



ST. BASIL THE GREAT SCHOOL

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Middle States Accredited

March 4, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued faith in St. Basil the Great Catholic School! If you have not re-registered for next year, please download the form from our website and send it to school. We have many new families that have registered so far for next year. We want to be sure everyone has a spot!

So many exciting things have been happening for our students. I want to thank you and our faculty for always striving to have our students do their best.

Congratulations to the following students:

SPELLING BEE WINNERS:

- Grades 5 – 6
1. Salena Ringenbach
 2. Adam Bensinger
 3. Tyler Olenik

- Grades 5 – 8
1. Steven Ringenbach
 2. Salena Ringenbach
 3. Megan McNabb

Salena and Steven will represent St. Basil's at Regional spelling bees. Good luck!

HISTORY DAY COMPETITION – Grades 7 and 8

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| Individual Documentary: | Steven Ringenbach |
| Group Documentary: | Christine Nguyen & Emily Giacomucci |
| Group Exhibits: | Matthew Restuccia & Matthew Maerz Julia & Laura Donald |
| Individual Web Page: | Emily Antrim |
| Individual Exhibits: | Jaimee Chiponis Scott Plevyak Robert Donohoe Juliana Provini Timothy Gillan Jack Roth Troy Horner Drew Vandevere Chris Kucewic, Bridget Walt |

Good luck to these students as they compete at Immaculata University this Saturday!

ART COMPETITION

Our students in Grades K through 5 are participating in the Archdiocesan Art contest celebrating the Year of the Priest. Congratulations to our winners:

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| Kindergarten | Jack Ringenbach |
| 1 st Grade | Karena Rouse |
| 2 nd Grade | Anna Dicranian |
| 3 rd Grade | Danny Duffy |
| 4 th Grade | Victoria Gauntner |
| 5 th Grade | Julie Gillan |

Good luck in your diocesan competition!

SCIENCE – Grades 4, 5, and 6
Our Science Fair winners -

4th Grade

1. Ryan Maguire
 2. Luke Roth
- 5th Grade
1. Dakota Graham
 2. Tyler Olenik
 3. Kaleigh Horan
 4. Sabrina Trampel
 5. Gerald Makoid

6th Grade

1. Salena Ringenbach
2. Adam Bensinger
3. Maggie Duffy
4. Tessa Cadieux-Petrie
5. Anne Lynch

Honorable Mention: Emily Dougherty, Kara Evans, Ricky Bilenas, Olivia Greenwalt, Daquan Pearce, Aaron Shirker, and Ethan Sterner.

The students participated in the Chester County Science Research Competition this week. Congratulations to our winners: Salena Ringenbach, Maggie Duffy, Tessa Cadieux-Petrie, Ryan Maguire, Dakota Graham, and Tyler Olenik. Good luck to the 6th Graders as they move on to the next level of competition.

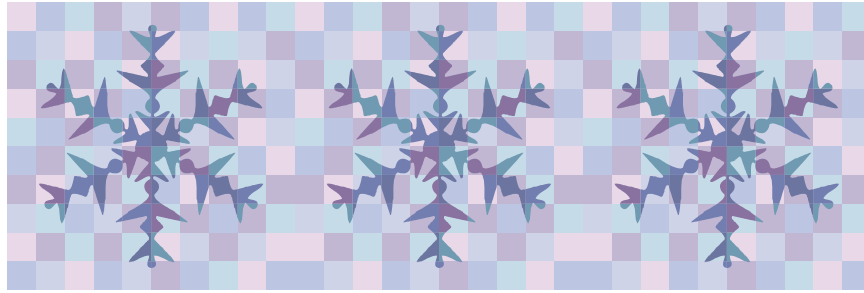
Thank you, again, to the parents and teachers who guide all of our students to do their best!

Thank you to all of the parents who participated in the on-line survey about our school. We had a 90% return rate. Your comments are very helpful as we continue to work on our Strategic Plan. If you are interested in being part of a focus group or task force, please contact the school office.

Be sure to look at all items in this week's folder. There is a notice on how we will make up our snow days and an incentive for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dr. Angela Rufo



MAKE UP DAYS FOR SNOW!!!!

The snow was beautiful and it was nice to have some extra days off – but the Archdiocese is asking me how we are going to make up the days we missed. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is mandating that all schools in the state must still have 180 days of instruction.

2 snow days were built into our calendar – 1 of which we used when the heater was not working. That left 1 day.

Our snow days: February 10, 11, 12
 February 25, 26

CHANGE IN OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Wednesday, March 31 will now be a full day.

After Easter, classes will resume on Tuesday, April 6.

**After Memorial Day Weekend, classes will resume on
June 1.**

**The remaining day will be made up in instructional
Minutes.**

Starting Monday, March 8, our day will start at 8:15 am instead of 8:20. No child who takes the bus will be marked late. Car riders need to be here at 8:15 am. This will continue until Friday, April 9.

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**You, our parents, are the greatest advertisers
we have for the school!!**

We want to reward you!

**Refer a family for the
2010-2011 school year**

**Receive a tuition credit of
\$200.**

**All you need to do is contact the school office*
and tell us who will be calling for a tour of our
school. If that family registers and attends St.
Basil's School, you will receive a credit of \$200
by December 31, 2010!**

**HELP US SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF ST.
BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL!!!**

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* St. Basil's School Office: 610-933-2453 or email: arufostbasils.org



BOX TOP COLLECTION NEWS!!!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR CLIPPING THOSE BOX
TOPS!

Our coordinator this year, Mrs. Maura Grable, informed parents
in the Fall about a promotion for 60,000 extra box tops!

Thank you to the Dougherty Family for participating in this
promotion and naming St. Basil's the recipient of
\$6,000!

The General Mills Corporation will be coming to St. Basil's on
Tuesday, March 16, to present us with the check!

All are invited to the bus circle at 9:15 for this exciting event!



Yearbook Patrons

If you would like to put a message in the back of the yearbook, please fill out the form below. The cost is \$5 per message. Please send in to school in an envelope marked "Yearbook". Thanks for your support!

FamilyName: _____

Message: _____



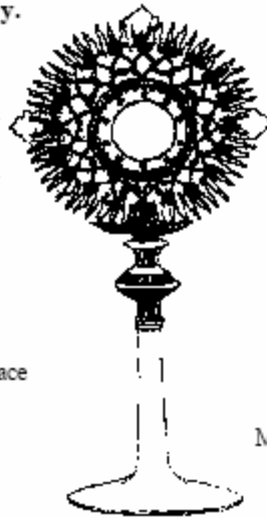
YOU ARE INVITED
to participate in our parish
FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

Our Parish will celebrate our **Forty Hours Devotion** on:

Sunday, March 14, starting after the 11:00 AM Mass until the 7:30 PM Holy Hour and Benediction. Forty Hours Devotions will continue Monday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 16 after the 8:45 AM Mass with Adoration until 7:30 PM Holy Hour and Benediction each evening, closing on Tuesday.

Forty Hours Devotion, started in Milan, Italy, in 1537. St. John Neumann, Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, popularized the devotion here in this country and developed a rotating schedule for the devotions throughout the diocese.

Come aside to an out-of-the-way place and rest a while. (Mk 6:31)



This is a special time of grace and blessing on our families and parish.

The Eucharist is the "source and summit of Christian life. Through adoration, we deepen our celebration and reception of this great sacrament.

--John Paul II (Seoul, Korea, 10-7-89)

My peace is my gift to you. (Jn 14:27)

**Come, spend an hour in prayer and adoration
before the Blessed Sacrament.**

The **Forty Hours Devotion** is a time of prayer before Jesus present in the Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance on the Altar for a period of forty hours - corresponding to the forty hours Jesus spent in the tomb between His burial and His resurrection.

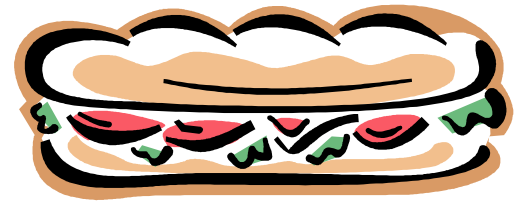
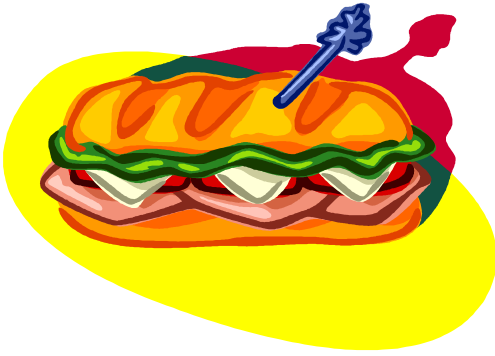
Please have your family represented during one of these prayer times.

Sign-up sheets are available in the chapel during the week and in the narthex before and after weekend Masses.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Chapel. Please use the Chapel entrances for all 40 Hours Devotions. Booklets and religious materials will be available for your use in making a Holy Hour, if that would be helpful.

Let us also pray for the needs of our country and our world, especially for the people of Haiti and Chile.

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Wawa Hoagie Cards

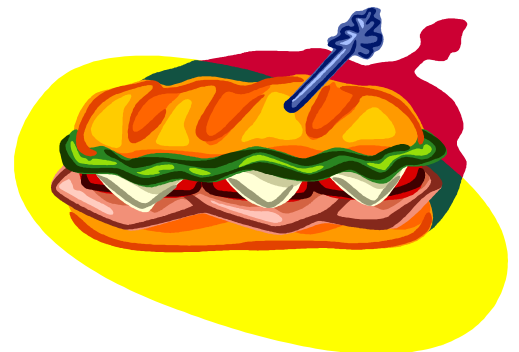
On Sale Now!

\$3.50 per card

Good for a \$4.00 Hoagie!

**To get your Wawa Hoagie card send your money
to Nicole Fisher, c/o Aiden Fisher Grade 2
And the cards will be sent home to you!**

Thank You!





FUND RAISER

St. Basil the Great Parish
Together with Tony's Family Restaurant - on Rt. 724

Tues., March 9th & Fri., March 12, 2010 - 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner or Take Out

Delicious Lenten Entrees and Sandwiches Available

Total Amount of Sale \$ _____

(30% of receipts from these days will be donated to St. Basil's Parish)

Vouchers must be presented

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St. Basil's Discount Cards on Sale Now!
\$10 a card!

Discounts good until Nov. 2010

Rocco's, Molly Maguires, PJ Ryans, Sly Fox, Payless,
Hair Cuttery, DQ, Subway!

Use your card over and over again!

To get your card Send in your \$10 addressed for Discount
Card to the office and we will send you your Card!

Thank You!



Payless
Shoe
Source

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HAIR CUTTERY

Women's Fellowship Welcomes Spring
March 9
(a bit early, perhaps)

Come join us for an evening of blooms, ribbons and bows. St. Basil's Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday, March 9th in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. Colony Florist's Fran Vicchio will demonstrate the art of wreath-making with silk flowers, and will also teach us how to make decorative bows. The wreath will be raffled off before the meeting ends with delicious refreshments.

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610.212.5739 (cell)

ST. BASIL THE GREAT
SCHOOL PRESENTS:

**80's DANCE PARTY BEEF & BEER
BAND: EIGHT ZERO**

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

Chadwicks @ The Club at Shannondell

2705 Egypt Rd, Audubon, PA

\$75 A COUPLE/\$40 FOR SINGLES

CASH BAR

7:30 – 11:30 PM

**Purchase Tickets by March 13th, after Mass, At School
Office, or contact: Debbie Graham 610.935.8118
BIGDADDYGRAHAM@COMCAST.NET**



**Annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt
Coming Soon!!**

**The hunt will be held outside the gym on
Sunday March 28 at approx. 1:00 p.m.**

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We need your help to have a fun
and successful egg hunt
for the parish children.

Please drop off donations of
wrapped, peanut-free candy,
small prizes, & plastic eggs
to the marked containers in the school
and church narthex.

Any adults or youth (grades 6 and up) interested in volunteering to
fill eggs and assist with the hunt,
please contact the DRE dre@stbasils.org
or 610-935-1261

Thank you for your support!

LENTEN CONFESSIONS - 2010

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Regular Schedule - Every Saturday

4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

(Except Holy Saturday - there are no sacraments while Jesus is in the tomb)



HOLY WEEK - 2010

LIVING STATIONS

Presented by ST. BASIL THE GREAT SCHOOL

FRIDAY, March 26, 1 PM, Parish Hall/Gym

MONDAY, March 29, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall/Gym

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, March 28, 2010

Blessed Palm will be distributed during our

Regular Sunday Masses:

Saturday Evening - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday Breakfast

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1, 2010

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession

7:30 P.M.

Adoration in the Chapel After Mass

until 10:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, 2010

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 P.M.

Day of Fast - ages 18 to 59

Abstinence from Meat - 14 and over



HOLY SATURDAY, April 3, 2010

The Easter Vigil

7:30 P.M.

(No Confessions)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2010

Masses: 8:30 and 11 AM



CONFIRMATION

MONDAY - April 12, 2010 - 4:00 P.M.