

Cardinal McCarrick St. Mary's High School

Over 125 years of Faith, Community and Academic Excellence



The Crown

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Generous Benefactors

Even in difficult economic times, there are still many generous individuals, businesses and organizations who step up to support a cause close to their heart.

For Christmas, one of our parents, Ms. Monica Marie donated several boxes of ornaments and décor which enhanced our lobby tree, hallways and offices all month long. What a nice gesture!



Over the summer, we received a delightful surprise from Rev. Thomas Odorizzi, pastor at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in New Brunswick. For several years, our stage in the gym has been without curtains due to the cost associated with buying new fire-

retardant drapes. Father Tom answered our prayers and donated the backstage curtains from the St. Peter's elementary school gym! We can now use the stage for all types of events and accommodate more guest seating.



One of our donors has a name which might sound familiar: Judge Maryanne Trump Barry of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Her kind support made a significant difference in our fundraising efforts this past year. Thank you, your Honor!

Close of 125th Anniversary Year

The school year opening liturgy in Sept. officially marked the conclusion of our 125th Anniversary year with school chaplain Monsignor John Gordon, and several priests from the Diocese, concelebrating a special Mass with Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick.



Before the Mass at St. Mary's Church, several Student Ambassadors dined and talked with His Eminence in the library. He was then escorted to various classrooms to visit with other teens and teachers.

We look forward to the Cardinal's next visit!

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ 100% of our grads are accepted into the college of their choice
- ✓ Over \$5 million in college scholarships were awarded to our 2011 grads
- ✓ We have three religious sisters and a chaplain on staff

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Peer Tutors

This is the third year that CM/SMHS students have volunteered to tutor their peers. Under the coordination of Media Services Director, Mrs. Barbara Egan and Vice Principal of Academics, Mrs. Arleen Morey, student tutors are paired up with fellow classmates who need help in a particular subject.



They meet in the library around their class schedules, either before school, after school or during lunch.

This year, there are 21 students participating in the program.

In addition to working with classmates, several Peer Tutors have signed up to be Sacred Heart Homework Buddies. Each Thursday after school, six students visit the Elementary School to help students with their class work.

All Peer Tutors receive service hours for their voluntarism. It is a great activity for students who are considering a career in education.



Our paver sidewalk along So. Stevens Ave. is filling in nicely with inscribed blocks from families and organizations.

Eagle Plaza Pavers

There are two sizes to accommodate short or long inscriptions for \$150 and \$300. Installation usually takes place about 2 to 3 times a year so don't miss out on memorializing your class, a favorite teacher or your family name in stone while supporting the high school at the same time. Click on Support Us on our webpage or call the Advancement Office for a paver order form.

Annual Golf Outing

One way to support the high school is to spend the day out on the links with friends and business associates. This past September's event drew

75 golfers to Pebble Creek Golf Club in Colts Neck. Although we didn't have a winner for the donated Ford Fusion at the hole-in-one contest, Tom's Ford provided a great-looking vehicle for our guests to admire at the 18th hole.



Many companies and individuals gave in-kind donations so that each golfer went home with numerous goodies such as shirts, golf balls, tees, water bottles and gift certificates. Donated beverages were available during play.

Our Eagle Sponsor, William Bauer, received a cut glass trophy for his very generous participation while many tee sign sponsorships also dotted the course.

Making Music

Music Teacher Mr. Joseph Winfield introduced a student Composition Competition this past year. The winner will have their original piece of music performed at the Spring Concert in the Little Theater. Mr. Winfield hopes to acquire more musical equipment for his classes in the near future so students can learn to play various instruments.

The talented **Choral Group** performs every year at the South Amboy Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony as well as at special functions. Contact us for details about having them perform at your event!



The **Music Ministry** continues to inspire. Student vocalists and musicians lead the school Masses in song every month. They also lent their voices to the recent Junior Ring Ceremony at St. Mary's Church. Practices are led by Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM.



Living the Faith

The spirituality of our teens is one of the most important aspects of a Catholic education. In fact, throughout the year, many activities take place to grow in faith and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Most popular are the dress-down days to raise funds for various charities and collect nonperishable foods for the 'Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.'

Sister M. Benedicta, FSGM, led a core group of students to participate in the National Day of Silence on October 18 to



heighten awareness for the lives lost through abortion. The group wore red duct tape on their sleeve as a sign of their support for life.

Faith Alive! is another student club that brings faith into action. Moderated by Msgr. John Gordon and Mrs. Raffaella Cristino, the group meets twice a month for discussions on faith and prayer. Faith is put into action on the annual visit to the Salvation Army in Perth Amboy. The preparations begin a month in advance to decide on a menu to feed thirty men, volunteer to bring in the food needed and on the day scheduled, cook the entire meal.

Congratulations to seniors Kristina Albrecht and Nicole Higgins who were recognized by the Diocese of Metuchen for their service and received the St. Timothy Award from Bishop Paul Bootkoski at a ceremony in the

Class retreat on the beach



Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi last month.

So while many offerings are made here at CMHS, students seem to learn their lessons well and go out and spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.”
— Mark 9:37

Wish List

While we continue to fundraise to meet ongoing needs, there are special projects which are above and beyond our general operating costs for which we are seeking support.

New Guidance Dept. software so each student can connect coursework to personal goals and teacher recommendations while monitoring their individual progress along the way.

Donation Goal: \$3,800

New instruments and equipment for the music room.

Donation Goal: \$25,000

Electronic work tablets for each freshman to access teacher notes and interactive work modules from home.

Donation Goal: \$40,000

Purchase of a school bus.

Donation Goal: \$52,000

For more info on supporting these programs, call the Advancement Office at ext. 243.

Other Ways to Give Back

- Volunteer
- Include the HS in your will or life insurance policy
- Ask your employer to match your gift
- Attend one of our special events and bring friends!
- Designate the high school for memorial gifts
- Participate in our annual phon-a-thon
- Host an alumni gathering at your home
- Support the annual appeal



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This fall, several other events took place including a car wash fundraiser, Junior Ring Ceremony and the annual Powder Puff football game.



Attention "Seniors"

If you are over age 70½, you may be able to take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover that allows tax-free transfers of gifts from your IRA to CM/SMHS before Dec. 31. Check with your tax advisor!

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*"Thank you for running such an exceptional school."
 — Gina Rosa, parent*

Mark Your Calendar!

January 8, 2012 - Polar Plunge at Sea Bright
 January 18, 2012 - Class of 2016 Registration
 March 29,30,31, 2012 - Spring Musical
 April 29, 2012 - Gift & Tea Auction
 May 5, 2012 - Sports Hall of Fame Dinner
 (Hosted by WCTC News/Sports Director Bruce Johnson)

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Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School is one of five Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Metuchen. Students come from more than 20 communities and 18 Catholic elementary schools in Middlesex, Somerset and Monmouth Counties. An average class size of 22 students allows individual attention to a rigorous academic program and value-centered Catholic education.

MISSION STATEMENT

To prepare our students for the challenges of the FUTURE based on a foundation of strong Catholic traditions.