

January 2012

Dear Holy Trinity School Parents,

Many blessings for the New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with your family.

As we move into the New Year we do so with many great expectations.

The students are well into their studies and each student is working hard to reach their potential. Along with focusing on strong academic instruction, we also stress the importance of good manners in the development of our children. The positive image of our students is an attribute to our school and to their families.

On our website you will find an order form if you are interested in ordering flowers to be delivered to your child on Valentine's Day. This is an event sponsored by the student council. If you would like to place an order for your child/children, please fill out and return the form. Please be mindful of the deadline of January 27th when we have to place an order for all flowers.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th. We ask that when you attend Mass on that Sunday that your child dresses in his/her HTRS school uniform. We are very proud of our students and would like to send out the message of who we are! We have lots of activities planned for CSW and they will be announced separately and posted on the February calendar.

As part of Catholic Schools Week we will announce the winner of the \$1,000.00 Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to one HTRS student for their 2012-2013 tuition. The award was established in memory of Tom Travers. Applications may be picked up in the office on Tuesday January 17th. The application is time sensitive and it needs to be returned no later than January 26th. In addition to the Tom Travers Memorial Scholarship, eight \$500.00 awards will also be given out. We are grateful to the Knights for their assistance.

Re-enrollment forms will be sent home on Tuesday, January 17th. Please complete your forms and return them to the office. We want to secure a place for your child next year at Holy Trinity School. We are still awaiting the decision from Superintendent Griffin if Grade 6 will be added back to HTRS next year.

Please know that money should never be the deciding factor for your child not to return to Holy Trinity School. I am working on ways to help our families afford to have their

children educated here. *The St. Mary's financial aid packets have arrived and are in the office. Parents are reminded that a financial aid application must be submitted every year. Applications may be submitted online at www.factstuitionaid.com. You will need to complete your tax forms early because a copy of your taxes is required for the application. The application deadline is March 21st. Financial Aid packets will automatically be sent home to families who received assistance for 2011-2012. *Bailey Boyd Associates, an organization that has provided financial assistance to some of our pre-school students, has applied for a grant to be used next year. Please contact me for additional information. *Our sponsor program will continue for next year. If you bring a student into the school and they remain for the year, a one hundred dollar discount is applied to your child's tuition. The more students you bring in, the more discounts you will receive! It is a winning plan! Our best advertisement is you! Let's fill up our school!

Our mission to help others continues this year. It is important that our students recognize their responsibility to help others. We will begin our campaign to raise money for Ryan. He is a 2 ½ year old little boy who has been battling Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. The "Pennies for Patients" program encourages the students to save their "pennies", or any spare change to donate to Ryan. Last year the students raised over \$800.00! There will be a kick off assembly on the 20th of January. We will continue to collect donations through the 16th of February.

A special Parent Meeting has been scheduled for this Thursday, January 12th, at 5:30pm. The topic of discussion is the Auction! It is our major fundraiser and we need every family to help! There are many ways you can help! Please join us for pizza and together we will plan a successful, fun auction. The date of March 11th has been secured at the Irish Village along with our auctioneer John Terrio.

The new schedule and classes for the After School Enrichment program has been posted. Please check for opportunities beyond the classroom for your child. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Merrill.

I can never say this enough. Thank you for sending your children to Holy Trinity School. God bless you in this new year of 2012.

Mrs. Linda Mattson

*"Memories help us celebrate the past, live in the present, and hold hope for the future.
Share memories with those you love."*

Holy Trinity Regional School Parents Group Association, Inc.

245 Main Street (Rt. 28) West Harwich, MA 02671

The Holy Trinity PGA (for short) is having an open meeting on January 12, 2012 at 530PM at the school. As all meetings are, this is open to anyone who is looking for a way to help support the school. *Bring your children if you need to, there will be supervision available.*

We are a group of parents who not only develop and organize but also execute fundraisers that support our Holy Trinity Regional School. The money we raise goes towards paying for the field trip busses, extracurricular activities for the kids, and the biggest portion helps pay down some of the schools yearly deficit. I cannot emphasize enough how important the fundraisers have been towards the progression of our school. These types of projects and events can only be done with the help of fellow parents like you. Currently, we have a core group of 5 to 6 parents who make up the parents group and we REALLY want to expand on that number. We are fortunate to have a fantastic group of parents who volunteer for our yearly events as they come. Every one of these parents who help in any of the events are absolutely essential to our continued success. I can't name them all, but all of you volunteers know who you are and should be proud of all of the success we've shared in this past year.

Some of these events include: The Saint Patrick's Day Parade, The Cranberry Festival Parade (*Honorable Mention*), The Seaside Festival Parade (*1st Place!*), The HTRS5K Road Race, and our most important event of the year- The Auction (March 11, 2012 4 pm at the Irish Village in W Yarmouth.)

We have had a few people show some interest in helping out with some of these events that we do throughout the year, and wanted to let everyone know now is the time to come join in a meeting and see what you can do to help. We understand the commitment that is already asked of you by sending your child to Holy Trinity Regional School, but if you feel that you want to get more involved on any level PLEASE feel free to join us. We could use any amount of help from one event to permanent members on the PGA. We only have 4 meetings a year as a group. If you choose participate with a particular event, subcommittees may meet on a regular basis leading up to the event. Let us know if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have enough snacks for everyone and we look forward to seeing you!

HTRSPGA Members:

Deb Greiner – President

Meredith Baker – Vice President

Jennifer Felix – Secretary

James Pazakis – Treasurer

Erin Burlingame – Parent/Faculty

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Treasurers Note:

**Holy
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Regional
School 5K**



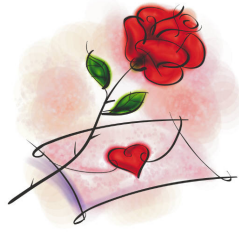
The Holy Trinity Regional School 5K Road Race was a moderate success for an inaugural year. MANY MANY Thanks to our main sponsor Associated Elevator for picking up the tab on the supplies, permits and the fantastic director we needed to get us going. We also had amazing support from our others sponsors for all the goods and services donated to keep us afloat. For a first year race, organized in under 3 months and held during a freak late October nor'easter, we did quite well!

We had an overall paid registration of 130 or so and had a turnout of 80+ runners. The total event cost was \$4,670.58 and the income was \$5,833.54 netting the parents group \$1,162.96!! Now this may seem like a small chunk of change for the amount of work everybody put in, but with this being the inaugural race we did quite well to turn a profit. It takes many events like ours 2-3 years to break even. Our responses from the race attendees were so positive that we are sure to have an extraordinary turn out next year with an even greater income to the parents group. The more money we can raise, the more we can give back to the school! Plus this was extraordinary exposure for the school, which I feel was more valuable than the monetary asset.

MUCHO KUDOS to our volunteer staff of parents, their friends, and to the kids who stayed and helped. It was a great bonding experience for all of us! We could NOT have done it without all the great help!

James Pazakis
HTRSGPA Treasurer

Send Flowers to your Holy Trinity Valentine



Date: February 14, 2011

Accepting orders now until January 27, 2011

Holy Trinity Student Council will deliver a bouquet of flowers to your valentine's classroom on Valentines Day, Monday, February 14th. All proceeds to benefit H.T.R.S. Student Council activities.

To place an order- complete and return the attached form to the school office no later than Friday, January 27th.

3 Stems @ \$8.00 _____

6 Stems @ \$15.00 _____

Make checks payable to Holy Trinity School

Your name _____

Deliver To _____

Grade _____

Message _____



Happy St. Valentine's Day