



The Companion

For Friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish School -- Winter 2012

Catholic Schools Week

The National Catholic Educational Association traditionally designates the last week of January as Catholic Schools Week. This year, from January 29th to February 5th, Our Lady of Fatima School had various activities in place to celebrate Catholic education. One highlight was Grandparents and Special Friends Day, pictured below. Our guests were treated to a musical program that reflected this year's themes of Faith, Academics, and Service, and then joined students in classrooms for special presentations.



Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

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Steve Schimmelman*



From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish School,

This school year is going by so quickly! We continue to live our Schoolwide Learning Expectations of calling our students and ourselves to be Active Catholics, Life-Long Learners, Effective Communicators, and Socially Responsible Persons. With the season of Lent upon us, it is an excellent time to reflect on our relationships with God, one another, and ourselves.

I am excited by the work we are doing in academics and curriculum. Forty-six states, including Washington, have adopted the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts. The standards are informed by the highest, most effective models from states across our country and from countries around the world, and provide teachers and parents with a common understanding of what students are expected to learn. Consistent standards will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students. These standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education so that they will graduate from high school able to succeed in entry-level positions, credit-bearing academic college courses, or in workforce training programs. Our faculty have been working hard as we become one of the first Archdiocesan grade schools to adopt these standards. You will be hearing more about this effort as the year continues.

With blessings and thanks to our wonderful community,



Junior High Electives

Every Thursday for one hour, Fatima junior high students have a choice of electives: knitting, martial arts, music, or computer. Parishioners Juli Hasenkamp and Diane Masterson and school parent Mike O'Donnell have joined school faculty Eric Bradler and Brian Frederickson in providing mentoring. The electives offer a good opportunity to take on new skills and develop interests that can contribute to academic study as well as put students on the path toward becoming life-long learners.



Service Projects

Fatima students have been involved in a variety of service projects this year. Students collected 24 bags of coins and \$270.00 in bills during the annual Penny Harvest drive. As a result of this successful collecting, our school has been granted a Philanthropy Roundtable with a budget of \$1,000.00 to donate to the charity or charities that the Roundtable designates. Much research and discussion goes into the decisionmaking process. The Roundtable will comprise students from grades 5 through 8 who have a desire to help others.

Before Christmas, both of the grade 3/4 homerooms had a bake sale. The students raised \$856.00. From that, \$200.00 helped buy groceries for families participating in the parish Magi Project; \$100.00 was used to fulfill the needs of the person the classes "adopted" from the parish Jesse tree; and \$556.00 was donated to the Ballard Food Bank, which has seen a tremendous increase in need this past year.

Mrs. Leonora Green's grade 7/8 homeroom earned \$300.00. With a supplement provided by Mrs. Green, the class was able to make donations to Amazima to support a child for a year, Operation Nightwatch, and Kiva, an organization that makes loans for small businesses in third world countries.

The Marchese Dinner-Dance

Snow and slush had cleared by the evening of January 21st, just in time for another great dinner and dance for the Fatima community, courtesy of the generosity of Joe and Mary Marchese. The food was outstanding: appetizers by Steve and Erin Snorsky, a pasta dinner and salad by the Sons of Italy, and dessert by the Bonjrada family. The music was perfect: the crowd was serenaded during dinner by The RigaTones, then danced the night away to tunes by Mary and The Rave Band. Many others also helped make the evening a success for all who attended: Carol Brown, Matt and Jodi Cagnina, Joe Sauvage, Bill Kounellas, Amy and Matt Campbell, Court and Lisa Touw, Mickey and Celeste McAloon, Jenny Roben, Audrey Schultz, Monica Scott, Dave Toll, Greg Hunter, David Arndt, Eric Johnson, Chris Casey, Matt Kopp, Chad Gardner, Alberto Marquez, and Jenn Wathen. Thank you all!



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Deepest thanks to school parents and families who have committed to this year's program.

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Thank you so very much to everyone who has made a gift to our school.

Our 2012 annual Endowment Fund appeal continues and we are very grateful to all who are contributing.

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Thank you!

Alumni News

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Dr. Christopher Kaczor, OLF '84, is Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He graduated from the Honors Program of Boston College (1992) and holds a Ph.D. (1996) from the University of Notre Dame. He did post-doctoral work in Germany at the Universität zu Köln as an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Federal Chancellor Fellow in 1996-1997 and returned as a Fulbright Scholar in 2002-2003.

His eight books include *The Ethics of Abortion: Women's Rights, Human Life, and the Question of Justice*; *O Rare Ralph McInerney: Stories and Reflections on a Legendary Notre Dame Professor*; *Thomas Aquinas on the Cardinal Virtues*; *Life Issues-Medical Choices*; *Thomas Aquinas on Faith, Hope, and Love*; *The Edge of Life: Human Dignity and Contemporary Bioethics*; *How to Stay Catholic in College*; and *Proportionalism and the Natural Law Tradition*.

Dr. Kaczor's research on issues of ethics, philosophy, and religion has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, the Huffington Post, National Review, NPR, BBC, EWTN, ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, MSNBC, and The Today Show. He and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of seven, pictured here this past Christmas.



Whether you attended OLF School for a few years or went all the way through, we'd like to hear from you!

Please visit the Alumni page on our school website for updates (<http://school.olfatima.org>). You are also welcome to contact Tina Barnes Hermans, OLF '80, at t.hermans@comcast.net for alumni information and Monica Scott at msscott@olfatima.org or at 206-283-7031 to share news and pictures.

Thank you!



Two events not to miss!

Fatima's We Are Family Auction, Saturday, April 28th. For a mailed invitation or more information, please contact Jenn Wathen at jwathen@olfatima.org. If you do not want to stay for dinner and the live auction, you are welcome at the social gathering and silent auction at the start of the evening.

The spring musical, *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, with performances May 17th at 4 p.m., May 18th at 7 p.m., and May 19th at 7 p.m. School gym.



Schoolwide Learning Expectations

A graduate of Our Lady of Fatima Parish School is one whose values, attitudes, and interpersonal and personal skills are rooted in faith, hope, love, and mercy.

An active Catholic who:

- Celebrates the Eucharist on Sundays and participates in the parish community.
- Knows and understands the basic teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Demonstrates knowledge of scripture and prayer and is able to articulate his or her faith to others.
- Participates in the sacramental life of the Church.
- Evangelizes by living the Gospel.

A life-long learner who:

- Demonstrates curiosity, critical thinking, and responsible decision-making.
- Sets appropriate and achievable goals.
- Appropriately evaluates his or her own work and assesses the need for improvement.

An effective communicator who:

- Reads, writes, and communicates clearly and effectively.
- Practices critical listening skills and works cooperatively with others.
- Gathers and analyzes information, considers alternatives, and makes educated decisions, both independently and collectively.
- Utilizes technology effectively to communicate and learn.

A socially responsible person who:

- Knows and applies the principles of Catholic social teaching.
- Exhibits Christian Social Qualities in daily life.
- Works toward just and peaceful resolution of conflict.
- Practices stewardship of God's creation.
- Recognizes that all people are created and loved by God and demonstrates empathy.
- Seeks to understand and respect cultures different from one's own.



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