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HOLY NAME

Home & School Association Newsletter



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WHAT IS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION?

BY MARIBETH DORSCH, H&S 2021-2022 PRESIDENT

Welcome back to another year school and the first edition of our Home and School Association newsletter. My name is Maribeth Dorsch and I am the new President. Our hope is that this publication will provide families with a better sense of what the Home and School Association does and also will keep everyone in the loop of future projects or events that are planned.

The Holy Name Home and School Association is HN's version of a parent-teacher organization which is designed to enrich our children's lives with activities and opportunities throughout the school year. Our organization has been able to provide significant monies to our technology program to allow HN to stay current in this ever-changing world. Each year we strive to provide educationally enriching programs as well, such as author visits, interactive maps for the students to explore, and educational programs to enhance the science curriculum. We also recently have been providing opportunities for the students to complete projects or crafts that can help others in our community that are in need or those we want to show our thanks and appreciation for. In addition to these, we also make it a priority to express how grateful we are to the fantastic faculty and staff at Holy Name by providing them with some materials for their classrooms and also with some delicious meals every now and then!

We are always open to new ideas, suggestions and of course volunteers to make our events and fundraisers successful. We encourage all parents and/or guardians to join. Please consider coming to a general meeting (**The first one is September 8th at 6:30pm**) and becoming a part of this group. Together we can make this a great school year for Holy Name School and our children!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BIOS



My name is Maribeth Dorsch and I am the new Home and School Association President. Although new to this position, I have been a member of the Home and School for several years serving as the School Enrichment Committee. I have 2 sons, Alex in 5th grade and Nate in 4th grade and a future "Holy Name Hawk" daughter, Molly, who is 17 months. My husband, Shawn, and I grew up and have lived in Ebensburg our whole lives, we love the small-town feel, the community, and especially sending our children to a school that makes everyone feel special and like family. I am a Holy Name Alumni too so the school holds a special place in my heart as well. My goal this year is simple, I want to continue all of the great things that this association has done in the past and I want to incorporate even more of these positives into our children's education. I look forward to a fun, successful, healthy and happy year for the students, faculty, staff and families at Holy Name.

My name is Christine Rhoades and I am the Vice President of the Holy Name Home and School Association. My husband and I have four children that attend Holy Name School in grades 6, 4, 3, and Kindergarten. I've been an active member of HSA since my oldest daughter started Kindergarten in 2015 and started my role as Vice President shortly thereafter. I help out with HSA sponsored events and activities and stand in for the President as needed.



Hi all! My name is Angela Balog and I am this year's H&S Secretary. My husband Steve and I have two daughters that attend HN - Addie (8) and Millie (6). I am a professor of business management at Pitt Johnstown and have been working in higher education for the past 18 years. I am new to Home & School this year, but not new to volunteering and helping out at HN - I have taught Junior Achievement for Mrs. Lyken's 8th grade for the past three years, I help out with children's liturgy of the word at Sunday mass, assist in the school library, and serve as a member of both the Youth Activities Committee and the HN Parish Festival Executive Committee. My husband, Steve, is the Grand Knight for our Ebensburg Council of the Knights of Columbus (and he is always looking for new guys!). If I am not teaching or helping out at HN, you will find me running my girls around town to dance, soccer, Girl Scouts, and baseball!



My name is Erin Becquet and I am the treasurer of the Home and School Association. I have been president of home and school for many years and wanted to stay involved by taking on a new role as treasurer. I love this organization and I'm always excited to see what new ideas everyone brings for our group and the students. I have 5 children, the oldest went to HN, BC and is now a junior at Mount Aloysius. The next 2 go to BC and the youngest 2 still attend Holy Name. I am so proud of everything Home and School does to support the students of Holy Name School and I feel very strongly that being involved is a large part of the success of my own children. Volunteering leads to leaders in the classroom and beyond.

Hello, my name is Jennifer Saxion. My husband Mike and I have 2 daughters, Helene (7th grade) and Aiyana (5th grade). I am originally from Canton, Ohio (and yes I am a Cleveland Browns Fan). I work as an Audiologist providing hearing healthcare for the Veteran's Administration and several local nursing homes. In my role of Public Relations for the Holy Name Home and School Association, I work to coordinate outreach efforts and promote Holy Name School to the local community. As a board member, I've enjoyed working with others on organizing events such as the prayer pockets, stocking collections for homeless veterans, Valentine's Day outreach, numerous service projects for local nursing home residents, and many other events throughout the school year. The board is always looking for new ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus at school, in the community and around the world. If you are interested in helping or have service project ideas, please feel free to contact me at: jenvargo20@hotmail.com.



My name is Renee Columbus and my role in the Home and School Association is Membership. My duties include encouraging other to participate and volunteer in Home and School sponsored activities, and maintain attendance and membership records. A little about me: I am an alumni of both Penn State and Saint Francis Universities. My daughter's name is Ava and she is in 4th grade. I have been a member of the Home and School Association since 2018. I pray that this school year brings plenty of joy and peace for all of us! Thank you.

My name is Jenny Damin and I am the school enrichment committee chairperson. My husband Nick and I have 2 children, Olivia in 2nd grade and Roman in Pre-School. We enjoy the close Ebensburg community and the faith filled education Holy Name provides for our children. This year I hope to be able to bring in programs to the school that can help to enrich the school curriculum and also some new ideas or activities the students haven't experienced before.



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Hi! My name is Kristy Knobloch. I am the wife of Jon and a mom of six, four of which currently attend Holy Name School! I am a stay-at-home mom and our family lives in New Germany. I help the H&S Association by performing the Homeroom Parent role. We help the classroom teachers during holiday parties and organize the annual book fair. I'm looking forward to another successful & healthy school year!



My name is Annalisa McCann. I grew up in Ebensburg and attended Holy Name School and Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. I moved back to Ebensburg in 2016 with my children, Audrey and Emmett. They are in second grade and third grade at Holy Name. I currently work at Bishop Carroll in the alumni office. Fundraising at Holy Name keeps me busy along with running my kiddos to soccer, ice skating, and other activities. I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year!

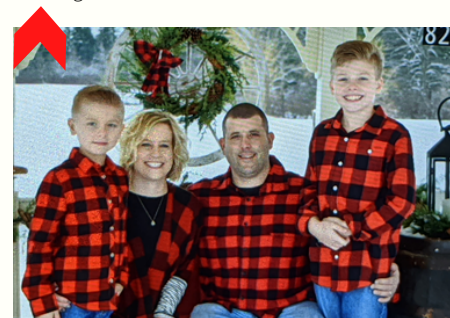


My name is Lindsey McCoy. My son Carter attends Holy Name school and is in third grade. I attended Holy Name and then attended Bishop Carroll High School. I graduated from Mount Aloysius College with my Bachelors in Nursing. I have been a nurse for 15 years and currently an emergency room nurse at UPMC Altoona. My husband Matt and I are active members at the Portage Volunteer Fire Department. Carter also enjoys being active helping others alongside the other volunteers. My position in the Home and School Association is retaining or recruiting parents to help in this wonderful organization that works so hard to support the school, children and teachers. I am very blessed to be a part of this organization and the Holy Name family.

My name is Karen Holtz. I am the co-chair of fundraising. This is my family's second year at Holy Name and my first year on the Homeschool Association. My husband Tim is helping as Assistant Athletic Director this year. I have two sons Ethan in seventh and Owen in third. The Holy Name School Family has been very welcoming to me and my family. I look forward to being more involved in the school this year after joining the homeschool and meeting more families.



I am Kate Smith, one of two homeroom parents. I have 2 wonderful little girls who attend Holy Name. My oldest is in 2nd grade and my baby just started kindergarten. As a homeroom parent I get to be involved in organizing events for the kids such as kindergarten orientation, the Halloween parties, Santa visits and the book fair. It is so nice to be part of the home and school association and see the joy it brings not only to the students but to the community as well.



My name is Ashley Cassol and this is my fifth year on the Home and School Association. Prior to being the Red and White Sale Coordinator, I was Homeroom Parent for three years. I live in Jackson Township with my husband, Justin; daughter (5th grade student) Annika; and kitties Evie and Emmett. I work as a GIS Specialist at Highland Sewer and Water Authority in Richland and I am a Girl Scout Leader of 14 very active Junior Girl Scouts, five of which are Holy Name fifth grade students. I continue to volunteer on the Home and School Association to create a fun environment for the students of Holy Name. I am excited for my second year of Red and White sales and I hope you love the new design and items for this school year!

don't forget!



FALL SPIRIT SALE!!
NOW THRU SEPT. 12TH

Check out the new clothing items and GLITTER option!!

<https://holynameschoolspiritsalefall2021.itemorder.com/sale>

Questions? Please contact ashley.cassol@gmail.com

LAST YEAR'S PROJECTS

Enrichment

- 2 virtual author visits, all grade levels
- Prince Gallitzin Park virtual learning sessions, grades 4 and 5
- SFU Rocks presentations

Red and White

- 3 Red and White Spirit Sales

Fundraisers

- Restaurant Nights
- Holiday Scriptacular Ticket
- The Pie Shoppe Pie Sale
- Hawk Walk

Faculty and Staff Appreciation

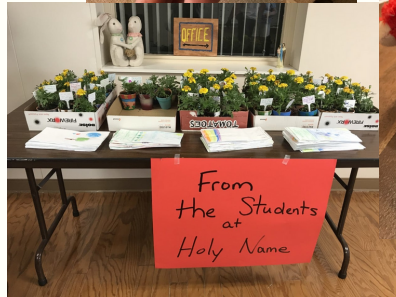
- Monthly Teacher Luncheons
- \$100 per classroom for supplies

Service Projects

- Prayer pockets for those in nursing homes, cancer patients, veterans, and service members
- 210 Pairs of decorated socks for Homeless Veterans Shelters
- Donuts to nursing home and maintenance workers
- Plants and cards to elderly at Turner Apartments
- 350 Salt Dough hearts to nursing home residents
- 160 Mailboxes and Gnomes for Valentine's day to home-bound parishioners, Meals on Wheels, New Story School, and troops overseas

Spring Book Fair

- Sold over \$5,000 in books with more than \$2,500 in books and classroom supplies for our amazing teachers!



HOLY NAME SCHOOL SPIRIT SALE



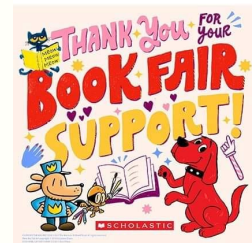
This year the Holy Name Home and School Association is moving the Spirit Sale online!
 Shop the new Spirit Sale items now through September 4, 2020
<https://holynamem2020.itemorder.com/sale>
 Please select the "Pick up at school" option
 If you have any questions, please contact Holy Name at sally.casari@gmail.com

Holy Name Elementary School Spirit Night

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm



Join us for food and fun. Come support Holy Name Elementary School and 25% of tonight's wine sales will be donated accordingly.



SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- HOMEROOM PARENTS PROVIDED SCHOOL TOUR AND GAMES FOR KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
- FOOD TRUCKS AT OPEN HOUSE
- TEACHER DINNERS PROVIDED DURING OPEN HOUSE

next up!

Changing lives two by two... www.solesforjesus.org
 Starting September 9th-September 16th Holy Name School and Church will be collecting new and gently used shoes to send to Africa. All styles and sizes are accepted (no high heels). We simply ask that you rubber band the shoes together and place them in the collection box that will be located in the narthex at church or at the front entrance of the school. The students will also be writing messages of hope and decorating shoes at school to send with the collection. For additional questions please contact Jen Saxion (Holy Name Home and School Association:Public Relations Committee) at jenvargo20@hotmail.com. Thanks so much for your support!