

Go Giants!

Holy Name Catholic School
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**GIANT LEAPS & BOUNDS IN
FAITH AND TECHNOLOGY**

Issue 1

Developing Lifelong Learners



The Holy Name Catholic School Mission Statement

Serving Beech Grove and the surrounding community since 1922, Holy Name Catholic School, a ministry of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, affirms the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church through a comprehensive educational experience that partners rich traditions with exciting new initiatives geared toward 21st Century learners. Open to all families committed to the philosophies and mission of our school, we are devoted to maximizing the potential of students with diverse gifts and talents in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Holy Name strives to develop lifelong learners who are committed to knowing, loving and serving God. Our commitment to academic excellence is evident in our rigorous curriculum, the wide variety of programming options we offer, and the relationships we share. These meaningful, relevant learning experiences support the total growth of each student as each works to become competent, faith-filled, skilled thinkers ready to serve and lead our ever-changing world.

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On the Cover

Miss Horan's second grade class returned from their field trip to Roncalli energized. They were able to see the drama club's performance of Willy Wonka. What a rich cultural experience!



A Note From Our New Pastor

Dear Holy Name Community,

Welcome to the first edition of the Go Giants! newsletter from Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School. I am very excited and honored to be the new pastor of this amazing parish school that is making "giant" leaps in the Faith for the love of God and our children.

Our vision is a school that is rooted in the virtues of faith, hope, and charity that help our students with a well-rounded education so that each one is strengthened in his or her Christian dignity as a child made in the image of God. When we focus on faith, our children learn the love and mercy of God through the life of the Church; hope helps all to trust that what Christ has taught us and His Cross are truth that lead to everlasting life; charity teaches us that God is the root and center of our lives and from Him and our relationship with Him we can love our neighbor as ourselves. These things are at the core of our school in all that we do, and I hope you see evidence of that in the pages of this and upcoming newsletters; but most of all I hope you see it in the actions of our faculty and students when you pay us a visit. God bless you and may the Holy Name of Jesus be praised!

With Gratitude,



Fr. William M. Williams



Faith • Hope • Charity

Holy Name Vision

Holy Name Catholic School's 21st Century learning environment will bring God's world to our children and empower our children to serve and lead the world!



A Note from Mrs. Fleming

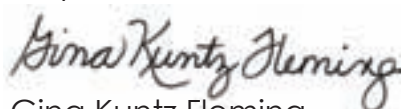
Merry Christmas!

Ahhh! The smell of cinnamon and pine fills the air as Christmas preparations begin! Lights glisten, reminding us that the true Light of the World, Jesus, is coming! I find myself humming the very Christmas songs I learned in these hallowed halls so many years ago, proud to share in this joyous time with the Holy Name Giants of today!

You have likely heard the phrase, "Jesus is the reason for the season." The Holy Name family lives each day with the belief that "Jesus is the power of every hour!" If we truly use the gifts with which we have been blessed, then we glorify God and all His goodness. With the caring support of our dedicated professionals, students at Holy Name are expected to develop their gifts and to recognize the gifts in others. In partnership with our committed families and parishioners, we continue to take "GIANT leaps and bounds!"

Because our students, staff, parents, and parish community are so committed to our mission of developing lifelong learners committed to knowing, loving and serving God, we wanted our first edition of the "Go Giants!" publication to revolve around our faith. Additionally, we are focused on making our vision of a 21st Century learning environment become a reality, so this edition sheds light on just a few ways we infuse technology into daily practice. As you share the coming of our wonderful Savior, we hope you share the "good news" about HNCS!

Truly,



Gina Kuntz Fleming
Principal



8th Graders Enjoy Serving at the Cathedral Kitchen

by Linda Buckley

For the past two years our 8th graders have put their faith in action by serving the hungry of our city. Their reflections below articulate the impact this opportunity of servant leadership has made on their lives. The full versions of these and other reflections can be found on Sister Nicolette's blog.

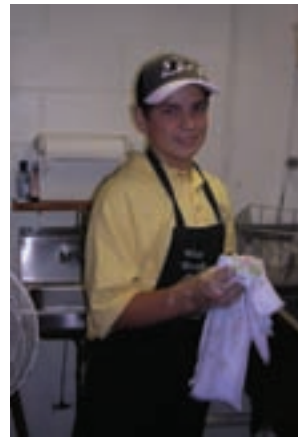
"When I went to the soup kitchen I was excited to go. As soon as I got out of the car I saw a person sleeping on the ground and at that moment I thought to myself, 'Wow!' I am so lucky I don't have to sleep on a cold floor every night, cold, hungry, tired and no one to be with. When I started to serve I thought the people would be mad and mean to me.

Cathedral Kitchen, at 1350 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, serves weekday brunch and a Sunday meal to needy and homeless individuals or families. For additional information call (317) 632-4360

I saw lots of people and the same question kept coming to my mind, why are there five times as many guys than girls? I was told that many of the guys got involved with drugs. I wondered if the drugs prevented them from finding a girlfriend and meaningful employment...

The room I served in was small. The people had little space to eat. People kept coming in and out. I was busy at my station where I poured the drinks. Many people took up to four glasses at a time. They were very thirsty. I must have gone through about 10 gallons

of punch. I realized that the reason they drank so much was because this was their last drink until tomorrow. So, they drank as if it was their last drink on Earth. After it was all over I looked around and I was surprised that these people were not scary like I half way expected to find them. They are funny, nice and great people to be around and to talk to.



A warmed heart is the only reason a kid would have a smile while washing dishes.

It would have been great to spend all day with these people just to talk to them and hear their story. This will be a time I will never forget. I can't wait until I get to go again." - Austin B.

"My experience at the soup kitchen was an interesting one. The soup kitchen was an experience I will never forget. It really made me glad to have the life I have. While there I helped serve the food to the people. I mainly helped out with the salad station. I noticed there were a lot more men than women. It really just felt good knowing I was helping people in need. A

lot of people, including myself, sometimes doubt how lucky they are. They want things that are not essential to life, such as toys. What they don't realize is that there are people out there who don't have a home, don't have a car, and don't have enough or possibly any money to support their families. There are many ways to help people. Donating to a charity and helping out at a local food shelter are just two of many ways. Doing this doesn't only deepen your faith, but it also moves you closer to God and His kingdom. In conclusion, my experience at the soup kitchen was an interesting, yet at the same time, new experience for me. It will always serve as a reminder to me to always follow God." - Matthew D. †

Hats - Check!
Aprons - Check!
Food - Check!
Loving hearts filled with joy - Check! Check!



Serving food to others is incredibly rewarding - and fun!



What Does a HNCS Graduate Look Like?

A student who is enrolled from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade as a Holy Name Giant will be among the best and brightest in whatever high school he or she chooses.

A Holy Name graduate:

- Is a critical and creative thinker who demonstrates strong work ethic and self-discipline
- Collaborates with others to solve problems
- Embraces the Gospel message and the 7 themes of Catholic social teaching as evident in his/her service to the community at large
- Is goal-oriented and not only ready, but eager, to face the challenges of our ever-changing world and global economy
- Is academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually prepared to prosper in a technological world
- Maintains a strong foundation of literacy, mathematics, social sciences, technology, and the arts upon which new knowledge is easily attained



Students build bonds beyond the school day. **Once a Giant, always a Giant!**

Serving Others to Serve God

by Elizabeth Miskowiec

Part of our mission at HNCS is to know, love, and serve God. **Student Council** officers and representatives strive to demonstrate these qualities to glorify God through the services we perform throughout the school and community. Not only are we like Christ to others in what we

say, but we encourage other Giants to serve in their everyday life by providing food for the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry, raising money for various organizations, assisting community members in keeping the area clean, and so many more services. These Christian actions display

how we know God, love God, and work to serve Him every day. Our mission at HNCS is our lifestyle. †



Go Green Team!

by Julie Pitman

Thanks to the support of our great parish community, we have recycled 26.66 tons of paper since January! Through the Abitibi Paper Retriever program, the paper that we collect is repurposed into newspapers like *The Indianapolis Star* and *The Criterion* within two weeks of being picked up from the school parking lot. Each Thursday afternoon a team of middle school students collects recyclables from bins placed in classrooms and offices across the HNCS campus. **The Green Team** works hard to be stewards for the Earth in the heat, rain, cold, and snow. Their commitment to the environment is an inspiration to us all. †



We collected a whopping 1,981 items in our Thanksgiving food drive for the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry.

Technology... Teach-ology!

by Maryjo Buckel

As we develop 21st Century learners, Holy Name Catholic School utilizes a plethora of technology to engage, enlighten, and explore. Every classroom has a projector that is connected to the teacher's computer so that student work, presentations,



Students perform an interactive frog dissection nice and neatly on the **SmartBoard**.

websites and videos can be shared with the entire class. Most classrooms also have slates that allow students or teachers to manipulate the computer from anywhere in the classroom. Some classrooms have **ELMOs** which are document cameras that allow students to project paper work or 3D objects.

Seventh grader Aidan says that his class uses **clickers** in math. Each student has a clicker and responds to a math multiple choice question. This allows the student work to be graded quicker and provides the math teacher instant feedback about which students need additional instruction. This infrared wireless response system allows for all students to respond automatically to various questions during instruction and in testing situations. Aidan also says they work problems on the **SmartBoard**, and it makes the work more interesting and easier to erase.

According to Ethan, his teacher uses the projector to display the student's morning work. When it is time to discuss the answers, the teacher and the students use the **wireless slate**, which works like a portable electronic chalkboard, to make corrections on the computer while they are still at their seats.

When the fifth graders use the **ELMO**, Shannon says their class can share stories with the whole class. They can even take pictures of their work, save them on the computer, and use them later in the Technology Center.

At HNCS, our staff continues to engage in professional development opportunities to stay abreast of available technologies and to utilize these technologies fully to maximize the capacity of all children. †

Smart What? Wireless What?

Thanks to the support of our generous **Parent/Teacher Organization**, we have lots of great technology that enhance learning. Here's a quick guide to the gadgets that students use each day.

An **ELMO** is a mounted camera attached to a digital projector that allows documents and other objects to be projected onto a screen in real time.

Clickers are small hand-held student devices that wirelessly respond to questions posed by teachers using a projector.



The SmartBoard interactive whiteboard uses touch detection for user input in the same way a

mouse or keyboard works with a personal computer. A projector is used to display a computer's video output on the interactive whiteboard, which then acts as a large touch screen.



A wireless slate, or Airliner, allows students and teachers to interact with the images onscreen with a tablet and pencil tool.



Miss Walsh teams with Mrs. Buckel to use technology and assist students to publish their stories.

I Believe... a Podcast Writing Showcase

by Stephanie Snyder

The 6th grade believes a great deal! Families of the 6th grade came together to hear these beliefs at "I Believe. . . a Podcast Writing Showcase" in early November. Most recently, these writers expanded their knowledge and application of non-fiction writing by creating individual narrative "I Believe" essays. Upon completion, the narrative essays were recorded and compiled into a class podcast which will be available for download by each family. The

concept for this assignment is based upon the "This I Believe" essay contest and radio program of the 1950s. Students began their most recent unit of study by listening to "This I Believe" essays which were shared on the radio decades ago and on National Public Radio more recently, and which continue to serve as



Peer-to-Peer editing is part of the writing process. Students discuss constructive criticism to perfect their writing.

inspiration for young people. The 6th grade spent several weeks considering their **core beliefs** in life, focusing on a moment in their lives which helped them arrive at their beliefs, and elements of creative non-fiction and narrative story telling. "I Believe. . . a Pod Cast Writing Showcase" was an opportunity for families of the 6th grade to celebrate not only the completion of a unit of study, but more importantly, it was an opportunity to hear and to find commonalities through writing in the values we hold in life regardless of age or experience. †

M&M Festivities at HNCS!

by Gina Fleming

Our first "Mommy and Me" session was a big success! We extended an invitation to parishioner and community members to join us on November 3rd for a "Field Trip to the Big School!" Parents brought their children ages 2-4 for an exciting morning in the Pre-K class while the parents joined me next door to learn about ways to integrate math into everyday practices at home.



Pre-Kindergarten students helped their young friends make Candy Land counting banners.

cupcake, 2 pieces of peanut brittle, 3 gumdrops, 4 licorice, and 5 lollipops to match their human game board! Parents learned how to incorporate sorting, patterning,

Our guests joined Mrs. Taylor and her Pre-K students as they completed their daily calendar activities, counted forward and backward, and even played a human Candy Land game. All students enjoyed more counting with Mrs. Pitman, art teacher, as they created a wall hanging with 1

Children ages 2-4 are invited to join us in January for our Snowy Day Carnival and in February for our Friendship Festival!

Like snowflakes, each child is a unique gift from God.
Come celebrate these wonderful gifts at our

Snowy Day Carnival

- * Penguins & Poetry
- * Icy Estimation
- * Toasty Tech Time
- * Snowy Sing-a-longs
- * Cool Crafts

Please Join Us
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
7:30am - 11:30am
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Beech Grove, IN 46107
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Receive a Special Gift from the students of Holy Name Catholic School!

counting, and critical thinking into fun activities at home and in the neighborhood. "It was a great day! My son had lots of fun, and I came home with wonderful ideas that I could use right away," said Andi Rojas (Class of 1997), mother of a prospective pre-school student. †

Preparing for Christ During Advent

by Maryjo Buckel

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a time of preparation that takes place over four Sundays right before Christmas Day. The word **Advent** comes from the Latin word “advenio” and means “to come to.” This preparation time helps us focus on the coming of Christ. We are preparing to celebrate Jesus’ birth on Christmas Day, but we are also thinking about His second coming. We are even reminded that He comes to us every time



While students took turns making their First Reconciliation, they created Advent wreaths and prayed the Rosary with Mrs. Buckel in the art room.



we receive the Holy Eucharist. vestments to remind us that Advent is half over, and there is a joyful season, the Christmas Season, still ahead of us.

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Another important sign of the Advent season is the Advent wreath. It has three purple candles and one pink candle that correspond to the four weeks of the season. Each week another candle is lit until they are all lit during the final week of Advent. Besides lighting the candles of the Advent wreath, we are encouraged to attend reconciliation, pray more, attend Advent services, and read the Bible more to be better prepared for the true meaning of this holy time of year. †

During Advent, priests wear purple vestments to remind us to be thoughtful about our need to be reconciled to God and to prepare for His coming. However, on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called **Gaudete Sunday**, priests wear pink or rose colored

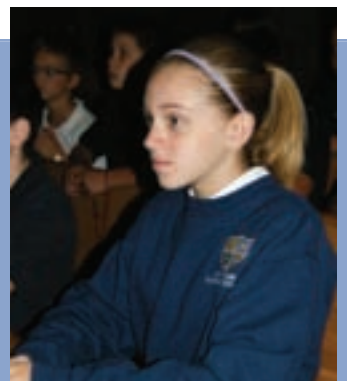


As students and parents prayed a rosary, students took turns coloring in one bead per prayer.

Faith in Action

by Sister Nicolette Etienne

We read in Ephesians 4:1-6 that we are urged to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love. How blessed we are to attend Mass twice a week and Adoration every Thursday. We strive daily to walk in a manner worthy of the call God has given us. Here are few reflections from 6th grade students on what Adoration means to them. †



“I enjoy Adoration because I get to talk to Jesus alone. I enjoy talking to Jesus alone because I get to tell him things. When I go to Adoration I enjoy praying the Rosary. I enjoy seeing Jesus in the form of the Eucharist. Adoration means a lot to me because it is a very prayerful moment. I think Adoration is a very good time to talk to Jesus alone.” - Alexis F.

“Adoration means Jesus is really there. I love Jesus for dying on the cross for me, for giving me my parents and for protecting my entire family. I love Jesus!” - Madilyn B.

“Adoration is a very peaceful time for me. I can talk to God. I can pray the Rosary. I can feel God right next to me. I can also feel God’s grace.” - Josie B.

“When I walked into Church, I felt I was in the holiest place. It was like God saying hi to me. I felt I was face to face with God. I said one decade of the Rosary. It was different than Mass.” - Chris T.

Reaching for the “Son” Through Service Learning

by Gina Fleming

Did you know that eleven percent of households in Indiana are hungry or at risk of being hungry? There are about 2,900 fewer people who are hungry as a result of Second Helpings' efforts each day. Second Helpings is a not-for-profit organization that “rescues” food and provides meals for families throughout Indianapolis. Additionally, they provide culinary training and distribute meals to over 50 social service organizations.

Our students came to learn of **Second Helpings** through a unique relationship. Thanks to HNCS parents Tony (Class of 1983) and Carrie Schafer, the Giants benefited from a special luncheon provided by Second Helpings at Holy Name Catholic School on Wednesday, November 10. In exchange, all students were asked to bring in a box of spaghetti or elbow macaroni or a bag of rice. Ms. Nora Spitznogle, Director of Operations for Second Helpings, served our lunches and spoke to each lunch group about the power each has to give back to our community. Our students donated over six large boxes of items and gave Second Helpings a check for \$100 to continue their efforts.



As part of this exciting day, we also received a visit from **Tamika Catchings** of the Indiana Fever and Boomer, the Pacers mascot! Tamika shared her story of overcoming teasing and personal struggles at a young age. She credits her family for her strong values, work ethic, and self-respect. She helped the students

learn a new way to look at the **FEVER—For Every Victory Earns Respect!** Her message aligns well with our

Respect self, others, and the world around us!
Follow directions, and most importantly, Follow God!
Contribute to the learning environment!



Holy Name Giants donated \$100 and about 470 individual boxes of pastas and rice to this wonderful organization.



Second Helpings, Inc.
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Fax: (317) 631-5655
www.secondhelpings.org

three school guidelines:

Tamika Catchings contributes through her own service organization called Catch the Stars Foundation.

We as Christians—as faithful citizens—have not only an opportunity, but a responsibility, to give back to our global community. Our social teachings tell us that we must care for the poor and the vulnerable. Holy Name Giants continue to find ways to share their gifts, talents, and time with our community, and this visit with Second Helpings, Tamika and Boomer solidified our understanding and desire to do so! †



Tamika and Boomer pose with 7th grader Lindsey Corsaro and Principal Gina Fleming (Class of 1985).

Respect Life Week

by Christine Williams

The first week of October students of Holy Name celebrated Respect Life Week with morning reflections, guest speakers, and a prayer walk dedicated to children currently receiving treatment at St. Vincent Hospital. Our theme for the week was **“Living a Life of Faith,”** and each activity throughout the week challenged students to live their life in the service of others.

Each morning of Respect Life Week students began their day by reflecting upon a piece of scripture and a question selected by Holy Name teachers. Teachers then used the morning reflections to conduct classroom discussions and journaling activities on ways students “live a life of faith” each day. Guest

speakers from Catholic Radio, the Knights of Columbus, and Indiana University met with students to share their stories of faith and to inspire students to become prayerful

servant leaders. As our guest from the Knights of Columbus told students, “Sitting in the pews each week just isn’t enough.” †



Respect Life Essay Contest

by Stephanie Snyder

During Respect Life Week within the Archdiocese, Holy Name Catholic School spent the week reflecting upon what it means to live a faith-filled life. Respect Life Week coincided with Grand Adult week at Holy Name; it was certainly an exciting time! The halls were filled with faith-filled role models for our students.



Students take time to reflect upon their faith in Adoration.

In English Language Arts at the middle school level, students prepared short essays which revolved around the theme: “Living a Life of Faith”. Students shared these essays with their grand adults in English class. Small group discussions followed as students and their grand adults considered how they have lived a life of faith, how they have seen others living a life of faith, and how to do so in small and grand ways. Many grand adults were moved to tears of joy by students’ essays. The middle school students did a wonderful job expressing themselves through writing.

At each grade level, one essay was selected as a winner. Hannah Bowles, Lindsey Corsaro, and Oscar Thomas did an exceptional job and were recognized at the end of the week over the announcements as grade level winners. †

“Living a Life of Faith” Essay Results

8th Grade Essay Winner

Oscar Thomas

7th Grade Essay Winner

Lindsey Corsaro

6th Grade Essay Winner

Hannah Bowles



Honorable Mention

Matthew Davis Colin Cherry

Honorable Mention

Darcie Storey Aidan Mahern

Honorable Mention

Madilyn Brewster Alexis Franks

Grand Adult Celebrations

by Gina Fleming

As part of Respect Life Week, Holy Name Giants love to show our gratitude for grandparents and other special adults in our lives by inviting them to join us for fun learning, delicious food, and even a little shopping!

Middle school students rotated from class to class to experience Social Studies, Language Arts, Science and using their Math skills at the Scholastic Book Fair! For example, students interviewed their grand adults in an effort to learn a little more about experiences that they had when they were pre-teens.



Students proudly parade their Grand-Adults through the school and show off their classrooms.

In addition, guests on Wednesday and Friday were invited to join us for Mass. We want to thank all these individuals for being a positive influence in the lives of our students and for being an active part of our school family. †



Middle School guests were "put to work" in each of the four core classes of their hosts.

Books, Books, and More Books!

by Linda Buckley

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success once again this year. We had student volunteers help set up the books on a Friday after school, which was a great help. The Book Fair was open for parishioners to shop after each of the

The Book Fair raised \$3000 to improve our school library.
Go Giants!



Middle School volunteers worked the register at the Book Fair. Here are two more happy customers!

Masses during opening weekend of Respect Life Week. The Book Fair coincided with our school's Grand Adult Celebrations as well, which enhanced the enthusiasm for buying books! There were numerous donations given by generous grandparents and parents which allowed for every student to purchase a book to read. †

The Scholastic Book Fair is a great opportunity to build students' home libraries.



Congrats, Grad!

by Gina Fleming

Congratulations to Holy Name Alum, Mr. William A. (Bill) Kuntz (Class of 1967) on receiving the prestigious **Career Achievement Honoree** award at the most recent Archdiocesan Celebrating Catholic School Values Dinner this November.

Bill and his wife, Martha, have served as chairpersons of the capital campaign and are active in St. Vincent de Paul, Christ Renews His Parish, and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Having served as a teacher and coach at Roncalli High School prior to his current role as Vice President and Senior Managing Partner of PrincetonOne, Bill's passion for learning is evident. "The fundamentals and foundation for spiritual, academic, emotional, and social growth provided by the dedicated sisters, lay teachers, priests, and lay leaders of Holy Name have been among God's greatest blessings for me and for countless others for over 100 years!" Kuntz explains. As a member and past president of the Archdiocesan Education Commission and past honoree with Martha of the Catholic Charities Spirit of Service award, Mr. Kuntz also served as the first president of the Roncalli High School Board of Directors.

Bill states, "Aside from their unconditional love, unfailing encouragement and support, and the Christian example they set, one

of the greatest gifts my parents gave to me and my eight brothers and sisters was the gift of a Catholic education at Holy Name." Bill and Martha passed this gift of a quality Catholic education to their children: Billy (Kelly), Brian, and Erin. Both are overjoyed to have two beautiful granddaughters and future Holy Name Giants, Izzy and Immy!

"In addition to my family and Holy Name Catholic School, I was also raised and influenced to a great degree by **the family community of Holy Name**. There have always been such tremendous examples of what Catholic and Christian

families should be within the Holy Name family. Things that I was learning in my home and in school were constantly being displayed and reinforced within the homes of my classmates and friends," Kuntz shares. Kuntz wanted to give his children, their children, and the many children to follow the opportunity to enjoy a great Catholic education like he did. In fact, he and the Kuntz family established an endowment in the

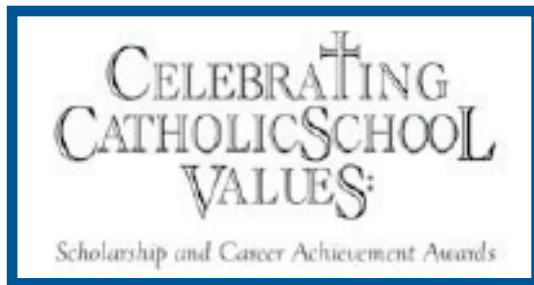
Catholic Community Foundation in their parents' name that has provided scholarships for 35 Holy Name Catholic School students over the past 16 years.

Bill has received numerous professional awards during his 23 years of service at PrincetonOne, always acknowledging that this comes from Christ and through the many great examples he has had along the way. "I began my education at Holy Name over 50 years ago, and yet I remember every one of my teachers to this day. . . and my memories all revolve around passionate, caring, dedicated and talented Christian men and women who loved teaching, loved their students and showed it each and every day."

Congratulations, Bill Kuntz, on this well-deserved honor! And thank you for your many contributions to Holy Name Catholic School and the greater community! †



Holy Name Alum Bill Kuntz and his wife Martha pose with the Career Achievement Honoree award at the Archdiocesan Celebrating Catholic School Values Dinner.



Project 18 - A Success!

by Janelle Feltman

Evidence of Project 18 can be found throughout HNCS. Project 18, a comprehensive **health and wellness** program, was developed for children ages 4-11 by the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent's. Our fourth grade served as the lead agents in helping all students learn new ways to strengthen their health and awareness with the help of their teachers and support staff.



In May we were recognized as one of four schools in the state of Indiana to do an exceptional job of implementing programs that align with the nutritional, physical, and holistic goals of the Project 18 program. Five fourth grade students who were instrumental in the program's success participated in



Student representatives and the adults who helped them accepted the second place trophy and a prize of \$1000 to go toward furthering our wellness program.

a press conference at the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent's where Peyton Manning announced that Holy Name was the runner-up in the state-wide contest. In addition to learning a great deal about health and wellness, we returned with a trophy and \$1000 to go toward our wellness program. †



Congrats to Quarterly Award Recipients!

by Gina Fleming

At HNCS, students are encouraged to set goals and use their gifts to achieve those goals each and every day. One way we celebrate these achievements is through the distribution of quarterly awards.



The next Quarterly Awards will be January 14th.

Thanks to our PTO, students who attained academic honors in Grades 3-8 for the first grading period celebrated with "dairy and donuts" before school.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students each receive Shining Star Awards, and all students earn recognition for perfect attendance, self-discipline honors, and making giant strides from one grading period to the other.

These awards are added to the students' fishing hats, which remind us that Jesus calls us to be "fishers of people." (Matthew 4:19) The hats, then, are given to the students upon their graduation! These students are just a few who show **GIANT pride** in sharing their God-given gifts through hard work, perseverance, and initiative. †

New Temperature Probes!

by Gina Fleming

Congratulations to Mrs. Legere and her science students! The Lilly Science Education Outreach (LSEO) has approved a grant that will provide our students with six Vernier Go Temp temperature probes. Students will be using them to compare and contrast different types of chemical reactions. The probes attach to a computer so changes in temperature can be easily graphed. †



Maximizing Teachers, Time, and Talent

by Maryjo Buckel

Principal Fleming and I gave a presentation at the Indiana Non-Public Educator's Conference this October. Participants were eager to learn about our creative scheduling and how we maximize the expertise of our teachers through **team-teaching** and **co-teaching** opportunities as well as how we schedule area team meetings that allow for and promote the integration of content areas and focused data analysis.

The creative scheduling makes my job even more appealing. I have been able to adjust my day so that I can take my youngest son to child care in the mornings and extend my day by an

hour to support students in Tech Club, Media Club, and Drama Club. It also gives me a chance to assist with professional development as we continue to integrate technology into the daily curriculum." †



Mrs. Buckel helps students use technology in the classroom to enhance their writing.



What's a record? Mr. Kneven discusses music vocabulary to help third grade students understand the details of a story that they read.



Co-teaching opportunities in Pre-K: Students learn about colors and shapes by working with their classroom teacher, Mrs. Taylor, learning the Spanish vocabulary from Senor Ocampo, and singing songs with music teacher, Mr. Kneven.

Taking Advantage of Teachers' Time

There's always something going on at Holy Name Catholic School! The following is a list of clubs and opportunities that are available. For more information, please visit our school website: www.holyname.cc

A+ Club (1st-8th)
Art Club (PK-8th)
Band (5th-8th)
Choir (5th-8th)
Drama Club (6th-8th)

LEAP (6th-8th)
Math Club (6th-8th)
Media Club (4th-8th)
Recycling Club (6th-8th)
Rosary Club (7th-8th)

Intermediate Art Club (3rd-5th grade) will perform completely student-produced puppet shows for primary students in the spring.



Speech Club (6th-8th)
Technology Club (PK-8th)
Theology Club (7th-8th)

Holy Name After (and Before) Hours

by Julie Pitman

Students at HNCS have lots of choices for extra-curricular activities. They can take advantage of extra teacher instruction to develop their academic skills as well as their creativity. HNCS has the unique advantage of offering a wide variety of opportunities for children of all ages and interests.

Media Club combines the efforts of the **technology** and the **art** teacher with students in 4th-8th grade. Activities of the club are based upon the interests of the members, so they have created PowerPoint slide shows, learned to make videos, cropped photos, and created music using Garage Band on Macbooks. Media Club is working on creating a weekly newscast that could be shown in every classroom. Coming soon!



Mrs. Pitman helps students edit video with iMovie.

Technology Club Mrs. Buckel offers three Technology Clubs, each meeting after school until 4:15 and serving students from Pre-K through 8th grade.

The smallest members are our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. They work to improve their skills by mastering mousing and navigating the internet. In their weekly technology class, they are able to apply their skills and assist their classmates.

Intermediate Technology Club is a group of 3rd-5th grade students who have worked on recycling old technology - an excellent opportunity to see the inside of a computer! They use SMART technology with the Technology Lab PCs, and create movies and music using Garage Band and Photo Booth on MacBooks. Intermediate Technology Club, or "TechTastic" plans to create a blog to show off what they are learning next semester. †



Mike and Tyler have serious skills in the technology lab.

Rosary Club

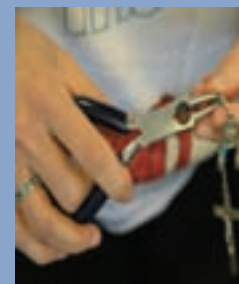
by Sister Nicolette Etienne

I am teaching some of my students how to make handmade rosaries, a skill that I learned last March from my mother. She taught me the Marian Prayer as a child. Ever since then, I've been making rosaries every day. I love that it's a gift that my mother gave me. I think that's wonderful because the Blessed Mother is so important in my life, and it's important to me that my mother taught me how to do this.



The pictures tell the story of the wonderful time we are all having together as we learn more about Mary, Jesus and the Rosary.

I also give one handmade rosary to a Holy Name student every week to promote this devotion. When my mom and I sit down and make rosaries, a whole new level of peace and calm comes into both our hearts. And what



do we have in the end? We have a **beautiful gift** that we can give to people to encourage them to pray. †

Making rosaries with Sister Nicolette is a great way to share time together.



Summer 2011 Lineup
Vacation Bible Camp May 31st-June 3rd
Giant Steps (Session 1) June 6th - 24th
Camp Invention June 27th - July 1st
Giant Steps (Session 2) July 11th - 29th

For more information about summer camps offered at Holy Name please contact Assistant Principal, Christine Williams, at 317.784.9078 or cwilliams@holyname.cc



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 Fun at Holy Name!**

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Come be a part of the Holy Name Family, from the dynamic Pre-Kindergarten program to the rigorous 8th grade curriculum! See for yourself what HNCS has to offer with a personal tour or just wander the halls to observe students in action. Choose the time that works best with your schedule:

Sunday, February 6th • 12:30-2:30pm

Tuesday, February 8th • 6:00-8:00pm



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