



Pinnacle

NEWS FROM THE SAINT HENRY SCHOOL COMMUNITY • FALL 2008

SAINT HENRY

Saint Henry students and families support First Friday Food Collections

by: Tonya McCulla

Saint Henry students and families have opened their hearts and pantries to help ease the burden for Saint Henry parishioners who have been impacted by the tough economy. In the past, our First Friday collections have been well supported, but so far this school year we have far exceeded expectations. By providing an incentive (students can wear their Faith t-shirts if they bring in a food item), response has been tremendous.

The First Friday Committee looks at the collections and if the Saint Henry Church pantry is full, decides if there are other local organizations that can benefit. So far, extra items have been given to The Ronald McDonald House, Hope Clinic, and Caring Choices. Those organizations have felt the effects of the struggling economy, and are very appreciative of the students and families of Saint Henry School and their generosity.

"It is a relief to know our pantry is full as we approach the holiday season," says Sherry Terry, First Friday Committee member. "The goal of the food pantry is to be a resource for families or individuals who have come into difficult times and need help getting back on their feet. Often people just need help getting from paycheck to pay-



check; this is the help we hope to provide. If people can have basic needs covered like food, then they can focus on other aspects of their life."

Students are always offering to help collect, sort, or carry the food collected and

that is another way of helping and giving to those in need. Often students in eighth grade transport items which encourages their spirit of service. Girl Scouts from Troop #2437, Monica Ann Coode

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SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) School Improvement Process

by: Pat McCulloch

Since the spring of 2008, when results of online surveys completed by various groups of stakeholders (faculty, staff, parents, students, parish community, and community at large) became available, Saint Henry School faculty and staff have continued the self-study process in a variety of ways.

The Vision and Purpose Committee presented revised Mission, Vision, and Beliefs statements to the Pastor,

Principal, and faculty for review and approval. Faculty and staff members served on committees to complete a Standards Assessment Report evaluating the degree to which Saint Henry School fulfills SACS standards in the following areas: Governance and Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Documenting and Using Results, Resource and Support Systems, Stakeholder Communications and Relationships, and Commitment to Continuous

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and Emma Sampson, both seventh graders, collected along side our First Friday Collection in October for Respect Life Month working to earn their Marian Medal. These two young ladies were the first in the diocese to earn the Marian Medal in many years. "The

girls learned that by their efforts of making a flyer and communicating the need, it gave their friends an opportunity to give, and they were touched by everyone's generosity" says mom Kristin Coode.

In December students were asked to bring in one pound bags of rice which was given

to the Ladies of Charity. The school set a goal of collecting 400 pounds. Over 800 lbs. of rice was collected.

On behalf of the First Friday Committee, we say "Thank You" to the wonderful students and families at Saint Henry School. Your generosity has spread outside the school halls, church walls, and into the homes of many in need you may never meet. Thank you. ■



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Friends of Saint Henry School,

It is a privilege and joy for me to be the principal of Saint Henry School and share in its mission to provide a strong Catholic education to our children. The *Pinnacle* is a chance for you to peer into the life of our beloved school and see our 700 children growing academically and spiritually in the truth and love of Jesus.

This year, dedicated by Pope Benedict as the Year of Saint Paul, promises to be full of graces and blessing for our community. We began the year with much excitement to move into our new library, kindergarten rooms, and the renovated spaces including a Pre-Kindergarten classroom.

In addition to renovating physical spaces we have been reflecting on transforming interior spaces of our soul. Just as Saint Paul underwent a conversion to Jesus, we also are

called to live lives transfigured by Christ. Our school-wide Pauline theme, *Strengthen One Another*, affords us the opportunity to recognize students who strengthen others with Christ-like behavior. An award is given weekly through our Witness of the Week program to a nominated student in PreK-4 and 5-8 grades. Read more about our student witnesses in this edition of the *Pinnacle*.

The horizon is full of school and student achievements: Southern Association of Colleges and School visit, sports, cheerleading, Trunk-n-Treat...

None of these wonderful events would be accomplished without the many volunteers who selflessly give of their time, treasure, and talents for the children. We are grateful to you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.

Mission Statement

Saint Henry Catholic School strives to build God's kingdom through prayer, academic integrity, and service to others.

School Motto

Educating for Life, Guided by Christ

Teachers Dedicate Years of Service

by: Angela Plasko

We all know Saint Henry is a warm and welcoming community for students and their families, but it is just as warm and welcoming to its teachers, as evidenced by the exceptionally stable faculty the school enjoys. In fact, three teachers at Saint Henry have been with the school for 20+ years. They include 3rd grade teachers Lucy Armour and Agnes Zepezauer and 6th grade teacher Terri Griffith. Additionally, three teachers have been with the school for 30+ years: kindergarten aide Diane DeFreece, 2nd grade teacher Debby Kiser, and computer teacher Mary Ann Ward.

According to Mrs. Kiser, who in the past has served as 1st grade teacher and assistant principal, it's no surprise that so many teachers stay at Saint Henry. "One of the most unique things about our school is that you've got a very stable faculty paired with amazing parents, both of which work together for the betterment of the children. It's really an ideal situation for teachers."

We at Saint Henry consider ourselves very lucky to have such wonderful and committed teachers as part of our school, and we would like to congratulate them for their years of dedication to the Saint Henry community! ■



An annual Thanksgiving feast is prepared by the Kindergarten students. Reagan Meadows shares a Thanksgiving feast with her 8th grade buddy, Nora Melton.

78 Saints Descend Upon Saint Henry School

by: Tracie O'Dwyer

On October 30th, anyone visiting Saint Henry School could talk with and learn about the lives of saints ranging from Saint Ann, the mother of Mary, to Saint Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland. On this autumn afternoon, 5th graders presented their "wax museum" of saints. Under the guidance of teachers Debbie Butner, Sister Mary Therese Brooks, and Maureen Welsh, the students donned costumes, carried props, and displayed posters depicting the saint of their choice. They presented this gallery of saints to the student body.

As the seventy-eight 5th graders lined the front halls of the school for four class peri-



ods, other grades and many parents toured through the halls. Visitors waited in line to press each saint's "button" and bring the wax statue to life. The saints then described when and where

they had lived, what they had accomplished during their lives, which virtues they are known for, and most importantly how to practice those virtues in daily life.

The 5th graders researched

their saints and rehearsed their roles. Their hard work and preparation paid off: the wax museum was fun and informative for all the visitors. The 5th graders, too, enjoyed their project as they did a wonderful job of bringing the saints to life. ■



SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) School Improvement Process

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Improvement. During the spring a committee of faculty members worked to update our profile information which includes the history, characteristics, and current demographic data of Saint Henry School.

Several of the areas that surfaced in the surveys or in the self-study as needing improvement were adopted as action items in our School Improvement Plan. The four goal statements developed for the School Improvement Plan are as follows:

- Utilize ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) data to identify strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum with focus on math and language arts and make instructional adjustments for improvement based on data.

- Explore the feasibility of meeting the needs of academically gifted/talented students at Saint Henry School.

- Offer a variety of nutri-

tional foods at the school cafeteria for students' lunches.

- Improve the playground as an area to meet physical, social, and recreational needs of all age groups of students within our school.

As the various stages of the self-study were completed, documents were submitted to the Diocese of Nashville Catholic Schools Office to become part of a diocesan-wide self-study and application to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for district-wide accreditation for all Catholic schools within the diocese. In fulfilling requirements for SACS accreditation, the diocesan schools will also fulfill requirements for state accreditation. Saint Henry School, along with several other diocesan Catholic schools, will submit our standards assessment information and self-study to the Southern Association of Independent

Schools in order to gain that accreditation, as well.

On November 16-19th, 2008, the Catholic Schools Office hosted a review team of twelve individuals from across the country who hold expertise in the area of school accreditation. They met to review all applications and documents and determine if all the accreditation criteria had been met. Two of the team members visited Saint Henry the morning of November 18th to tour the school and talk with groups of students, parents, faculty, and administration. A number of the other diocesan schools were visited, as well.

On the afternoon of

November 19th, Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P., Principal, and Terri Pilon, co-chair of the SHS SACS self-study committee, attended an exit interview meeting with the review team at the Catholic Schools Office. The review team informed the diocese that it is recommending the Nashville Diocese to SACS for district-wide accreditation. Formal approval will be given by the SACS central office after the 1st of the year.

Early in 2009, Saint Henry School will host a review team from the Southern Association of Independent Schools for final determination of our qualification for that accreditation. ■

Save the Date
Friday, February 27, 2009
Grandparents/Special Friend's Day

Que Pasa in Spanish Club!

By: Angela Plasko

Every day, students at Saint Henry participate in a variety of special classes designed to complement the core curriculum; one of the most popular is Spanish. Spanish teacher Claire Gonzalez has taken her love of the language one step further by adding Spanish Club to the list of the school's extracurricular activities. Spanish Club is designed to promote the love and learning of Hispanic history and culture. "I have to admit the club has been very slow this semester due to other commitments, but we have been very active in the past and hope to be so again after the holidays," says Mrs. Gonzalez.

The club has enjoyed a wide array of activities in the past. One year, Saint Henry parents from Ecuador talked to the students about their native country. The Spanish Club from St. Cecilia made a presentation about how Christmas is celebrated in Spanish-speaking countries. The group has also enjoyed sampling food and treats from Mexico, and even celebrated an authentic fiesta. The Spanish Club has even introduced drama into the mix; students in 5th and 6th grade presented a play entirely in Spanish with assistance from Mrs. Gonzalez and 5th-8th grade Spanish teacher Nicole Reed.

"My goal is to do another play this school year, this time with the younger classes," says Mrs. Gonzalez. "It's a great way to immerse the kids into the language and it's a fun outlet for learning." She also adds that plans are underway to get the Spanish Club back up and running at full speed in January. Open to students in grades 1-4, the Spanish Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. For more information about the Spanish Club, contact Claire Gonzalez at 352-1328. ■

Forensics

by: Julie Gild

The Saint Henry in-house forensics tournament winners are pictured with their well deserved awards after the finals on November 21st. This year there were more than 250 children ranging in age from 3rd through 8th grades, competing in the reading of humorous and dramatic, poetry and prose. We had 16 judges from various professional theater venues, including Nashville Children's Theatre, Nashville Public Library, The Boiler Room Theatre, Bellevue Dance Company, and Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre, as well as many coaches from other winning forensics teams. The children all were wonderful and have every reason to be proud.

Saint Henry's new Drama coordinator, Julieanna Gild, has taken over the reigns for this year's tournament. Many thanks to the wonderful teachers who have always done such a great job with this tournament in the past while trying to teach classes!



A very tired Julie was quoted as saying, "I don't know how they did it! It is all I can do just to keep up with the tournament much less try to do anything else. However, it is the talent and excitement of the kids that keeps me going. It is the skills they are learning now that will take them through their lifetime."

After all the tabulating

was done and awards were passed out, the students received the judge's ballots. It is Julie's hope that they will benefit from the professional comments and suggestions of our talented judges. When you see a Saint Henry's student, ask him or her to do a part of his or her forensics piece for you, you will be glad you did! ■

Pre-kindergarten update

by: Tonya McCulla

This past fall, Saint Henry School for the first time in 19 years enrolled pre-kindergarten students. The newly renovated pre-kindergarten area is located downstairs where the former band room was located.

"We are proud to say that our program is full and we love our new space," states Stephanie Braeuner, Tuesday/Thursday teacher. "Our students call the older students **"Big Tigers"** and get so excited when they see them. We have been so blessed to have students from 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 8th grade to



help daily. From watching the children in the early bird program, to helping with bringing in and out their playground equipment, their contribution to the program has been so important," says Braeuner.

"A very important feature is the 2pm dismissal. We are able to see parents daily with-

out the children being caught up in the normal school dismissal," continues Braeuner.

In addition to early academic development, students have been exposed to the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, taught by Mrs. Kate Riley. "She has done a great job and we are so very thankful for her," says Suzanne Armbruster, pre-k aide. Many people including St. Henry parishioners have contributed to this program, by building the Atrium and donating items that are used to teach the children about the sacristy.

Saint Henry School is so proud of our smallest tiger cubs! ■

Saint Henry students show devotion to Blessed Mary in Living Rosary Ceremony

by: Tonya McCulla

In recognition of October being the month for “Our Lady”, on October 24, Saint Henry students in all grades participated in a Living Rosary Ceremony. “Our gym was transformed into a beautiful prayerful space,” states Rhea Forte, sixth grade teacher. “In particular, members of **Children of Mary** were so excited with making and preparing the Blessed Mary’s altar. Along with Anna Wagner, art assistant, they turned two tables into a beautiful altar display to admire during the ceremony.”



Students were chosen by teachers in each grade to represent a bead in the rosary. **Children of Mary** students wrote the reflections. The entire student body recited

together a portion of the rosary. The sorrowful mystery, using a five-decade rosary, was recited.

“I was so impressed with the student’s reverence,” states Sister Rosemary, seventh and eighth Religion teacher. “With the help of other teachers: Sister Marie Noelle, second grade; Sister Mary Therese, fifth grade; Katie Long, seventh grade, English and Literature; Rhea Forte and the support and direction of Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P., Principal, we hope to continue this in the future. It is a beautiful way to show our devotion to Blessed Mary,” concludes Sister Rosemary. ■

Family Faith Nights

by: Tracie O’Dwyer

The evening of October 22 marked the return of Family Faith Nights, an opportunity for Saint Henry School families to share faith and fellowship with one another. This year’s school theme, *Strengthen One Another*, served as the inspiration for the evening. While friends, families, and football players enjoyed a pizza dinner, SHS Principal, Sister Ann Hyacinth, reflected on the year of St. Paul and how his life can inspire us.

“When we began planning Family Faith Nights, we wanted to honor the Year of St. Paul and tie in the school’s theme,” explained co-chair Krissi Watkins. “Strengthen One Another, Love One Another, and Forgive One Another were the three areas we decided to explore.”

Also on hand at the first Family Faith Night was Father Mike Johnston, who

introduced former SEC football coach and Saint Henry grandparent, Fred Pancoast. Mr. Pancoast led a family team building discussion, comparing the drive to win on the athletic field to the quest to live a Christian life. The discussion attracted members of the 7th and 8th grade football team, who wore their game jerseys to the event. “The boys learned that you have to work just as hard at home with the people you love as you do on the football field,” said coach, Jeremy Dison.

Saint Henry students are a big part of Family Faith Nights, helping set up for the event, distributing holy cards and rosaries, and leading the Living Rosary. Getting the whole family together and involved is the goal. It is a collaborative effort, beginning with the dedicated committee who organize each evening to the families who participate.

“We closed our Family Faith Night with a Living

Rosary—which provided a wonderful, interactive venue for our students, with their families, to join together in prayer. We all agreed there is great power in this meditative prayer of intercession to our Blessed Mother. The devotion and reverence of those present resonated the love we all have for Mary and Jesus,” committee member, Janie Sizemore, added.

There will be two more Family Faith Nights this school year. On February 11, the theme, Love One Another, will serve as the focus, with the ceremony of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. “We will be giving families the chance to bring Jesus into their homes with this special blessing,” said Krissi Watkins. For the final Family Faith Night, planned for April 3, families will gather for Stations of the Cross to reflect on the love and suffering of Jesus on his journey to the Cross. ■

SHS Celebrates the Year of St. Paul

by: Chris Besand

On June 28, 2008, the Church dedicated a special jubilee year to the apostle Paul on the occasion of the 2000th anniversary of his birth. During this year, Pope Benedict XVI asks that we “learn from St. Paul, learn faith, learn Christ, and finally to learn the way of upright living.” St. Paul’s profound conversion from persecutor to apostle and his passion for the Gospel is an extraordinary example for us as we bring the light of Christ to others.

The students at Saint Henry School joined the Church throughout the world in celebrating this Pauline year. The theme for this school year is *Strengthen One Another*, just as St. Paul strengthened the early Christian communities by his faith, words, and service. The emphasis of this theme can be found everywhere—from classroom bulletin boards, the weekly Tiger Connection, the faith rally shirts worn proudly by the students, and most especially at the upcoming faith rally. Our Witnesses of the Week have further inspired and strengthened the entire student body with their words and actions.

As we journey together during this Pauline year, may we also personally encounter the Risen Lord and proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth! ■

SHS Sports

by: Jeremy Dison

One of the goals of any sports program is to win, but what does winning mean and how do you arrive at that answer? Saint Henry School has found that the scoreboard is not the only indicator of what a true winner actually is. Winning can be a feeling inside that makes a child want to be a part of something greater than themselves. This is the approach that we are taking as a part of our sports program because it supports our mission here at SHS. The mission of Saint Henry School athletic program is to use the arena of physical training and competition to teach each student-athlete the disciplines needed to build Christian character and excellence in education, teamwork, and leadership.

This year SHS has unveiled a Sports Leadership Program that is focused beyond trophies and banners. The goal of the program is to introduce the presence of Our Faith in each of the sports we compete in by using our coaches as role models. We expect our coaches to teach our children to learn to win with humility, lose with grace, and always strive to achieve to be the best they can be with the talents that God has given them. We all can remember the powerful impressions we have had with great coaches and teachers in our past. So let's allow them to use those gifts beyond the court or fields of play. We want our coaches to build great people as well as great runners, setters, point-guards, and quarterbacks.

Our coaches this year have been asked to begin or end practice with prayer as well as take five minutes to discuss what's going on in their team's lives. We truly

hope that the athletic experience the children have this year and for years to come will have greater meaning as a result. From now on, the team t-shirt that our children keep at the end of the season will have TRUE value because the Saint Henry logo will signify something more than just a sports team they played on.



The 2008 sports season began on the football field in early August. SHS supported two 5th and 6th grade squads coached by Jack Reese and Rick Fisher as well as the Junior High football and cheerleading squads. The 5th and 6th grade teams played parochial teams on Saturdays but also played a few games outside the league against such competitors as CPA and Friendship Christian. All the children at this age are given the chance to play a significant amount of time while improving their skills. Saint Henry was very well represented and we look forward to seeing all the boys again next year.

This year's cheer team was instructed by Mary Beth Hargrove and Maggie Dicks. The squad climbed and tumbled to new heights as they pushed towards a medal in the Parochial Cheerleading Competition. If you have not been to this event, you would be amazed at the level of ath-

leticism demonstrated by these young ladies. The SHS team, with almost twice as many girls as the other teams, showed very well with a 4th place finish. Knowing how difficult it is to coordinate formations and synchronize movements with just a few team members...now imagine a team of almost 50! A tremendous note too, the 8th grade girls came together as a team and were more instrumental than ever in the overall success of school pep rally, the Black and Gold Game, and Family Faith Night. Awesome season 8th graders!

The Varsity boy's football team learned the meaning of fighting through adversity. This year's team, under Mr. Dison (Glen Moseley, Mark Paslick, Mike Mammarelli, Mike Holzmer, Tom Pickney, Chris Marchetti, Marcelo Ariola, Dan Strebel, and Dave Latiolais) found strength in togetherness. Throughout the season, the team overcame deficits and injuries to find its way back for a 3rd regular season title in a row and another date in the parochial playoff championship game.

Although the Tigers fell just short to a well deserving St. Joseph team in the final game, it didn't diminish the highlights of a fantastic season. During the season, the Tigers defeated David Lipscomb 7-6 while down to our third string quarterback. The Tigers also defeated St. Joseph in the regular season in an overtime classic that is sure to be remembered. In following the Sports Leadership Program, the team was able to take part in the Family Faith Night and listen to Coach Pancoast while also taking part in the ESPN 'Gameday' event before the Vandy/Auburn game. These are experiences that will stay with the children for the rest of their lives.

This year's SHS Cross

Country team was close to 160 students strong and led by a fantastic group of volunteers. The thundering herd practiced after school at SHS in September and took their running skills to Overbrook School on Sundays in October. Please make it a point to go see our children run if you have not had the chance. The Parochial Cross Country meet is a well run event and often a display of individual determination that is inspirational. It's a definite must and a true gift to our coaches when the children push themselves to personal best times on a weekly basis. Great job coaches and runners and hope to see everyone again next fall!

The 5th and 6th grade girls also participated in an instructional volleyball league against the other schools in the Diocese. The goal is to ensure that the children have a firm understanding of the rules/ skills before moving towards a more competitive environment. The girls were instructed by Diane Bledsoe, Lindsey McGrady, Lindsey Henderson, and Wendy Skidmore. Thanks to all the athletes and coaches involved. Due to this program the last few years, our volleyball skills and interests have improved immensely. Keep up the good work girls!

As we move towards the holidays, we are just about to get started with basketball. The basketball program here at SHS is an epic chore with over 250 players on 27 different teams. With so many of the children playing basketball this winter, we will see a greater opportunity to instill the ideals of Saint Henry School in the Leadership Program. Our thoughts and prayers are with our coaches and players as they grow on and off the court.

God Bless and Go Tigers! ■

Home and School News

By: Robin Round and Ellen Gould

The 2008-2009 school year has been exciting with the addition of a new library, the renovated spaces, and the cute faces participating in our new pre-kindergarten program. The Saint Henry Home and School Association has been a proud supporter of the new additions and we look forward to supporting future projects.

The Home and School activities began before the school doors opened with a pop-sicle social for new families, supplying snacks for two open houses, and a welcome back luncheon for our teachers. We have two incredible committees that handled these events: the Welcoming Committee and Hospitality Committee. We are so very blessed at Saint Henry to have such wonderful volunteers!

Our wrapping paper/Smart Card fundraiser was a big success. If you missed out on either of these opportunities, do not worry because you can order wrapping paper on line and there are more Smart Cards available for purchase. We are thankful to our community for all the support they so readily give our students.

Happy Halloween.... indeed! We had a Trunk-n-Treat to celebrate the fall season. Kindergarten through 8th grade students were excited to wear their costumes to school (teachers joined in too). Parents arrived with their cars decked out in SPOOKY decorations and they had candy to hand out to the children. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the fun-filled event. Home and School

We invite you to invest in the future of Saint Henry School. Please consider giving to the 2008-2009 Annual Development Drive. All gifts are welcomed through June 30, 2009.

awarded the Brown family the "The Scariest Car" award and a gift certificate to spend in our Spirit Shop.

Our school grows and prospers in TIGER SPIRIT through your support of the Spirit Shop. We are excited to unveil some new items this year which consists of footballs and basketballs with the Saint Henry name and shield. We also have new styles of window stickers and many other items for families to purchase to show their TIGER SPIRIT.

Our school came together for the first of three Family Faith Nights this fall. Fred Pancoast led a team building exercise and the evening culminated with the praying of the Rosary. This was a well attended event and we look forward to our next chance to celebrate our faith with our families in February.

Mark your calendars for

Witnesses of the Week

by: Tracie O'Dwyer

The families of Saint Henry School and Parish are happy to welcome our new Principal, Sister Ann Hyacinth. One of the first initiatives Sister introduced to our school year is Witness of the Week appreciation. One student from grades Pre-K through 4 and one student from grades 5 through 8 have been recognized each week for exhibiting Christ-like behavior toward others. These behaviors include exemplary courage, leadership, and selflessness. The witnesses have offered their friendship to one another and their service to those in need. In his or her individual way, each of the students listed below has revealed the face of Christ to others.

SAINT HENRY WITNESSES OF THE WEEK AS OF DECEMBER 16



February 21. You do not want to miss "A Night in New Orleans", the theme for our annual dinner/auction. There are many ways in which to be involved in the auction this year: sponsorships, tribute ads, patron party, a donation (silent or live auction), or simply be a guest for the evening. This is a wonderful event to bring our community together.

The 2008-2009 school year will continue to bring many new opportunities for our families to become involved at Saint Henry School. Our community is blessed with extraordinary volunteers, giving community, fellowship, team spirit, and the love of all that God has given us! God bless you and thank you for your support. ■

Grades Pre-K through 4

Samantha Oliphant
Georgia Burr
Chelsea Dongas
Oliver Gould
Grace Stevens
Brian Ceseretti
Alex Saavedra
Patrick France
Sam Killian
Alex Ledford
Jack Smith
Matthew Batts
McKenna Braeuner
Maia Funk



Oliver Gould, Witness of the Week

Grades 5 through 8

Genevieve Hargrove
Patrick Brouillette
Madison Hoback
Theresa Anderson
Christopher Kelly
Zach Curtis
Andrew Towns
Nick Dreher
Matt Chauvin
Nathan Sharp
Mark Marchetti
Nick Honeycutt

Andrew Moore
Jessica Baumgartner
Sean Rollins
Tommy Derrick
Brian Garvey

These witnesses were nominated by peers, faculty, staff, and parents who observed their inspiring conduct at school or at school events. The school has awarded each a Witness Certificate and a rosary in recognition of his or her behavior; pictures of the witnesses appear on the Wall of Witnesses bulletin board in the main hallway of the school.

Congratulations again to each of them and to the more than 300 Saint Henry students who have been nominated since this program began in September. They have set a particularly fine example for the school community as we celebrate this year of Saint Paul and strive to Strengthen One Another. ■



Box Tops for Education Program off to a Roaring Start

by: *Chris Besand*

The Box Tops for Education program has proven to be an easy fundraiser for Saint Henry School. Over the course of one year, students have collected \$2,000 worth of box tops and enjoyed a little healthy competition among classrooms along the way.

Winning classrooms were treated to either an ice cream or pizza party. Winners from last year were Sr. Marie Noelle's 2nd grade class and

Mrs. Luton's kindergarten class. This fall, Mrs. Long's 7th grade class finished first with an astounding 1,335 box tops and were treated to a pizza party!

We are grateful for the parental and parish support of this fundraising program. Please continue to clip those box tops and send them to Saint Henry School. A list of participating products and our school's progress can found by visiting www.BoxTops4Education.com. ■

2009 Calendar

January 5	Class resume from Christmas break
January 12	Current family registration begins
January 19	No school – Martin Luther King Day
January 22	Spelling bee
January 25-30	Catholic Schools Week
January 30	Faith rally
February 8	8th grade confirmation (2:00pm)
February 11	Family Faith Night (6 - 7:30pm)
February 13	No school – Diocesan Inservice
February 16	No school – President's Day
February 21	Home & School auction
February 27	Grandparents'/Special Friend's Day
March 16-20	No school – Spring break
April 3	Family Faith Night (6 - 7:30pm)
April 9-13	No school – Easter break
April 14	Summer uniform begins
April 26	First Communion (2:00pm)
May 6	May crowning (8:00am)
May 12	Spring concert (2:00 & 7:00pm)
May 22	Pre-K & Kindergarten last day
May 22	8th grade banquet
May 23	8th grade graduation (10:00am)
May 25	No school – Memorial Day
May 28	Field day (11:30am dismissal)
May 29	Last day of school (10:30am dismissal)

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