

Three Areas of Catholic Education To Benefit from the Alumni & Friends Appeal

Your Catholic education at Holy Redeemer was a blessing in your life; please now consider being a blessing to Holy Redeemer School through your gift. Your support of Holy Redeemer's Alumni and Friends Appeal will help fund projects that are vital to aiding us in carrying out our school's mission. We have established a goal of \$80,000.00 this year. We will use the funds in these three principle areas:

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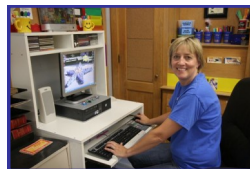
Adopt-a-Student \$30,000. Excellence costs money. Every year, the Annual Appeal Support helps fill the "excellence" gap - supporting students and families who may not be able to completely fund the educational cost of Holy Redeemer School. Holy Redeemer Parish, through the stewardship of its parishioners, fund a great percentage of the cost to educate our students; however, it is not enough for some students and families .



Building Improvements \$20,000 . One of the projects targeted for this coming year is to update our Main Office. It is our hope to relocate the office in the kindergarten room nearest the main entrance, for security and visibility. In addition, a number of windows would be placed in the office and a more secure locking system would be installed.



Technology \$30,000. Our goal is to keep our technology as current as possible to best prepare our students for the future. To this end we have installed new computers for the teachers and administration. These computers will be used as tools to aid in classroom presentations, along with Smart Board technology; curriculum mapping; grading; and communication.



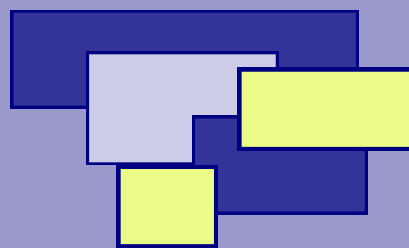
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Teaching discipline, knowledge and service
in a Christ-centered, family environment

The Legacy

Holy Redeemer School
"Teach me discipline, goodness,
and knowledge"

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Our "Catholic Identity" at Holy Redeemer School leads to strong values in our leaders for tomorrow in our communities, homes, and business.



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Test Scores at Holy Redeemer (2009-2010)

A Recipe for Success: Baking takes time and effort on the part of the baker. Nothing good can come of rushing the baker (except if we are talking about unleavened bread of course). Similar to the analogy of baking is the gleaning of knowledge for students. It takes time, effort, and a little TLC to raise the bars or bar with the student frame of mind..... Green and Growing: Each year as farmers plant their crops, they can't help but pray for a good growing season and a plentiful crop. Even if last year's crop was a good one, it would be wonderful to have it improve even more.... Considering these two analogies, Holy Redeemer School implemented the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) assessments in 2007-2008 to help provide formative information regarding student progress. The NWEA is a nationwide assessment given to approximately 2.3 million students. The Measures of Academic Progress, or MAP, are computer-based tests in the areas of reading, language usage, and math.

Reading focuses specifically on word recognition and vocabulary, comprehension and information, and literature. Language Usage focuses on the areas of writing types and research, elements of composition, grammar and usage, and spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. Math focuses on number and operation, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis. Science is a two-part test including concepts and processes: Part 1--nature of science, scientific inquiry, collection/analysis of data, and Part 2—physical science, earth and space science, and life science. Noted in the tables are the RIT, or Rasch Unit, scores.

Table 1. Reading Scores show the HRS student mean scores as well as the national average for the nation. The difference between the two scores indicates that HRS is above the national average in each grade level, and each grade demonstrated positive growth throughout the school year. Also noteworthy is that the lowest standard deviation score in reading is 6.7. The larger the standard deviation, the more our scores deviate from the norm.

Grade (Table 1)	HRS Spring 2010 (RIT Mean Values)	2008 National Norms	Difference between HRS and Norms	HRS Growth from Fall 2009
2	193.5	189.6	+3.9	+10.4
3	202.0	199	+3.0	+10.3
4	211.3	205.8	+5.5	+5.5
5	216.7	211.1	+5.6	+5.6
6	223.2	214.8	+8.4	+4.7
7	226.2	217.9	+8.3	+6.5
8	226.2	221.2	+5.0	+2.9

The average mark for 11th grade students in math is 239.8. Excitingly, our seventh and eighth grade students have outperformed that mark.

HRS stakeholders can take pride in the work of their school. Students demonstrate positive growth in all areas overall and are well above the norm in some marks. The test gives us an idea of where our strengths and weaknesses lie and how we can continue to challenge our students to be the best that they can be!

Visit www.nwea.org to learn more about these assessments.

Grade (Table 2)	HRS Spring 2010 (RIT Mean)	2008 National Norms	Difference between HRS and	HRS Growth from Fall 2009
2	191.6	191.5	+0.1	+10.1
3	202.9	200.5	+2.4	+11.0
4	211.4	207.0	+4.4	+6.8
5	214.6	211.8	+2.8	+3.8
6	222.4	215.1	+7.3	+5.2
7	222.9	217.7	+5.2	+2.9
8	224.2	220.4	+3.8	+2.9

Table 2. Language Usage Scores shows how much positive growth the students made throughout the school year and how much above the norm their scores rise. Also noteworthy is that the lowest standard deviation score in language usage is 6.4.

Grade (Table 3)	HRS Spring 2010 (RIT Mean Values)	2008 National Norms	Difference between HRS and Norms	HRS Growth from Fall 2009
2	192.7	190.8	+1.9	+10.0
3	202.7	202.4	+0.3	+9.9
4	216.2	211.4	+4.8	+11.2
5	227.5	219.2	+8.3	+12.0
6	233.4	223.8	+9.6	+8.5
7	240.8	228.3	+12.5	+9.6
8	247.2	232.7	+14.5	+10.9

Table 3. Math Scores display the students' overall scores in comparison to the norms and positive growth throughout the year. Also noteworthy is that the lowest standard deviation score in math is 7.6.

Your gift will help students by teaching them the values and rewards of commitment.

For further information about Holy Redeemer's Catholic School, please contact the Office at 501 S. Whitney Street, Marshall, MN 56258; 507.532.6642; www.holyredeemerschools.com



The walk/work-a-thon (1st annual) is complete. Almost \$18,000 was brought in through pledges. Great day! Great success! Thank You!

