



THE ST. MONICA SCHOOL

MIRROR

REFLECTING CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUMMER
2010

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends of St. Monica Parish School,

We have had a busy and eventful school year! We saw the successful implementation of both a new *Pre-K class* and *After School Care* program, and the beautiful new *Parish Learning Center* building was completed. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Tom Holland, parent volunteer and architect, who guided this project from the start. It is a wonderful facility that is truly proving to be a multi-purpose space for the entire parish!

Our students had many successes in the classroom, on the sports fields, and in the areas of the arts, community service, public speaking, and chess, just to name a few! Our students also logged more than 1600 volunteer hours and countless prayers in support of our *Sparrow Club child*, Henry. We graduated our *first* Pre-K class of students and our *fiftieth* class of 8th graders! We have laughed together, cried together, played together, and prayed together, and we have grown stronger as a parish school community!

We are most grateful to our pastor, Father Freitag, and the entire St. Monica Parish community that places a high value on the mission of the Church to educate our children. We are also very blessed to have a highly professional teaching faculty and support staff dedicated to providing the best for our students. It is our goal to continue to work with you as parents, parish, alumni, and community members, so we can help our students be successful and reach their highest potential.

Let us pray that the Spirit of God will open our hearts and minds to be all that we can be and work together for the common good of St. Monica Parish School.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

May God bless you and those you love,

Pamela J. Dellino
Principal
St. Monica Parish School



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010!

Front Row: Amanda Ulrich, Therese Mannella, Hannah Gruber, Alyssa Feldsine, Sydney Holland, Emily Lightfoot, Alison Ulrich. *Second Row:* Jordan Storey, Aaron Callow, Caroline Petrgrave, Lacy Herman, Katie Bucy, Julia Brandabur, Sarah Newhall, Kristen Dahl, Trevor Norris, Braden Pederson, Mrs. Smith. *Third Row:* Mrs. Schneider, Fernando Leon, Nick Panelli, Hailey Shanks, Claire McCarthy, Margaret Dauer, Maria Brondello, Jack Mazure, Philip Snyder, Mr. Plouf, Mrs. Park. *Fourth Row:* Mrs. Dellino, Fr. Freitag, Nathan Arpin, Grady Burdick, Henry LaVallee, Casey Schmidt, Trey Popp, Mr. Briardy, Mrs. Joan Partridge.

Our prayers are with our graduates as they move on to the high school of their choice:

O'Dea

Nathan Arpin
Nick Panelli
Braden Pederson
Trey Popp
Philip Snyder
Mercer Island High School
Henry LaVallee
Emily Lightfoot
Jack Mazure
Sass
Grady Burdick
Eastside Catholic
Aaron Callow
Bishop Blanchet
Sydney Holland

Seattle Prep

Caroline Petrgrave
Casey Schmidt
Sarah Newhall

Holy Names Academy

Julia Brandabur
Maria Brondello
Kristen Dahl
Margaret Dauer
Alyssa Feldsine
Lacy Herman
Therese Manella
Claire McCarthy
Hailey Shanks
Skyline High School
Katie Bucy
Kennedy Catholic High School
Hannah Gruber
Newport High School
Fernando Leon
Jordan Storey
Wood River
Trevor Norris
Sammamish High School
Alison Ulrich
Amanda Ulrich

ANNUAL MAY CROWNING



Every May St. Monica School 8th graders and their 1st grade "buddies" honor our Blessed Mother with song, prayers, and flowers at the May Crowning Mass. Pictured above are 8th graders, Aaron Callow and Margaret Dauer, crowning the Blessed Mother.

Pictured below are Nick Panelli, 8th grade, with his buddy, Alexander Raffetto, 1st grade; Casey Schmidt, 8th grade, with his buddy, Mary Moe, 1st grade; Maria Brondello, 8th grade, with her buddy, Beatriz DeLucas, 1st grade; and Emily Lightfoot and Katie Bucy, 8th grade, with Carly Lightfoot, 1st grade (Emily's youngest sister).



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES!



2009		St. Monica School		2010	
Mrs. Shogren	Mrs. Scalzo	Front Row: Mrs. Scalzo, Fiona Eberhardt, Sava Fedor, Alvaro De Lucas, Alexander Cherberg, Caroline Crow, Mrs. Shogren			Pre-Kindergarten
		Middle Row: Kira Wilson, Katherine O'Brien, John Moe, Joey Ferullo, Hailey Pittiglio, Matthew Pangallo			
		Back Row: Margaret Collins, Henry McDonald, Lucia Swaner, Samuel Stenzel, Will Callin, McKenzie Toomey			

St. Monica Parish School proudly graduated it's first Pre-Kindergarten class of 17. As we celebrate our 50th year of opening our doors, we celebrate these wonderful children who represent the great class of 2019!!!! We also thank Mrs. Sarah Shogren, teacher, and Mrs. Suzanne Scalzo, teaching aide, for all of their guidance, love, and talent that they shared with the Pre-k class this year.

THANK YOU SHARI PEDERSON 2009-2010 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Shari Pederson, Braden, who graduated this year, Conner 7th grade, Andrew 4th Grade, and Brenna 2nd grade has worked tirelessly for a number of years as the Scrip Coordinator. She is passionate about this program that is one of the schools biggest fundraising activities. Shari is also the Co-Chair for the Family Night School Auction. Her enthusiasm and support of the St. Monica Parish School community is invaluable. Shari has been awarded the Volunteer of the year parking space for the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you, Shari, for all of the time and effort you put into everything you do for the Scrip program, the Family Night School Auction and our school community!

OUR SPARROW HENRY'S APRIL VISIT TO THE SCHOOL



As the 2009-2010 school year comes to a close, we continue to keep Henry and his mother in our thoughts and prayers. We admire him for his strength and courage as he continues to face the challenges of his cancer treatments.

Henry visited with Mrs. Dellino and the school children in April. He spent time in the classrooms and had lunch with 3rd grade friends, Zach Dry and Andrew Pederson. He really enjoyed recess and 4-square!

We look forward to the next school year with anticipation of a new "Sparrow" child. The St. Monica Parish School community continues to keep all of our past "Sparrow" children and their families in our prayers.

May God Bless and watch over them all!

ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT "VARIETY SHOW"



Thank you to Mrs. Foster for all of her time, energy, and talent for another outstanding Spring Concert. The "Variety Show" had everything from Phantom of the Opera, musical instruments and even some cowgirls!

ST. MONICA PARISH SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

The St. Monica Parish School Annual Fund plays a key role in keeping Catholic education affordable for all families by providing tuition assistance where needed, and in allowing us to pay competitive salaries to our valued teachers. Our 2010-2011 Annual Fund goal is \$115,000. If you would like to donate to the Annual Fund for 2010-2011, please feel free to use the form below and return it to: St. Monica School, Development Office, 4320 87th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$250 - \$499 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$100 - \$249 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor Gifts to \$99 |

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Credit Card # _____

Signature _____

If you wish to donate to the St. Monica Parish School Endowment Fund please check here

If you wish to donate to the St. Monica Parish School Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Fund please check here

St. Monica Parish School Event Calendar 2010-2011

August

- 25 – New Student Orientation, 10AM
- 26 – New Parent Orientation, 10:30AM

September

- 1 – School Opens with 8AM Mass –
Noon Dismissal/All School BBQ
- 6 – Labor Day – No School
- 9 – Curriculum Night, Pre-K-8, 7PM
- 11 – 50th Anniversary Celebration -
All School Reunion, 6:30PM
- 12 – St. Monica Parish Picnic – after the
12 Noon Mass
- 17 – Archdiocesan Teacher Workshop
No School



Celebrating Fifty Years of Catholic Education

SAVE THE DATE!!!

September 11 – St. Monica School 50th Anniversary Celebration – All School Reunion, beginning at 6:30pm. Come and reconnect with your classmates and friends. Entertainment will be provided by our own alumni, Brian DiJulio, Class of '76, and the music of One Eyed Jack.

September 12 – St. Monica Parish Picnic after the 12 Noon Mass.

October 29 – St. Monica Parish School Family Night Auction in the School Gym

November 6 – St. Monica Parish School Gala Night Auction – Bellevue, Hyatt Regency

If you are an alum, or know someone who is, please log on to the St. Monica School website. Click on the Alumni link under General Information and take the survey. Contact Connie Anastasi, Development Director, 206-232-5432, ext. 174 for more information. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

DON'T MISS THE CELEBRATION!



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