

**Thursday Letter – February 2, 2012**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, we are always working to strengthen our school academically, spiritually, and financially. We have positioned our school to grow into the future. We have a Five-Year Plan filed with the Catholic Schools Office, we are in the process of creating a strategic plan for our school, and we consistently meet or exceed Catholic Schools Office benchmarks. With that said, we now turn to you, our school families to help us continue to move forward in two very important ways.

As a part of Holy Family Catholic School's Five Year Plan, we have a technology plan for our school. The main goal of our technology plan is to create a framework for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Through embedding technology into our daily curriculum, students will be better prepared to successfully meet the needs of our changing world. As a result of embedding technology into our curriculum and instruction, students will be able to share insights and exchange ideas beyond their classroom setting.

In order to reach our high goals, we need your help. First, we are asking all school families to purchase a square as a part of the Holy Family "It's Hip to be Square" fundraiser our Parent Club is hosting. Each square is \$100 and there is no limit to the number of squares your family may purchase. Families may also go in together to share a square (winnings will be split accordingly). The winning square will receive free tuition for one child for the 2012-2013 school year. If a non-school family wins, then the prize is \$2,500. Please note, however, that all 100 squares must be sold, or the drawing will not take place. If all squares are sold, all proceeds of this fundraiser will go directly to our school technology fund. You may purchase a square through the school office or after masses. Please contact the school office should you have any questions.

Secondly, we are encouraging all parents and guardians of children in our school to attend the annual Auction Dinner on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. All proceeds from the Auction Dinner go directly to the school. Last year's auction raised just over \$34,000 for the school. Without the success of the auction, we would have to increase the amount of aggregate tuition paid by parents by a total of \$34,000. The auction helps us to keep the tuition you pay as low as possible. This fun and exciting evening will be held at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison. The night begins at 6:00 with cocktails and hors d'ourves, followed by a full meal of soup, salad, chicken on rice with vegetables, and dessert. Besides the dinner and drinks (it is an open bar), there will be a DJ playing through the night, and a live and silent auction with classroom crafts as well.

As you can see, we are working diligently to strengthen our already strong academic programming through adding more technology to better meet the needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Not only has our world change, but how teachers meet the needs of their students has changed as well. Holy Family is excited to move forward with our technology initiative and we respectfully ask for your help by participating in the "It's Hip to be Square" fundraiser and attending the Auction Dinner on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Giving thanks and praise to God for all the blessings that He has given our parish school, we ask that you continue to keep all of our efforts and all of our people in your prayers. Rest assured that you and your families are in our prayers.

God Bless,

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