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Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week

Special thanks to all those who helped the students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 last Friday. Although there were many behind the scenes helpers, we would like to extend our gratitude to Deacon Bruce Bonneau and Mrs. Maxine Bonneau; Mrs. Louise Kaczynski, Mrs. Ann Rocket Sperling, and Mrs. Erin Lavoie; Mrs. Amanda Pierce, and Mrs. Margo Porter; Mrs. Diane Dugal and Mr. Jim Porter; Mrs. Suzanne Lefevre and Mr. Robert Kitchen; Mr. Mario Barboza and Mrs. Debora Vieira; Mr. Mike Quinn; Mrs. Katie Librera, Mrs. Gina Orlando-Medeiros, Mrs. Jennifer Bogan and Brian Strange.

We continue to receive information for families from a variety of sources. Today there are copies of "Facts for Families" – *Teen Suicide*, *When to Seek Help for Your Child*, *Where to Find Help for Your Child*, and *Children and Grief*. This information is from the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and was sent to us by Corrigan Mental Health Center located at 49 Hillside Street, Fall River MA 02720

Parents of students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 7 will receive a re-registration letter in today's envelope.

Rev. Jay T. Maddock, Director

Catholic Schools Week is well underway. Yesterday was Sports Day, and if success can be measured by noise; the day was off the charts! Four teams comprised of Grades 3 through 8 students enjoyed an array of events in the auditorium while the Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 students played various games in the Parish Center, corridors, and Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 classrooms. The competition between teams was such that a special tie breaker "bean bag toss" had to be held to determine the winning team. The Sports Day Team winners for Grades 3 through 8 were: Blue Team 1st Place, White Team 2nd Place, Green Team 3rd Place, and Red Team 4th Place. Special thanks also to Mrs. Jennifer Bogan, Mr. Robert Medeiros, Mr. Bryan Nadeau, Mr. Daniel Murphy, and Mr. Charles Dacey for coordinating Sports Day and to all the parents volunteers who helped PK – Grade 2 and Grades 3 -8..

The winners of the "KnockOut" Contest were: Grades 3 -5 Red Team – Nehven Jose, Green Team – Tyler Spiker, White Team – Owen Sardinha, Blue Team – Emma McDonnell. The overall 1st place winner was Nehven Jose and 2nd place winner was Emma McDonnell. Grades 6 - 8 Red Team – Logan LePage, Green Team – Kate Archer, White Team – Bradley Dellicker, Blue Team – Jacob Dupuis. The overall 1st place winner was Bradley Dellicker and 2nd place winner was Logan LePage. Congratulations to all of you.

Sports Day includes traditional volleyball games for the Grade 8 versus the faculty / parents as well as a Grade 8 versus Grade 7 and if time permits Grade 7 versus Grade 6. This year's Sports Day was no exception. The volleyball games began after lunch and the special tie breaker game. The competition between the Grade 8 team and the Faculty / Parent team was one in which the lead changed sides often, but in the end the Faculty / Parents were victorious. The Grade 8 team defeated the Grade 7 team, and the Grade 7 team defeated the Grade 6 team. All in all it was a noisy and exciting end to a great Sports Day.

A lunch menu order form for the week of February 8^{th} through 12^{th} is enclosed. If you are ordering lunch or milk, please return the order form with payment by Thursday, February 4^{th} .

Special congratulations are extended to our twelve Middle School Science Fair winners: Grade 6: Jack Elumba "The Affect of Soil on a Bean Plant" and Catherine Tetreault "Magnet Coordination Variation"; Grade 7: Sierra Baker "Soil Erosion"; Abbie Bustin "Five Second Rule"; Liam Marshall "Deflate – Inflate"; Caroline O'Donnell "What Fruit Has the Most Vitamin C." and Ethan Yetman "Protecting Our Waters"; Grade 8: Jillian Caron "Colorimetry"; Gabriella Joaquim "Football Physics"; Tess Kfoury "Chromatography"; Caitlyn Moore "Electrolysis with Salty Solutions" and Michael St. Louis "Solar Power – How It Works". Ten of these students will present their exhibits at the Regional Science Fair to be held at Bristol Community College on Saturday March 5th.

Congratulations are also offered to our 8th grade student Anna Elumba whose essay was chosen as one of the top five entries from St. Anne's Credit Union and was forwarded to the Credit Union Association for the next level of competition. Two students from Holy Name School received Honorable Mention in the St. Anne's Credit Union Essay Contest; they were 8th grader Adriana Fernandes and 7th grader Isabella Moniz.

There are enough students on the waiting list to begin a second Mad Science class. If interested parents can register on line or call 508-679-0081.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Wardell, Ed. D.

Principal

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.

Holy Name School strives to produce confident, competent, and caring individuals who can work cooperatively, show respect for one another, and who demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Catholic values.

