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Padre Serra Tourney - What a Journey!

The ball bounced first on the right side of the rim, then up and over to the left side of the rim, then straight up and again on the left side. It seemed to last an eternity. Finally it fell inwards, as if nudged from heaven, and through the net. The standing room only crowd, which had been collectively holding its breath, erupted. With 3.4 seconds remaining, TJ Bray was fouled while making the lay-up that would provide Holy Apostles with its first boys Padre Serra Championship banner. It was the third time in four years that Holy Apostles boys' basketball teams played in the championship game, but the first time that HA returned victorious (30-27). The coveted banner, which had previously eluded HA, was now theirs.

To get to this point, this team had to overcome considerable obstacles during the season. Not only did they suffer numerous injuries, but shortly after beginning practices for the season the Bray family and the team faced its biggest challenge - when TJ and head coach Tom Bray lost their mother and wife - Kim. She had arthroscopic knee surgery on November 14th and died unexpectedly on the 18th of a blood clot in her lung. The Brays, the team and the whole HA community were stunned. The team and the community rallied around the Brays. Basketball was an activity that took the Brays' minds off of

their loss.

The Padre began with an easy victory and the team also expected the next game to be easy, but St. Agnes had other ideas. St. Agnes led into the fourth quarter. HA finally took the lead with three minutes to go and held on for a narrow 44-40 victory. Holy Apostles beat WCSS 32-24 then St. Luke 40-34 to advance to the championship game to face St. Roberts, the only team to beat them in two years.

With over capacity crowds, the game began. It was close throughout, but in the fourth quarter HA built a six point lead, only to watch St. Roberts score the next six points to tie the game at 27 with 10 seconds left. After a timeout, HA

drove hard to the basket for a lay-up but missed it long. St. Roberts rebounded and started up court. HA was able to poke the ball away and after a scramble HA came up with the ball for the winning drive and lay-up. To the very end this team faced adversity and as it had done all season overcame it and found a way to win.

The team was presented with its



Holy Apostles School Mission

"Holy Apostles School is a Catholic K-8 elementary school serving the community of and around New Berlin, Wisconsin since 1893. The mission of Holy Apostles School is to advance the educational ministry of the Catholic Church by creating a compassionate atmosphere which will promote faith, knowledge, and service."

Reunion News

No reunions are currently planned. Anyone interested in planning a reunion for the Class of 2002, Class of 1997 or Class of 1982,

Alumni Happenings

If you have any news you'd like to share with your former classmates - weddings, babies, career choices or moves - please

Lost Alumni

We are looking for people to help find addresses of some of our alumni. If you are interested in helping to find or verify the addresses of your classmates please contact the school at

Alumnus Highlighted

For **Kris Gary**, a 1983 graduate of Holy Apostles, her recent life has been about returning to school (s). Kris returned to Holy Apostles when she enrolled her oldest daughter, Emily, in Kindergarten in 1999 and Jessica three years later. She returned to school herself and graduated from UW-Milwaukee this past May with a degree in Elementary Education and began teaching 4th grade this fall at St. Mary's Hales Corners.

Since enrolling Emily at Holy Apostles, Kris has been an active part of the HA community. She has been a member of the Home & School Association for five years, serving as President the past two years. Kris has coached girls' volleyball the past three years. She also chaired the decorating committee for the parish auction among other activities.

When asked if it was important to her to have her children attend the same school she did, Kris replied, "I felt that I grew up in a Christian environment that focused on academics and values. I wanted my children to be in the same environment." Kris feels the academic level of Holy Apostles has grown leaps and bounds since she graduated. "We are up to date in the latest technology and innovations. My children will graduate fully prepared for any high school classroom. They will also be faith-

filled members of the community due to the service they perform at HA. I wanted my children to walk the same footsteps I did growing in faith, love, and understanding of both academics and the world around them."

Some of Kris' greatest memories of HA include going to the Padre tournament. "We rode a fan bus down and cheered all the way." She also remembered playing on the bowling league Al Stigler ran, the end of the year picnic where they went to Malone Park for lunch and fun, and playing "The Weekly News Game" every Friday in 8th grade. As for how she feels about Holy Apostles, she said in her speech, as Home & School President, to the 8th graders during graduation, "You will always keep a part of Holy Apostles in your heart." Kris certainly has.

Another of our graduates, **Christopher Sobczak**, a 1986 graduate, credits Holy Apostles with motivating him; especially in his love of science and his quest for knowledge. After leaving our school,



h e - Ms. Chause's Science Lab

Building Our Future

Several new programs have been put in place this year at Holy Apostles School, beginning with the new Wellness Program. The Child Nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program Reauthorization Act of 2004 established a Local Wellness Policy requirement for schools participating in National School Lunch Programs. With that in mind, Holy Apostles has adopted a wellness program addressing the following major points: 1) Increase amount of physical activity 2) Encourage better eating habits (more fruits, vegetables, and grains) and 3) Eat a variety of foods, cut back on sweet treats, and less fast food stops. Each month, HA has a health topic that fits within the wellness policy points. In September, the focus was on fruits and the raw facts about snacks. HA families were encouraged to provide better snack choices for recess, birthday treats, lunches, and classroom parties. In addition, the snack cart of ice cream and sweet treats was removed from the lunch program.

In order to increase the level of physical activity, students have been given an opportunity twice a week to walk around the cemetery during lunch recess. The students' laps are recorded by parent volunteers and

when the kids walk 5 miles, a foot token is awarded. They can wear them on their shoelaces and/or backpacks. Anyone who would like to volunteer during lunch recess, exclusively to record number of laps, please contact Mrs. Julie Lobitz (jlobitz@hanb.org).

The second program to undergo a big change this year is the lunch program, with the introduction of a computerized point of sale system. Gone are the little paper tickets and all of their hassles. They have been replaced with a computer database that tracks each student's lunch purchase and maintains an on-line account balance. The system, Cafe' Terminal is supplied by Comalex Inc. Each student is assigned a 4 digit PIN number which they enter as they pass through the lunch line. The system presents a photograph of the student to the cashier to verify the correct account is being billed. Parents can fund their child's lunch account by sending a check to school or they can monitor their child's current account balance and pay on-line. After a few minor startup issues were resolved the system has been getting good reviews by parents, teachers, and lunch staff. The entire system was purchased with funds from the Home

Did You Know?

Our latest class of graduates moved on to six different high schools - CMH (28), Pius (5), DSHA (2), NB Public Schools (15), Waukesha

Thank You!

With every graduation comes tears of goodbye. And, it's not just the students. We said goodbye to many families again this year - many who have been with the school for more than a decade:

Arend(13), Goebel (3), Hahn(11), Harvey(15), Keller (4), Kiehm(6), Kleefisch(12), Kloehn(9), Kyne (10), Landgraf(17), Lewicki(16), Lukomski(12), Owen(2), Parent(1), Peot(18), Pokrzywa (9), Polansky(9), Russo(4), Scheele (9), Schober(10)

"Healthy in Mind, Body & Spirit"

2006-2007 School Theme

Legacy Project

Fundraising for this year's eighth grade legacy consisted of a "Walk Down Memory Lane." It was to be held at Malone Park. Unfortunately, weather was not on their side that day. Rain forced the walk to be held inside the school. For a small donation younger students walked past the eighth graders as they recapped their years at Holy Apostles. They each dressed up for the memory they had, such as kindergarten's 100 day celebration, music concerts, field trips, sports, pep rallies and of course graduation. The kids walked down the hallway and remembered, learned about and looked forward to experiencing the same memories as the eighth graders. The project was a great way for the eighth graders to reflect on all the great

We Say Good-Bye

Three teachers have left the school this year. Mrs. Barb Chipman taught Literature for 16 years at Holy Apostles. Mrs. Cindy Wanie had been at HA for 8 years - and was our Reading Resource teacher. Mrs. Ginny O'Connor taught Math in the Middle School for 2 years. They will all be missed. Two new teachers have been hired and others have shifted responsibilities. Mrs. Laura Anderson moved from Language Arts to teach the Math classes in the Middle school. Mrs. Laura Morrow moved from 5th grade to teach a newly combined Language Arts/Literature class within the Middle School. Mr. Richard Mathews has

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