic schools the answer to our urban education woes? Aren't charter schools beginning to help this underserved population? Charter schools are an amazing development, and I've chaired the Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools and the Inner City Education Foundation, both charter advocacy organizations. But not everyone will be able to attend charter schools because the capacity isn't there.

Charter schools are public schools that receive the same dollars as other public schools (in California, \$7,500 per student). By contrast, Catholic schools rely on private contributions (averaging \$4,000 per student) and tuition (averaging \$2,500 per student) from some of our poorest families. In terms of graduation rates, only the very best charter schools in

Los Angeles are on par with Catholic schools.

Catholic schools infuse beliefs, values and standards that children will carry all their lives. They provide a safe learning environment for those from high-crime neighborhoods as well as structure and a faith-

Over 50 years,
the U.S. Catholic
school population
has dropped by
almost two-thirds.

based education. The schools create a sense of community and an expectation that every child will achieve his or her goals.

Many students in Catholic schools are not Catholic. As Catholic school teachers often say, "We provide this education not because the students are Catholic but because we are." Our faith calls us to it.

So how can we provide the gift of Catholic education to the thousands of struggling families who want it but could never scrape together an extra \$2,000 or \$3,000 a year? Of the 17,500 applications the Los Angeles Catholic Education Foundation received for financial aid last year, 17,000 qualified for a tuition award. But the foundation could afford to give awards to

only 8,400 students. The average income level for a family of four who received tuition assistance last year was \$21,500. We believe that if we increase our endowment by \$100 million, we will be able to offer scholarships to all deserving children for decades to come.

In the years that I was mayor of Los Angeles, I was interested to find that some of the best people who worked for me had Catholic school experience. My fire and police chiefs were both Catholic school graduates. And I see significant numbers of Catholic school alumni in a leadership course I teach at UCLA's business school.

Each of us, no matter what career we have followed, has an obligation to educate the next generation. The education needed for success in our world necessarily includes the basics of reading, writing and math. It must also include the ability to reason, to make good judgments, and to be responsible for our planet and all its peoples. These have been the fundamentals of our Catholic schools for over a century. We must guarantee they are here for generations to come.

Mr. Riordan, who was mayor of Los Angeles from 1993 to 2001, is the founding president of the Los Angeles Catholic Education Foundation.