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January 12, 2016

Dear Parents,

Sunday's Open House was exceptional; it might have been raining outside but the school's atmosphere was bright and shinning. This is the fourth year that the Marketing Committee planned and organized the Open House, and each year the results are more beneficial. A number of people commented on the WSAR interview as well as the Fun 107 commercials; the advertisement in the Anchor helped as did the notices in the church bulletin. Many thanks to Mrs. Goretti Joaquim who coordinated the Open House, and to Mrs. Carolyn Kiley-Moore, Mrs. Gina Orlando-Medeiros, Mrs. Julie Caron, and Mr. Robert Medeiros who helped in transforming the Parish Center into a beautifully decorated and welcoming room and filled in as tour guides as the number of visitors increased. Thank you also to our student tour guides – Gabriella Joaquim, Caitlyn Moore, Devin Allen, Lindsay Honeycutt, and Jillian Caron; our visitors commented on the informative tours given by the students. Special thanks to the faculty/staff who were able to attend including Mrs. Sonia Bjerre, Mrs. Maxine Bonneau, Mrs. Winnie Enos, Mrs. Jen Goncalo, Ms. Brittany Juszkiewicz, Mrs. Suzanne Lefevre, Mrs. Donna Masterson, Mr. John Pietreszka, Mrs. Cindi Piques, and Mrs. Lisa Smaldone.

As part of a new calendar year and the Year of Mercy, Holy Name School students, parents, faculty and staff will be given the opportunity to increase their efforts in the areas of Corporal Works of Mercy. We will attempt to offer everyone the opportunity to participate in two programs in both February and March. Our collection of food items for the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen at St.

Bernadette's will resume on the Monday, February 1st; everyone will be asked to bring 1 non perishable food item. During February the students will be making Valentines for Veterans; we would like to include some useful items with the cards and will be distributing a list of needed items given to us by the Veterans Association. In March we will once again have a food drive – one non perishable on Monday March 7th. Later during March we will be collecting needed items for the Forever Paws Animal Shelter. A Wish List supplied by the shelter will be distributed at the beginning of the March. You will be receiving more information about this program from the parent or school coordinators.

Included with today's letter are copies of the PTO Meeting minutes, a memo from the PTO regarding the ScripZone Program and ScripZone informational flyers. Please take a few minutes to read these and share your ideas with Gina Orlando-Medeiros, PTO cochair – gco731@comcast.net

A lunch menu order form for the week of January 19th through 22nd is enclosed. If you are ordering lunch or milk, please return the order form with payment by Thursday, January 14th.

At the end of December the school received a check for \$457.50 for the BoxTops that were submitted between March 4th and November 2nd. Thank you to all you help us by saving and sending in BoxTops. There is an informational BoxTops flyer with today's letter. There will be a special BoxTops contest the week of February 29th through March 4th.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday, January 31st through Saturday, February 6th. There are two Catholic Schools Weeks flyers included with today's letter. One lists the various events happening each day. The second give more information about the International Night Dinner that will be held on Friday, February 5th. We are hoping to be able to fill the Parish Center with an array of various foods and many parents, students, faculty, and staff.

The Spring Gala will be held on Saturday, April 30th; *please save the date.* The next planning meeting is Thursday, February 11th. All are welcome to attend.

There are an Updated January calendar and a February Calendar included with today's letter.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Wardell, Ed. D.

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Holy Name School provides a Catholic education within an atmosphere of academic excellence. While providing Catholic values, students are challenged to do their best, to nurture their gifts and talents, and to develop curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.

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