

# The Gazette

HAPPY EASTER!

APRIL 2012

## Holy Family Academic Decathlon Team Scores a Major Victory!

*Stephanie Arboles • Decathlete Parent*

In a history-making victory for the Holy Family School Academic Decathlon team, our 10 decathletes took second place in the 101-school Los Angeles Archdiocese competition, earning a place at the May state championship with wild cheers of joy from dozens of supporters who attended the stress-filled day of competitive testing.

In an especially victorious moment, the team scored a second place in the tough logic competition, marking the first time that the Holy Family team has placed in the top 10 in that test. The team jumped to their feet with excitement and supporters rose in a wild standing ovation as decathlon officials hung medals around their necks.

The logic win, combined with a strong fourth place showing in the super quiz and stellar performances among individual test takers propelled the team to the top standing—and a new high for Holy Family decathletes. The first place school, St. Lawrence of Redondo Beach, scored only slightly higher than Holy Family.

The minutes leading up to the final winners' announcements were rife with excited guessing among spectators in the Los Angeles Sports Arena stands—and plenty of lightning-speed calculations by our coaches, Mrs. Barker and Miss Osti.

"We had a feeling we were likely to place in the top-five, but No. 2? We are unbelievably thrilled!" said Mrs. Barker. "Our decathletes have worked incredibly hard since summer and have earned this championship slot after countless hours of study, teamwork and dedication."



The decathlon culminated months of intense studying in which our students poured over books, websites and memorized hundreds of flashcards related to 12 mind-bending subject areas and tests. The logic win, in particular, is a stellar achievement for the team because it is widely known as the most vexing

part of the competition, with questions on spatial reasoning, anagrams, probability and lateral thinking.

What made a difference this year, the coaches said, was a new strategy in approaching the test. Call it logical testing! Instead of the entire team working on every problem, each decathlete was identified for their particular area of strength. This allowed each decathlete to work on a few problems, allowing them more time to get it right. It worked!

Now, just when our students thought they could close the books and bury the flashcards, comes six

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## Important Dates

### April

- 5 Holy Thursday  
NOON DISMISSAL
- 5 NO TIME WELL SPENT
- 6 Good Friday  
NO SCHOOL
- 6-13 Easter Break  
NO SCHOOL
- 16-20 6th Grade Science Camp
- 19 School Mass, 9:30am  
Kindergarten Retreat
- 20 5th Grade Coffee Shop

### May

- 1 5th Grade Walk Through  
the American Revolution  
4th Grade Walk Through  
California
- 3 May Crowning and  
School Mass, 9:00am  
3rd Grade Retreat  
NOON DISMISSAL
- 10 Agape Dinner, 6pm
- 12 First Communion, 10am
- 17 Staff Appreciation Day  
NOON DISMISSAL
- 17 NO TIME WELL SPENT
- 18 NO SCHOOL
- 21 Student Council Installation
- 26-28 Thoroughly Modern Millie  
Production
- 28 NO SCHOOL  
Memorial Day

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more weeks of hard work preparing for the May state championship, including day-long Saturday study sessions. The state competition will be held on May 5th, at Serra Catholic School in Rancho Santa Margarita.

"We are in this to be competitive. No slacking off!" Miss Osti told the team after their big win. Both coaches expressed their immense pride in the team, for their hard work, good humor and dedication during study sessions at lunch, afterschool and virtually every Saturday since Christmas. The coaches also thanked so many devoted parents who bring their professional skills and knowledge to help tutor decathletes.

"We would not have done as well as we did without the support of our parents," Mrs. Barker said.

You can spot our champion decathletes around campus, sporting bright yellow sweatshirts. And check out our giant trophy—a testament to the academic achievement of Holy Family School.



## Let's Hear It For The Team

**Tommy Altmayer**..... Literature Individual Test; Science Super Quiz

**Camille Arboles**..... Logic Captain; Religion & Fine Arts Super Quiz

**Sara Collins**..... History Individual Test; Religion Super Quiz

**Gregory Evans**..... Current Events Individual Test; Fine Arts Super Quiz

**Pascal Jakowec**..... Science Individual Test; Fine Arts Super Quiz

**Casey Johnson**..... Religion Individual Test; Literature Super Quiz

**Emily Pratt**..... English Individual Test; Literature Super Quiz

**Charlie Ternan**..... Math Individual Test; History Super Quiz

**Chris Villegas**..... History & Science Super Quiz; Logic Specialist

**Chris Warren**..... Super Quiz Captain; Fine Arts Individual Test;  
Religion Super Quiz

**Winston Anawalt & Henry Smith**... Alternates

**Study Buddies:** Madeleine Coppersmith, Sarah Holguin, Bella Schmitz, Ryan Corona, Monica Collins, Megan Baxter, Madison Magee, Clare Henderson-Pendergast, Catherin Condit, Claire Villegas, Lorenzo Monteil, Sal Spina, Liam Miller, Timothy Reilly, Ryan Dewberry, Maureen Lewis, David McAndrews

## Historian, Historian, What Do You Do?

*Maria Adriano • Parent Guild Historian*

A few years ago, as I was looking over the list of new Parent Guild members, I read "School Historian", and I thought, what is that? Someone who knows the history of the school? Someone who records the history of the school? Wow, that's a lot to write. Little did I know that a few years later, I would know exactly what our School Historian does, because that person would be me.

So what does the School Historian do? The Historian records events of our school, basically through photographs. I take pictures of school events such as Drop-in-Day, the Back to School Picnic, and the Christmas Assembly. I try to get photos of the traditional events of our school and our classes like Stone Soup in kindergarten, the Christmas Concert or the Literature Tea in third grade. Of course, I can't get to all of the events of each class and that's where the Class Historians come into play. They are my helpers, my fellow classroom paparazzi who take pictures of anything and everything from Meet the Masters to Jog-A-Thon. Without them, all my Historian photos would be of third and fifth graders—the grades of my kids—so many thanks to my Class Historians.

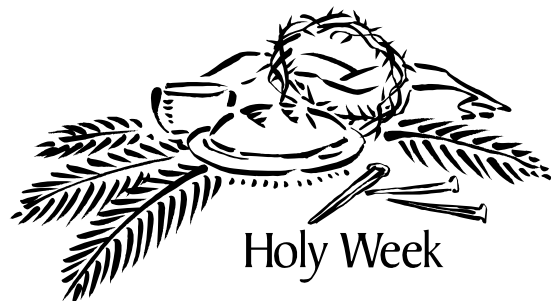
What do I do with all these photos? I select a few from each event and post them on the Parent Guild bulletin board. Where is this board, you ask? It's located on the bottom level of the school, on the wall to the left of the teacher's lounge. I also submit photos to the Outlook Newspaper or let them know of an event we would like them to cover. I'm always looking for things to include in the Outlook so if you have anything you would like to submit, please let

me know. It's a great way to show the readers the unique qualities of our school and I know the kids love seeing their picture in the paper as well.

So now I have all these printed photos, what am I going to do with them? How about make a scrapbook? That's right, by the end of the year I'll have a stack of photos. I'll take those photos and make a simple scrapbook. I'll then file that scrapbook on the side table next to the bookcases by the office for everyone to enjoy. Feel free to stop by and check out the scrapbooks of previous years.

Well, that's about it. As it turns out, the School Historian does not do a lot of writing. The Historian, among other things, takes lots of photographs, posts them on the Parent Guild bulletin board, contacts the Outlook occasionally and makes a scrapbook for the year. I suppose I was partly right. I did have to write this article after all. I think I'll stick to taking pictures.

Have a nice Easter!



Holy Week

## Prayers & Condolences

The Parent Guild offers our prayers for the speedy recovery of the sick in our community:

Octavio Giordano, grandfather of Erika Giordano and great grandfather of Joan Elyse Giordano (2)

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David Jovanelly, cousin of Giancarlo (8) and Giovanni (4) Ciulla

•

Pat Bilello, long time parishioner who ran our scrip program for many years



We also send our love and prayers to the families of those who have passed away:

Michael Cusack, grandfather of Catherine (6) and Emma (4) Condit

•

Mark McGann, great uncle of Michael (7), Aidan (4) and Miya (K) Maloney

In the event of an illness or passing, please contact:

Mary Ternan  
Ministry for Pastoral Care  
(626) 403-6115

or

Maria Adriano  
Historian/Community Support  
(213) 503-2191

## Where Do I Fit into the Gospel?

*Erin Maloney • Spirituality*

For many years, the Spirituality docents have entered the classrooms each month with a very specific purpose of modeling the mission of Holy Family parish: "connecting faith with life and serving those in need." As Monsignor Connolly explained a few weeks ago, we must find where we fit into the Gospel to be able to live as disciples of Jesus. If we're still figuring this out as adults, where does this leave our children? Well, this is precisely where the Spirituality Program shines with about a dozen of us who share stories that give a human side to our faith – exactly what Jesus did when he encountered the woman at the well who thirsted, like us and our children, to be connected to God.

Connecting faith with life...Well, the children are in for a treat this month as the virtues of obedience and devotion are discussed after reading either a beautiful rendition of *Noah's Ark* (Kinder–2nd grade) or the wonderfully told and illustrated *The Lady of Guadalupe* by Tomie de Paola (3rd–5th grades). The striking part of both of these stories is that God appeared to the most ordinary among us, which ultimately led to extraordinary, miraculous feats. Docents will share their own personal stories of obedience and devotion growing up as children.

Serving those in need...Similar to last month, the children are asked to thank their parents and demonstrate how they can be more devoted and obedient at home. Hopefully the children will come to the understanding that those in need are often those closest to us—our families.

## Living the Golden Rule: Treat Others the Way You Want to Be Treated.

*Carolyn Strong • Principal*

Yesterday at assembly I spoke to the children about treating others like we want to be treated. They know the Golden Rule, but they don't practice it sometimes. They can tell me the answer to the question: "What would Jesus do?", but this doesn't always govern their actions. I spoke to them about pranks which are not pranks.

Someone had taken someone's lunch, and that is stealing not a prank. I reminded them that we were receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation this week, and they needed to search their souls about being mean or hurting others and then laughing or teasing them. Everyone at school needs to be safe from physical harm, but more importantly mental harm.

The next thing I emphasized to them is that they cannot stand by and permit people to be teased or bullied. They must be a caring crowd and not a silent crowd. Bullies obtain their power when no one stands up and says STOP. I told them that the teachers and I can assist them. They only need to ask. We have been working with individuals in the past who have bullied, and this is the most effective deterrent. We need to KNOW about incidents and not find out about them weeks later. Some students have been courageous and come

to me, and we have stopped the teasing. I check back with the people who have been teased frequently.

We want children to want to come to school and be peaceful, not anxious about being teased. Having anxiety about social situations inhibits their full learning potential. As I often say, "It takes a village" and this Holy Family community wants the best for every child. Please assist us by letting me know or your child's teacher if your child is being teased or bullied in any way.

We have continued to address these issues in classes, but knowing something in your head is not the same as knowing it in your heart. We will continue to talk about Jesus and how he wants us to treat others.

### Save the Date



*Holy Family Parish Family Retreat  
Sacred Heart Retreat House*

*Sunday, April 22, 2012  
8:00a.m.—3:00 p.m. (includes Mass)*

*Breakfast & Lunch Served*

*All Families Are Welcome*

## Student Council: Keeping the Student Body Informed, Raising Awareness and Incorporating the Fun Factor!

*Mary Harding • Student Body President*

This year the Student Council has been working hard to plan many activities. One thing we have been involved with this year is an organization called IMP. IMP is an organization that helps less fortunate kids from other countries have necessary surgeries that they might not be able to afford. The student council helped by organizing a drive to collect stuffed animals that the kids could play with after their surgeries. Sofia Gonzalez made a great PowerPoint on this cause that showed some of the kids and what they are going through. Sofia knew one of the kids in the organization personally so it was really meaningful. This was very successful and Holy Family really helped these kids.

Earlier this year, the Student Council organized a big event called "PINK DAY". This day was dedicated to breast cancer. We had a bake sale to raise money and collected donations. Everyone came to school in pink to raise awareness. All of the money we collected went to the Susan G. Komen foundation. Holy Family was not the only school participating in this event. We took it one step further and reached out to other schools in the area and tried to get them involved in this day.

Technology is being used in many of our weekly assemblies. This year the Student Council has done many PowerPoint presentations to bring awareness to various topics. We had a helmet safety PowerPoint by Andrew Lamothe, a computer safety PowerPoint by Winston Anawalt, and a bullying awareness

PowerPoint by Monica Collins and Isabella Schmitz. We also used these presentations to advertise and communicate many different events going on at the school.

Recently the Student Council organized Catholic School's Week. This week was dedicated to all Catholic Schools and we had an activity planned each day of the week celebrating it. On Monday, we played Catholic School jeopardy. Tuesday we had a pass around prayer that traveled to each class in the school. On Wednesday we had a Catholic bake sale. Thursday we wore sweatshirts from either a Catholic high school or college, and on Friday we said a prayer on the grass with the whole school participating.

The Student Council also celebrated Valentine's Day. For Valentine's Day this year, we sold candy grams.

Candy grams are a way of sending a Valentine to anyone in the school. If you buy a candy gram, you write down the name of the person you want to send it to and then the Student Council makes sure the person gets it, along with a candy bar. They were a huge success this year and it got everyone in the Valentines spirit. Also, for Valentine's Day this year, we had a Valentine themed family activity. At this family activity we made Valentines for our mom, dad, brother, or sister.

We have many more activities coming up for the next few months of school. We hope you will enjoy them because we are all working very hard to make this an exciting school year!





## History in the Making

*Coach Buzz • Athletic Director*

**O**n March 14, the **varsity boys basketball team** concluded their historic season with a fourth place finish in the CYO tournament. The Knights advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history, while also setting a school record for wins in a season (26). Over the course of the season, the boys were crowned the IHOP, Raider Shootout and Cupid Classic Tournament Champions, in addition to capturing just the third conference title in the past thirty years.



The **varsity girls soccer team** currently sits in first place with a record of (6-0), having outscored their opponents 35 to 2. On March 11, the girls avenged their only defeat(s) from the 2011 season with a hard-fought victory (2-0) over St Dorothy of Glendora. The girls have just three regular season games remaining and hope to capture another conference title for HFS. Playoffs for the girls will begin on Saturday, March 31.



The **JV girls soccer team** continues to battle and improve with each game. Their overall record is just 0-4-2, yet it should be noted that all of their opponents are varsity teams. In fact, HFS is the only school in the CYO to field a "JV" girls soccer team and has high hopes for our future varsity players.



The **varsity boys soccer and volleyball seasons** are set to begin playing in late March. The volleyball team looks to defend their conference title, while both teams hope to have deep runs in the playoffs.



**Track season** is under way as the first Meet (Knights of Columbus) was held on March 10 at Damien HS. The track team will participate in several other Meets over the next few weeks before participating in the CYO Regionals in late April.



**Calling all bowlers....**the CYO will be hosting another tournament in May. Details will be posted online as they become available.



As always, for scores, schedules, maps or directions, go to: **[www.holyfamilyknights.org](http://www.holyfamilyknights.org)**



Finally, please "follow us" on twitter: **@HF\_Knights** for the latest updates in HFS athletics.

**Go Knights!**

# Jog-a-thon 2012

*By Jennifer Thompson & Gail Hermano • Jog-a-thon Chairs*

*Thank you to everyone who came out to support the 2012 Jog-a-thon! We were blessed with a beautiful day! Thank you also for all of your financial support, whether it was pledges, becoming a sponsor, or purchasing hats and additional t-shirts, together we were able to raise over \$40,000 this year!*

Thank you to all the school families, to our sponsors, and our local partners. Thank you to **Phil Dozios** and his team at Breakthru Fitness and Parisi Speed School in Pasadena for leading us in a fun and energetic warm-up. Thank you to **Rob Williams** for another great music track. Thank you to **Mrs. Strong** for all of her support and encouragement at every step of the way. Thank you to **Mrs. Lopez**, **Gabe Gutierrez** and **Nurse Jackie Ficht** for getting up to your elbows in ice cream, and literally putting your whole body into it. Thank you to **Mrs. Lutero** for her help getting all the updates onto the website. Thank you to **Florinda Bailey** and **Kathleen Interian** who tracked our pledges and sponsors. Thank you to **Barbara Wagner** for providing all of the popsicles. Thank you to **George Villavicencio** for donating his time to design the t-shirts. Thank you to **Aimee Gutierrez** for creating the punch cards. Thank you to **Carol Duran** for filling in the certificates and helping **Liz Herrman** for tracking all of the t-shirts, hats and visor orders and deliveries. Thank you to



**Julianne Coppersmith** and **Rhonda Anawalt** for the beautiful balloon supplies and displays. Thank you to **Mariah MacNeil**, **Suzy Tanasi** and **Gabe Gutierrez** for being the nurses on-call during the event. Thank you to **Leti Marquez** who stuffed all of the sponsor envelopes. Thank you to **Monique Maling** and **Kate Riechmann** who solicited prizes. Thank you to all of our class coordinators **Donna Cartland**, **Michelle Crowder**, **Liz Herrman**, **Kim Erickson**, **Annabel Danneman**, **Maria Freese**, **Janet Scott**, **Maggie Phe**, **Maricel de Cardenas**, **Rhonda Anawalt**, **Carol Watkins**, **Jeanne Muir**, **Alma Banuelos**, and **Trish Keenan** who helped communicate updates and coordinated all of the volunteers. Thank you to the

**South Pasadena Unified School District** and **SPHS** for allowing us to use the track for free. Thank you to the **many, many volunteers** who work hard behind the scenes or on the track. Whether you created balloon displays, wallpapered the track with signs, punched cards, kept our children hydrated or helped distribute popsicles, everyone helped to make this day a success.

And last but not least, **thank you to our runners!** From our kindergarteners who ran their very first lap to our 8th graders who ran their last, the energy and excitement was truly inspiring.



# Jog-a-thon 2012 Prize Winners



We would like to congratulate the top finishers of each class who earned medals for the most laps in their class. **As a whole, the student body ran a total of 5,427 laps...that is over 1,356 miles!**

## Kindergarten 499

First Place	Niccolas Spagnoletto	20
Second Place	Miya Maloney	19
	Zane Nur	19
Third Place	Celeste Crowder	18
	Jude Filippone	18
	Mark Macias	18
	Stanley Serrio	18

## First Grade 552

First Place	Joseph Capo	24
Second Place	Dante Gutierrez	23
Third Place	Alex Esteverena	22

## Second Grade 583

First Place	Buckley DeJardin	24
Second Place	Charlie Baker	23
	Matthew Danneman	23
	Lucas Fillipone	23
	Riley Russell	23
Third Place	Peyton DeJardin	22
	Daniel Peinado	22

## Third Grade 605

First Place	Erik Wagner	30
Second Place	James Galang	28
Third Place	Cody Basso	24
	Isaac Phe	24

## Fourth Grade 638

First Place	Devin Panconi	29
Second Place	Tharon Garber	28
	Samuel Gutierrez	28
	Thomas Hatton	28
Third Place	Giovanni Ciulla	27
	Sabine Fregoso	27
	Nicholas Schmitz	27

## Fifth Grade 626

First Place	Jake Altmayer	31
Second Place	David Anawalt	29
Third Place	Todd Sumida	27
	Eleanor Watkins	27

## Sixth Grade 734

First Place	David McAndrews	33
Second Place	Graeme Collins	30
Third Place	Christopher Lowe	28

## Seventh Grade 678

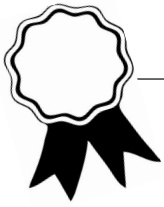
First Place	Ryan Corona	31
	Daniel Scott	31
Second Place	Giuseppe Gallo	29
	Christopher Hart	29
	Jack Hatton	29
Third Place	Monica Collins	28

## Eighth Grade 512

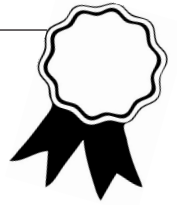
First Place	Matthew Fernandez	34
Second Place	Grant Victor	25
Third Place	Dante Fregoso	24
	Katherine Knop	24
	Charlotte Watkins	24

## Teachers with Most Laps

First Place	Mr. Osti	25
Second Place	Ms. Osti	20
Third Place	Mrs. Arnold	17



## *Jog-a-thon 2012 Prize Winners*



Many local businesses gave to Holy Family for this year's Jog-a-thon. We received so many generous donations, both large and small, that we were able to give prizes to students and teachers, in addition to thanking our key people who helped so much with Jog-a-thon.

### *Most Laps by a Boy and Girl*

#### **Grades K–2**

*Buckley DeJardin* • 24 laps • won a \$50 gift card to Footlocker.

*Joseph Capo* • 24 laps • won a \$35 gift card to Wee Soles and a gift card to San Marino Toy & Book.

*Peyton DeJardin* • 22 laps • won a \$50 gift card to Footlocker.

#### **Grades 3–5**

*Jake Altmayer* • 31 laps • won a \$50 gift card to Lucha's Footwear

*Eleanor Watkins & Sabine Fregoso* • 27 laps • both won a \$50 gift card to Ken's Shoes.

#### **Grades 6–8**

*Matthew Fernandez* • 34 laps • won a \$50 gift card to Footlocker and a one-month membership to Parisi Speed School for being top male runner overall.

*Monica Collins* • 28 laps • won a \$50 gift card to Footlocker and a one-month membership to Parisi Speed School for being top female runner overall.

### *Most Money Raised by a Student*

*Riley Russell* won 4 passes to Legoland California and a \$100 Louise's gift card.

*Katie Limongelli* won 4 passes to Pacific Park at the Santa Monica Pier and a \$50 Stonefire Grill gift card.

*William Esnault* won 4 passes to the Los Angeles Zoo and a \$20 gift card to the Dog Haus.

### *Most Money Raised by a Family*

*The Garcia Family* won 4 tickets to Universal Studios Hollywood and a \$50 gift card to Mimi's Cafe.

*The Murphy Family* won 4 passes to Universal Studios Hollywood and a \$50 gift card to gift certificates to Tommy's.

*The Coppersmith Family* won 4 passes to AMC Theaters and a \$15 gift card to Menchie's.



### *Students with the Most Number of Individual Pledges*

*Joy Hermano* won a \$20 Dog Haus gift card.

*Andrew LaMothe* won IN-N-OUT gift certificates.

*Sebastian Gamboa* won Tommy's gift certificates.

### *Teachers with the Most Laps*

*Mr. Osti* • 25 laps • won a \$25 gift card to New Balance and a \$20 gift card to Mix & Munch

*Ms. Osti* • 20 laps • won a \$25 gift card to Heirloom Bakery

*Mrs. Arnold* • 17 laps • won a \$25 gift card to Grass Roots

### *Classes that Won Parties...*

#### *Most Laps Run*

6th Grade • 734 laps

#### *Most Money Raised*

Kindergarten • for raising \$2,745

#### *Most Class Spirit*

2nd Grade



## Thank You to Our Families

We would like to thank the following families for their sponsorship support.

The Altmayer Family	The Esteverena Family	The Konrad Family	The Peinado Family
The Anawalt Family	The Evans Family	The Lacayo Family	The Peralta Family
The Arboles Family	The Fagan Family	The LaMothe Family	The Perez Family
The Arnold Family	The Fillipone Family	The Law Family	The Phe Family
The Baca Family	The Fregoso Family	The Lewis Family	The Phegley Family
The Bachman Family	The Galang Family	The Loewel Family	The Placido Family
The Bailey Family	The Garcia Family	The Lopez Family	The Pontrelli Family
The Baker Family	The Gilhooly Family	The Lowe Family	The Puccinelli Family
The Banuelos Family	The Giordano Family	The Macias Family	The Riechmann Family
The Baxter Family	The Gutierrez Family	The Madden Family	The Risher Family
The Bellezzo Family	The Hanks Family	The Magee Family	The Ruano Family
The Bengford Family	The Harnsberger Family	The Maguire Family	The Russell Family
The Capo Family	The Harrison Family	The Maling Family	The Sanchez Family
The Casani Family	The Hart Family	The Maloney Family	The Sarbaum Family
The Chabot Family	The Hatton Family	The McAndrews Family	The Seley Family
The Chase Family	The Henderson-Pendergast Family	The Mendoza-Munoz Family	The Sigler Family
The Chavez Family	The Hermano Family	The Miller Family	The Slocum Family
The Collins Family	The Herrman Family	The Mohr Family	The Spagnoletto Family
The Collins Family	The Hinckley Family	The Montoto Family	The Spina Family
The Condit Family	The Hoffman Family	The Mota Family	The Sumida Family
The Coppersmith Family	The Holguin Family	The Muir Family	The Tanasi Family
The Crowder Family	The Ismail Family	The Murphy Family	The Ternan Family
The Dannemann Family	The Jaburian Family	The Negroe Family	The Terrill Family
The Davis Family	The James Family	The Nelson Family	The Thompson Family
The De Cardenas Family	The Jimenez Family	The Nevell Family	The Toth Family
The De Cardenas Family	The Johnson Family	The Nur Family	The Tschirhart Family
The Decauwer Family	The Johnson Family	The O'Hearn Family	The Ulrich Family
The DeJardin Family	The Johnston Family	The Ocana-Daza Family	The Villaluna Family
The Derriman Family	The Johnston Family	The Ocon Family	The Villegas Family
The Doll Family	The Jones Family	The Pallares Family	The Vogler Family
The Erickson Family	The Jones Family	The Panconi Family	The Wagner Family
The Escobar Family	The Klaus Family	The Pascale Family	The Watkins Family
The Esnault Family	The Knop Family	The Pedroza Family	



*Thank you to  
Jennifer Thompson and  
Gail Hermano  
for a fun & successful  
Jog-a-thon!*

## *Thank You to Our Community*

Please thank these local stores, restaurants and businesses listed below by patronizing them whenever possible—and don't be shy about mentioning Holy Family School when you do.

We want them to know we appreciate their generosity!

Special thanks go to the owners and staff of Breakthru Fitness, who conducted a fun and dynamic warm-up for the entire school before Jog-a-thon began and for donating memberships to Parisi Speed School.

A special thanks also goes to Mama's Brick Oven Pizza which will, once again, provide pizza for the class parties.

AMC Theaters  
Baskin Robbins  
Bristol Farms  
Central Park  
Coldstone Creamery  
Diner on Main  
Dog Haus  
Grass Roots  
Heirloom Bakery  
Il Fornaio  
IN-N-OUT

Ken's Shoes  
Little June Bugs  
Legoland California  
Los Angeles Zoo  
Luchas Footwear  
Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza  
Menchies  
Mimi's  
Mix & Munch  
New Balance  
Pacific Park

Parisi Speed School  
Penguins  
Tommy's  
San Marino Toy & Book  
Shakers  
Sony Electronics  
Stonefire Grill  
Universal Studios Hollywood  
Vons  
Wee Soles

## Eighth Grade: A Year of Tradition, Applications and Accomplishments

*Sara Collins • 8th Grade Class Representative*

**E**ighth grade has been a very exciting year full of traditional, academic, athletic, creative and community building activities, not to mention applying for high school!

One traditional activity is our weekly Lunch Dates. Every Monday, each eighth grader is paired with another student to have lunch with. Many students bring special treats for their Lunch Date. This is a great way to get to know our classmates a little more.

Recently, all of the girls in the eighth grade class had a girls-only luncheon. It was a blast! Many girls brought delicious treats for us all to enjoy.

The eighth grade class has a great time leading our school families. We recently had a Family Activity for Valentine's Day, which was organized by Tommy Altmayer and Mary Harding, in which each family member made a Valentine's Day card for a parent or a sibling. The class really enjoys spending time with younger students. We listened to music, danced, and had fun. We didn't want it to end!

The eighth grade class is finally done with all of our High School entrance exams! Mrs. Strong and Ms. Cambria Smith interviewed each student during the process. The class recently received our acceptance letters from high schools.

Another tradition is Bunco Night in which the class and our parents played Bunco. Many people never played before, but we all soon realized how much fun and how easy the game was to play.

This year, we have three class reps: Chris Warren, Sara Collins, and Charlotte Watkins. The class reps have picked our parts for the Stations of the Cross by pulling sticks. We have been having a great time performing for the school.

For Open House, the eighth grade made Power Point presentations for Social Studies on different trains all around the world. Also, the class made molecule projects in Science.

For the first time ever, we had a Shakespeare monologue competition in which each student performed a monologue from one of Shakespeare's plays for the class. Ms. Merritt then chose seven finalists who performed their monologue for the middle school. Chris Warren won the competition.

The school's play has just started. More than half of the class is in Thoroughly Modern Millie, a play about a young woman from Kansas moving to New York to become a modern woman. Many of the eighth graders are in leading roles.

This year's Academic Decathlon team has 8 eighth graders on it. The team has been studying extremely hard. The team competed at Cathedral High School for their annual Quiz Bowl. The team did extremely well, having 7 out of the 8 individual test takers placing, winning second in logic and second overall! At the decathlon competition, the team placed second overall out of 101 schools! This was the first time in school history. The team is now going to the state competition!

Our sports teams have been doing great. The boy's basketball team went undefeated in the regular season and made the final four in playoffs. The girl's basketball team is in first for their league! The varsity football team won the championship and won CYO with most of the starters being eighth graders.

Along with a lot of things going on in school, a lot of success has happened outside of school as well. Our class has just started working with the homebound seniors. We will be helping the shut-in seniors in our parish.

Many of the girls in the eighth grade class are in National Charity League, or NCL. Four boys in the class are in Boy Scouts and six girls are in Girl Scouts.

This year has been so much fun and the whole class can't wait to see what other fun things are in store for us!





## The Book Fair

*Jeanine McCully • Librarian*

Many thanks to all of those who helped make the 2012 Book Fair a rousing success. Both those who worked so hard at the fair, especially Angela Konrad who helped both with set-up and take-down, and those who came and shopped. Another big Thank You to Clifford the Big Red Dog who visited us on Sunday, Monday and Thursday night.

Our goal this year was to gross \$5000 and we exceeded that goal by over \$1000. Since Scholastic gives us 60% of our Gross Proceeds that means that the library, and therefore your children, will realize \$3500 in free books and other items for the school and the library.

Great job everyone!



## *I Scrip. Do You?*

### **Buffalo Wild Wings & The Cheesecake Factory are in the house!!**

These are now in stock items  
and are available in \$25 denominations.

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check out [onecause.com](http://onecause.com)

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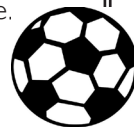
## *Kicking for Katherine*

This year's HFS girls soccer JV and Varsity seasons are being dedicated to Katherine Evans because of the enthusiasm and spirit she demonstrated on last year's team.

To get involved with this year's soccer season, and to make a gesture in her memory, you can pledge a certain amount of money per team goal scored. These pledges can range from fifty cents on up.

All of the money collected will go to the Cardiology Department at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in Katherine's name.

This department is dedicated to researching heart and blood vessel conditions.



Each week at Monday morning assembly, the student council announces how many goals were scored over the weekend.

Emails are also sent out to all participants, updating them on our progress.

If you would like to participate, it is not too late! Playoffs begin in April. Please email Connie Harding at [charding1223@gmail.com](mailto:charding1223@gmail.com) with the amount you would like to pledge.

At the end of the season, we will total up the amount of goals scored  
(there are already 47 goals)  
and ask you to send your donation to Holy Family School.

Thank you for your generosity.





## ACT Now, Be Part of the Collaboration!

*Tharon Garber • Theatre Program Director*

Where can you step back in time, take on a grown-up persona, or try on accents from lands you've never visited? Live theatre! Before children enter a theater, they are students, daughters, sons, friends—but during a production, they are actors, singers, dancers, lighting technicians, stage managers, and most importantly, collaborators. The show doesn't go on without all the parts, all the partners. No one is the fastest, no one person is the winner—the theatre is the ultimate in creative collaboration, a complex system of communication between performer and audience. For the performers, it's a chance to use movement and sound to relate an experience. For the audience, a play is an opportunity to go on a journey, to expand the notion of what is possible.



We hope all of our children, performers and audience members will experience the creative flash, the perfect moment of enjoyment that is the theatrical experience. We know that our cast and crew have grown socially, gained in self-discipline, and learned responsibility, commitment, teamwork and theater skills while building their self-confidence and becoming better human beings.



Help to continue the magic! It is with your contribution as a Patron Collaborator that the obscure becomes common place, that yesterday's history can be retold as today's story, that our young people can pull their heads up from video games and television to walk out on stage and reach into our hearts. The generous gifts from our patrons help to continue our program into the future and raise our main curtain each and every night.



**Be a part of our cast and crew—look for details about the upcoming Patron Program.**

