

# Holy Rosary Review

## Important

### Dates:

#### January 1:

Happy New Year

#### January 4:

Classes Resume/

\$1 Dress Down Day

#### January 6:

Talent Show

Auditions 3-4pm

#### January 11:

New Student

Registration 8-10am

#### January 14:

New Student

Registration 1-3pm

#### January 15:

8th Grade Placement

Cards Due to Arch-

diocese High School/

Faculty Meeting/

Noon Dismissal

#### January 16:

Ms. Wolset Gets

Married!

#### January 18:

No School/MLK Jr.

Day

#### January 20:

New Student

Registration 5-7pm

#### January 23:

Girls' Enchanted

Evening

#### January 29 :

Progress Reports

#### January 31:

Catholic Schools

Week Begins

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## From the Principal's Desk

December 30, 2015

Dear Parent and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a terrific Christmas. It seems as things settle down, the hustle and bustle behind us, we should spend some time thinking about something other than the mounting debt we incurred over the last few weeks. There needs to be something more and I believe that is a renewed relationship with Christ. In the celebration of His birth we are afforded the opportunity to look with childlike wonder at our relationship and witness the true joy that can be found in open conversation with Jesus.

Today, take a moment to sit across from an empty chair and imagine Jesus sitting in it. Share your deepest thoughts, fears, excitement with Jesus, knowing He is listening to everything you say. You will find some immediate relief from the weight the world burdens you with.

Today, take a moment and listen for Christ speaking to you, knowing He is always trying to communicate with us. Listen for His guidance, trusting that He will lead you in the correct path.

Today, take a moment to share your faith with a loved one. When you have witnessed the freedom of trusting in God, you will understand that worrying is unnecessary and counterproductive. God will provide everything you need. Share that belief with someone who is struggling.

Wise men and women continue their search for Christ... Let's join them.

**Peace,**

**Lisa S. Hoban**

***One Faith, One Family, One School***





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## **Did You Know...**

### **Mrs. Koneski/Ms. Carroll—First Grade:**

In December, the First Grade enjoyed a wonderful day at Pope John Paul High School. They were among many first grades that were invited to see their Christmas show. After the show, they ate their lunch and were able to get pictures with students from the show. They also received A Baby Jesus Craft that we did in our classroom. Everyone had a great time!

### **Mrs. Luthy—Middle School Religion:**

The Eighth Grade religion classes have been very busy! They celebrated their retreat and then jumped right into the Christmas Pageant. Their presentation of the Nativity was a wonderful way to get into the Christmas Spirit!

Seventh grade was challenged by a Christmas Bible trivia challenge. They presented Power Point presentations in class as well.

Sixth grade completed family tree projects as an introduction to Abraham. We learned about many unique family traditions as well as interesting immigration stories. The numerous flags of origin certainly allowed for great discussion.

### **Ms. Morrow/Mr. Graham—STEM:**

Mr. Graham and Ms. Morrow have been teaching a STEM class to grades 5-8. STEM is an integration of Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The students just finished a project where they created a pinball game using SCRATCH. The games were posted on Mr. Graham's website for all to enjoy. The students are currently building catapults that will be tested for distance and accuracy.

### **Mrs. Higgins—Honors Math:**

We are also excited and thankful to Mrs. Higgins who applied for and received a grant from Target to take her class to the "Escape the Room" in Philadelphia. Her students will be exhibiting their superior problem solving skills.

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## Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

### Fr. Quindlen—Pastor of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

Dear Parents and Guardians:

*Merciful Like the Father* (Lk. 6:36) is the theme of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Jubilee Year extends from 8 December 2015, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception B.V.M., until 20 November 2016, the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

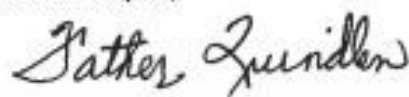
"I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Year of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective," Pope Francis wrote. "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith."

Emphasizing the Jubilee Year in his Jan. 1 World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis wrote: "Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy."

Pope Francis may well have included our Catholic schools as a resource where "everyone should find an oasis of mercy." What an appropriate New Year's resolution for our Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School community to embrace for 2016! Imagine how we might implement the vision of Pope Francis if all of us resolve to make our regional Catholic school a place where "everyone should find an oasis of mercy."

On behalf of my brother priests on our Governing Board of Pastors, I echo the sentiments of Pope Francis in his Jan. 1 World Day of Peace message: *"God is not indifferent! God cares about mankind! God does not abandon us!* At the beginning of the New Year, I would like to share not only this profound conviction but also my cordial good wishes for prosperity, peace and the fulfillment of the hopes of every man and every woman, every family, people and nation throughout the world."

God bless you,



Rev. Joseph J. Quindlen, Pastor  
Epiphany of Our Lord Church  
Plymouth Meeting

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## Spotlight on....

Holy Rosary would like to congratulate **Anthony Saldutti** who received a full scholarship to **Lansdale Catholic!**

Congratulations to **Amy Garcia and Molly Patzuk**, our two Holy Rosary winners in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest!

8th grade will begin their culminating STEM project which requires them to build a boat (that will float) for two passengers using only cardboard, duct tape, and water repellent.

We could use your help as we search for really large pieces of cardboard for them. If you have large shipping boxes, or perhaps new appliance boxes, etc, would you please break them down and drop them off to school?

We will continue to collect throughout the first few months of the new year, so please keep us in mind if you come across any.

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## HASA News—Girls' Enchanted Evening

On Saturday, January 23<sup>th</sup>, all girls will be invited to bring an adult male who has made an impact in their life to an evening of dancing, cupcake decorating, raffles, and more.

Keepsake Photo included. Crazy Tie Contest and Dance Contest are on the agenda!

\$20 per family if registered by January 21st. Invitations will be coming home with all girls shortly and watch for the registration link in the weekly HASA Happenings.

Event is open to all girls whether they attend Holy Rosary, a Holy Rosary feeder parish, or are a friend to Holy Rosary.

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## Box Tops for Education



Welcome back to school! I hope everyone enjoyed winter break. We received our December check from the Box Tops for Education program and earned **\$994!!!** Way to go!

We still need your help clipping and turning in Box Tops for us to exceed this amount in the spring.

The next submission deadline is **March 1st**. We will receive our last check of the school year in April. Let's finish the school year strong!

For a list of participating products, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).

If you have any questions about the Box Tops for Education™ program, please contact Luisa Kelly, Box Top Coordinator at [Aidankl@msn.com](mailto:Aidankl@msn.com).

Thank you to everyone who clipped and sent in Box Tops!

# January 2016

					Friday	Saturday
					New Year's Day 1 No School	2
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
3	4 "A" Day Classes Resume "For Pete's Sake" Dress Down Day \$1.00 donation to this charity	5 "B" Day	6 "C" Day Ronald McDonald visits in PM Dance Workshop Talent Show Auditions 3-4PM	7 "D Day" HASA Mtg at 7PM (Unconfirmed)	8 "E" Day	9
10	11 "A" Day Lesson Plans PreK-2  New Student Registration 8-10	12 "B" Day	13 "C" Day Faculty Mtg 7 AM Christina/Donna out	14 "D" Day New Student Registration 1-3 PM	15 "E Day" 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Placement Cards due to Arch HS Faculty Meeting	16 Ms. Wolset gets married!!!
17	18 Martin Luther King Day No School	19 "A" Day Lesson Plans 3-5	20 "B" Day Dance Workshop New Student Registration 5-7 PM	21 "C" Day	22 "D" Day	23 ??Enchanted Eve???
24	25 "E" Day Lesson Plans 6-8	26 "A" Day	27 "B" Day Dance Workshop	28 "C" Day	29 "D Day" Progress Reports	30
31 Catholic Schools' Week ??Open House??	 <p><i>Fun in the winter</i></p>					

# January 2016 Lunch Menu

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Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1	Saturday 2
					Menu Not Assigned	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<u>Pizza Day w/Fruit Salad</u>	<u>Burgers/Tater Tots/Milk</u>	<u>Mac &amp; Cheese/Fresh Fruit</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 1</u>	<u>French Toast Sticks</u>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<u>Pizza Day w/veggies</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Cheez it Crackers/Milk</u>	<u>Chicken Noodle Soup/Ham &amp; Cheese on Honey Wheat Bread/Milk</u>	<u>Steak Sandwich Day</u>	<u>Noon Dismissal</u>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<u>MLK Day</u>	<u>Cheeseburger/Veggie Straws/Milk</u>	<u>Cheese Ravioli w/pudding</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 2</u>	<u>Grilled Cheese/Mini Cookies or Fruit/Milk</u>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<u>Pizza/Gogurt/Milk</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Rice Krispy Treat or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Meatball Sandwich</u>	<u>Chicken Patty/Sweet corn</u>	<u>Tomato Pie/Vanilla Ice Cream Cup</u>	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

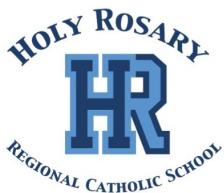
## 2015/2016 Home & School Association Board Members

### Executive Board

- President – Beth Fish
- Vice President – Anthony Garcia
- Treasurer - Lisa Trowbridge
- Recording Secretary - Giselle Booker
- Corresponding Secretary - Nicole Coey

### Committees

- Fundraising -  
Kim Taglieber & Sharon Rupprecht
- Beautification-Nicole Marino
- Community Service - Judy Coughlin
- Grant Writing – Jacki Jay
- Lead Homeroom Parent – Melissa Keene
- Marketing – Amy Porter



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## Tuition Assistance Opportunities for Holy Rosary Families



There are several sources of tuition assistance available to Holy Rosary families. These opportunities are made possible through the generous support of various businesses and foundations. A number of these opportunities require interested families to go through an outside application process. Other opportunities become available because of direct donations to Holy Rosary from generous parishioners of affiliated parishes.

The available opportunities and related application processes are outlined below. In cases in which Holy Rosary decides who the recipients will be, Holy Rosary will only consider families that have completed the application process for all funding sources for which they would qualify. Any cases of extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

If you have individual questions on applying for financial assistance, contact **Beth Hallinan** in the school office, [bhallinan@holyroaryregional.com](mailto:bhallinan@holyroaryregional.com) , 610-825-0160.

### EITC & OSTC FUNDS

Much of the available tuition assistance is made possible through **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)** and **Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC)** business donations to non-profit organizations interested in promoting education. To be eligible for EITC or OSTC funding for the 2015-2016 school year the adjusted gross income for a family with one dependent must be \$90,000 or less. For each additional dependent, the adjusted gross income threshold increases \$15,000. Below is a listing of the organizations that provide EITC & OSTC funding to Holy Rosary students and an explanation of how to apply for funding from each organization. Please note: all eligible families do not necessarily receive funding. Awards are dependent on the amount of scholarship money available each year.

**Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families afford Catholic education. Holy Rosary students received almost \$19,000 in BLOCS funding during the 2015-2016 school year.

BLOCS applications for the 2016-2017 school year will be available in the fall at [www.blocs.org](http://www.blocs.org).

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## Tuition Assistance for Holy Rosary Families

**The Bridge Foundation** is an independent non-profit organization that provides scholarship opportunities to Pennsylvania low-income families. Families must apply directly to the Bridge Foundation between May 1st and June 30th each year. Applications are only accepted during this window. Applications are available online at [www.bridgeedu.org](http://www.bridgeedu.org). Families who receive Bridge funding must complete a 40-hour community service requirement.

**The Henkels Foundation** supports benevolent, religious, educational, charitable, scientific, and literary undertakings throughout the United States.

If funds become available through the Foundation, Holy Rosary determines how to distribute the funding. Only families that have completed the BLOCS application, and who meet the eligibility requirements for EITC funding, will be considered for available Henkels funds.

## Other Funding Sources

**The Kremer Foundation** provides Catholic elementary schools with tuition grants for children from financially challenged families. The Foundation's grants are given directly to the schools; school principals select which students receive the tuition assistance. Holy Rosary received \$10,000 from the Kremer Foundation for the 2014-2015 school year.

To qualify for assistance, a family's adjusted gross income cannot exceed the federal food program's maximum family income for reduced priced meals. The 2016-2017 guidelines are not yet available. To qualify for the 2015-2016 school year, a family of four's adjusted gross income had to be less than \$43,568; the qualifying amount was increased by \$7,437 for each additional family member.

If Holy Rosary receives a grant from the Kremer Foundation for the 2016-2017 school year, Holy Rosary will notify families of the application process in the spring. All applications will be submitted to Holy Rosary.

**Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF)** provides scholarships to qualifying families who live in Philadelphia to fund tuition at a private school of the family's choosing. PLEASE NOTE: Families must reside in Philadelphia to qualify; students may attend a CSF-approved school outside the Philadelphia city limits. Income eligibility requirements will be available on the CSF website [www.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.org) when they become available.

Applications will be available on the website in mid-November and are due no later than March 1. Scholarships are awarded by random lottery. Recipients are notified by mid-March.