



Holy Name Parish School

June 2010

Dear Holy Name Families,

Teaching family values in an ever more complicated world is an enormous task. One area often taken for granted is the need to teach children the value of money. Even as adults, we are subjected to all kinds of pressures and challenges which make handling our personal Finances a major feat. How much greater is the pressure on children not old enough to separate needs from wants and not experienced in the art of self-denial!

There are many questions which each family must answer for itself. At what age should young people have an allowance? Should allowances be considered pay for chores done or simply a share in the family income? How can a habit of saving be instilled in a young person? What decisions should parent and child make about sharing with those less fortunate? What is the family attitude about debt and credit cards? What is “wise spending” as contrasted with “foolish spending?” How can we learn to resist the lures offered by advertisers and store displays?

Answers to such questions are not easy, but life will surely be more difficult for us and our children if we have no answers at all. Some kind of family plan to introduce the realities of a family budget and the need for records is essential. An understanding of family finances may help children more willingly accept the “no” that must often be said, and the habit of responsibility in handling money will be beneficial in their adult life.

During the summer months introduce your children to a simple and not burdensome overview of how a family budget works. Perhaps this may be the time to help one another with chores. Or perhaps as a family you can decide how to help a family less fortunate than yours. The closeness of a family working responsibly together will leave lasting memories that will help them later in life.

As the 2009-2010 academic school year draws to a close, I want to personally express to all of you my deepest appreciation for your support, efforts, and contributions during the past year. May you all have a safe and fun filled summer. Please remember to attend Church each weekend with your children. God needs to be at the center of their lives.

Keep God Alive in Your Heart,
Mrs. Lynne Workman
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

June 1 - 4	Grade 6 Environmental Trip to Camp Agassiz in Poland, Maine
June 1	Grade 1 Fieldtrip to Franklin Park Zoo
June 2	<i>Half Day – Dismissal at Noon – Teacher’s meeting</i>
June 4	Student Council Speeches
June 7-11	<i>Nursery, KI, and KII - Half Day – Dismissal at Noon</i>
June 7	Student Council Elections
June 8	End of the Year Buddy Mass at 9:00am in the Upper Church (All are welcome)
June 10	<i>Nursery Celebration at 9:00am in Finn Hall – Last Day for Nursery KI Celebration at 11:00am in Finn Hall- Last Day for KI</i>
June 11	<i>KII Graduation Play at 10:00am in Parish Hall – Last Day for KII Last Day for Extended Day</i>
June 14	Grade 6 Celebration Day Home & School meeting at 7:00pm in the Library
June 15	<i>Grade 6 Graduation Prayer Service at 5:30 in the Upper Church Half Day & Last Day for Grade 6 - Dismissal at noon</i>
June 16	<i>Half Day for Grades 1 – 5 Dismissal at noon</i>
June 17	<i>Half Day for Grades 1- 5 – Dismissal at 11:30am Last Day of School – Distribution of Report Cards</i>

Looking Ahead

September 6	Labor Day – <i>No School</i>
September 7	Faculty Meeting
September 8	School reopens for Grades 1-6 <i>Dismissal at Noon</i> Nursery Orientation from 8:30 – 9:15am at the Murphy Center KI Orientation from 9:30-10:15am at the Murphy Center Open House for Nursery, KI & KII for students from 10:30- 11:30am
September 9 th & 10 th	Starting Days for Nursery, KI and KII (1/2 class sessions) <i>Dismissal is at noon for all students</i>

The Family Mass is celebrated every Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Upper Church. Make God an integral part of your family life. Please attend Church with your family and pray together. Share and renew your faith with your family. Please remember to worship as a family during the summer months and as Father Carlson says, “Bring a Friend!” The continuing participation of our children at Mass involves assisting with music sheets, collection, and presenting the offertory gifts. The schedule of grades assigned to assist at the Family Mass is as follows:

June 6th – Grade 5

June 13th – “One Hundred Singers” & Grade 6

We are grateful to our Home & School Association for the outstanding fundraising events that they had throughout the year. We thank all the hard-working members of the Association for the dedication and support they have continually given to Holy Name Parish School. Once again this was truly an outstanding year. Enjoyed activities consisted of the following: the Genevieve Wrapping Sale, Apple Picking at Little Rascals Orchard, Craft Fair, and Santa’s Workshop, the “Calendar,” Adult Comedy Night, and family movie night. Our sixth grade graduates greatly benefit from their support especially to Camp Agassiz and scholarships. We are most grateful to all who attended and supported the many events. We appreciate the generosity of all those who donated numerous items to these events. It has been a school community effort, supported by faculty, staff, students and parents. For all the hours of hard work, the sacrifice of time and energy, we thank everyone involved. Our Holy Name children are our motivation; they are the soul and spirit of our school. Thank you, thank you, Thank you!

Thank you! A big thank you for all the events sponsored by the Home & School, Bernardines, Room Parents, Library Committee and volunteers that helped make these events a success. Your support is invaluable.

Holy Name Parish School provides two options for tuition payment. Tuition payments for the 2010-2011 school year are due on June 1, 2010. Option 1: Full payments with \$100 discount by June 1, 2010. Option 2: Utilize FACTS: which is our tuition management plan designed to be a flexible budgeting plan to meet family needs. All outstanding tuition should have been paid in full by April of this year. Unfortunately, any family whose tuition for the 2009-2010 school year is not paid in full by September 2010 will not be allowed to return. FACTS Financial Tuition aide packets were sent out to all families. Applications may be filed online. FACTS will assist in determining eligibility for aid. For additional information, please call the office.

Students of Grades 1-5 will receive their report cards on Thursday, June 17, 2010. The teachers and administration will carefully decide the best placement for your child/children. Although input from parents is important, there are many aspects that need to be considered in the final classroom decision. We are unable to honor requests. Please be assured that each one of us will make the best decision possible. Assignments will be sent out by IRIS and e-mail in late August.

Our Student Council has successfully completed another year at Holy Name Parish School. Some of the many projects they have undertaken are: providing tours for the new students and families, "NEADS" (New England Assistance Dog Service,) Lights For Loved Ones, Saint Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive, MSPCA Pet Drive "Sit Up and Beg," F.O.G. Fund Raiser, the Catholic Relief Service "Operation Rice Bowl," "Holy Name Gives Back," and the Food Pantry. We praise and thank our Student Council for the many out-reach projects and casual days they have undertaken under the guidance of Mr. O'Hara, and Miss Curtis. We also thank you for your support of these projects.

Any child, who is transferring from Holy Name Parish School for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year, needs to notify the school office immediately. Forms are available in the office. Records will not be sent unless tuition has been paid in full. Records will not be sent without the required information. Thank you.

The Holy Name School Band held their annual Spring Concert directed by Jon Woodard and Jim Repa of the Paul Effman Music Service on May 26th in Finn Hall. Our talented musicians performed a concert for their parents and relatives. Congratulations to the following students for their dedication and hard work: *Flute* – Elvira Mora, Liam Flood, Lily Caffrey-Levine, Deandra Gayle, Alison McVeigh, Kerry O'Neill, and Cecilia Tarantino *Clarinets* – Emily Surdek, Kerry Torpey, Katherine Susich, Alexander Boldewskul, Yianni Katsaras, Alanna Smyth *Saxophones* – Brooke Dougherty, Eduardo Sanchez, Daniel Fedynshn, Sean Flynn, and Brendan Williamson *Trumpets* – John Harrington, Christopher Berry, Brendan Flood, Elias Maroun, Enrique Sanchez, Dai-Chi-Tran *Drums* – Clare Morris, Nora McKenna, Billy Brennan, and Will Driscoll *Bells*: Amy Costello. A special congratulations to our Honor Band participants: Emily Surdek, Liam Flood, Christopher Berry, and John Harrington.

Needs new names -Congratulations to the Holy Name Parish School Grade 6 Graduates!!! We wish you much happiness as you enter a new chapter in your life. May the Catholic education that you received here at Holy Name Parish School always influence you in making good choices. We are proud of your accomplishments. May you continue to share your talents and abilities with others. *Roxbury Latin*: John Gillespie *Boston Latin*: Connor Blount, Joseph DiMento, Jack Fleming, Christopher Frattarolli, Andrew Gatto, Michael Hanna, Liam Harrow, Eoin Lane, Jack Lydon, Teddy Macdonald, Connor O'Shea, Dennis Riley, Elinor Avery, Mary Ayoub, Lily Caffrey-Levine, Emma Curran, Lauren Demiralli, Maria Gallant, Andrea Hatzis, Angela Hourihan, Emily Nguyen, Maggie Skaza, Emily Surdek, *Boston Latin Academy*: Thomas MacKinnon, Patrick McToal, Ariana Carr, Victoria Graham, Emma Houston, Anna Kopp, Elvira Mora, Christine Palizzolo, Jacqueline Towle *Catholic Memorial*: Zachary Anzalone, Anthony Bechwati, Dylan Dagg-Chalmers, Patrick Dougherty, Scott Gosse, James Lithotomous-Bratsis, Dolan McCarthy, Owen Morris, Robbie Mullen, Connor Powell, Sidney Sarfo,

Jacob Schaefer, Jonathan Treon, Jake Twombly *Mt. Alvernia*: Erin Carroll, Kelli Cronin, Brooke Dougherty, Kayleigh Duggan, Kiera Duggan, Sabrina Foley, Caitrin Lonergan, Kelsey Murphy, Kelly Pease, Kerry Torpey *Ursuline*: Kate Richardson *California*: Lauren Walter Westwood: *Stephanie Yousif*

Summer reading and supply lists will be provided for your children from their upcoming grade. If you misplace them, they may be obtained on our school web page. Teachers have met and established their grade requirements. Remember, summer is the time not only for reading enjoyment, but also for maintaining skills. This year all Holy Name students will be given the Holy Name Parish School assignment book and folder at no cost to our families. If the child loses either one during the year, the normal fee will be assessed. These will be given out during the opening days of school.

Grade six classes will have the opportunity to visit Agassiz Village Environment School in West Poland, Maine during June 1 - 4th. All the students will participate in a “hands-on” science program focusing on a sensory awareness approach to environmental education utilizing a wide variety of natural surroundings. Thank you, Mrs. Amiro, Mr. O’Hara, for accompanying the students, and especially Mr. Gordon, for organizing this academic experience for our sixth graders.

The Holy Name enrichment Program has provided the children with several cultural programs that have been outstanding. We began our year with the “Power of One” which helped children understand that each of us can prevent bullying from happening in our school. It gave students the tools necessary to make their school bully-free. In October Mark Rothstein presented “World of Rope Jumping” which taught the children the importance of total fitness. When we take care of ourselves, we are better equipped to be good citizens. Taking care of each other leads to good character. During Catholic Schools Week, “The Magic Within” demonstrated to the students that by believing in themselves, they can accomplish anything. In March, the New England Aquarium visited the school for three days teaching the younger students about the life of Penguins. The older students learned all about the New England fisheries. In April, “Big Joe” the storyteller, delighted the children through use of puppets with stories about life. Historical Perspectives for Children performed “The Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder. A heartfelt thank you to our Enrichment Coordinator, Mrs. Buckley, who made this possible and the volunteers who worked and assisted the children.

On May 10, 2010 Holy Name Parish School proudly presented “Socially Fit,” our ballroom dance spectacular, starring our 5th and 6th graders. The dancers consisted of the Mrs. Hill’s “Hot-Hopping Jalapenos,” Mrs. Kelly’s “Dancing Dynamites,” Mrs. Curley’s “Ballroom Blazers,” Mr. O’Hara’s “No Name Fame,” Mr. Gordon’s “Gordon’s Grads,” and Mrs. Amiro’s “Amazing Aces.” The students learned many life long lessons as they mastered the Lindy Hop, Cha-Cha and Tango. Thank you Ms. Bradley for teaching these children ballroom dancing, Many thanks to their teachers Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Amiro, Mr. Gordon, Mr. O’Hara, Mrs. Curley, Mr. Hennessey, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Foley for their support. A special thank you to Mrs. Buckley, our Enrichment Coordinator, for initiating this program and making it a success.

Curtain Up! Productions and the Children of Holy Name Parish School recently presented “On the Road with Flat Stanley!” Diana Bradley did an outstanding job directing the cast of characters. Congratulations to the students of the following grades: **Grade 1:** Olivia Kickham, Paulina Curtain, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Niderah Jaggan, James Harrington, Zoe Umeh **Grade 2:** Aine Doyle, Caelainn Coyle, Nina Conrad, Marlaine Hanna, Ema Noonan, John Harrington, Damaris Abreu **Grade 3:** Sarah Forde, Kevin DiCarlo, Nada Tarabay, MaryKate Golden, Alison McVeigh, Kachi Umeh **Grade 4:** Fiona O’Brien, Katelyn Pease, Nora McKenna, Olivia Hanna, Stephanie Wehbe, Meagan Pate, Madelyn Curran, Caroline Smith **Grade 5:** Jaime Doyle, Katherine Susich, Sophia Malinn, Krystina O’Sullivan, Mark McVeigh, Clare Morris, Navissia Jaggan, Eleni Kalaitzidis, Tatiana Bechwati **Grade 6:** Kelly Pease, Erin Carroll, Kate Richardson, Maggie Skaza, Emily Surdek, Ariana Carr, Victoria Graham and Jack Cole as FLAT STANLEY! Our teachers, Barbara Amiro, Karen Curley, Katie Davis, Patricia Hill, Bonnie Houston and Mary Kercz gave a wonderful performance. A special thank you to Diana Bradley for sharing her talents with our students, to all of her assistants, and to the parent volunteers who helped with this production.

Holy Name Home & School Association invites you to “An End of the Year Celebration” on Saturday, June 5th from 5:00-6:30pm in Parish Hall. This event is free and an opportunity to thank everyone for contributing to another successful year of fundraising. Home & School raised more than \$40,000 which went directly back to benefit the children of Holy Name. Please RSVP by June 2nd to lsusich@verizon.net or to Laura at 617-323-5106 with the number of adults and children attending.

Buying your teacher a gift? Please consider donating a book to the Holy Name Parish School Library in his or her honor through the “Adopt-A-Book” program sponsored by the Library Committee. Ms. Kercz, our librarian, will purchase a book in the category of your teacher’s choice. This is a great way to give your teacher a lasting gift! Teacher appreciation books may be given for a donation of \$10, \$15 or \$20. Forms may be obtained at the school office or on the school website at www.holynameparish.com. (Scroll down to bottom left.)