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A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI, FAMILY AND FRIENDS



FROM THE CO-DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

With help from many, we “Build Success” for Metro Catholic School children! Weekly, we introduce a Building Block for Success and hear daily examples of it in our school community. The students build success one action, one day, one choice at a time—but they don’t do it alone.

In the stories we share, you see Metro Catholic students blessed by partnerships with our larger community. Earlier this fall, we celebrated some of our partners at our Humphrey Society Event. Other collaborations include alumni who want to give back and internal staff teams like our reading intervention specialists. These connections are building blocks that allow us to create successful pathways for urban children.

As always, you are welcome anytime to meet and visit with us at Metro Catholic or join us for our Playhouse Square event in January. May the good God send you bountiful blessings in the holy seasons and days ahead!

Sincerely,

Sr. Anne Maline, SND
Co-Director

Mrs. Mary Lou Toler
Co-Director



Reading specialist Emily Paskert assists a first grade student.

“ACTION IS THE FOUNDATIONAL KEY TO ALL SUCCESS.”

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WHEN THE STATE OF OHIO MANDATED THE THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE IN 2016, METRO CATHOLIC ACTED.

We expanded our Learning Center services with a reading intervention plan for all Kindergarten – G. 3 students. Four certified teachers with reading specialist and/or learning disability qualifications serve as full-time Reading Guarantee teachers. They collaborate with classroom teachers to insure that instruction meets student needs. Our model has four tiers:

1. We provide whole classroom quality literacy instruction for all students.
2. Additional small-group instruction supplements instruction for 10-20% of classroom students.
3. We provide intense small group instruction outside of the classroom for 5-15% of the students.
4. Students with additional need begin the special education referral process.

In addition, we created a five-week Summer Reading Camp to further support at-risk students.



Check our Facebook Page

for daily news and events – accessible from metrocatholic.org

Meet the Honorees

The Patience & George Humphrey Society gathered on Sunday, October 2 at Historic St. Stephen Church. We were honored to welcome special guest, Christopher Knight, new Diocese of Cleveland Superintendent of Schools.

Congratulations to the 2016 Humphrey Honorees:

- The St. Stephen Alumni Association
- Natalie McMahon & the Msgr. John J. McMahon Charitable Trust
- St. Albert the Great Parish & School



St. Stephen Alumni President, Maryanne Sutherland (bottom middle), along with other alum, accept the Humphrey Award.



Colleen Gutta (left) and Mary Beth Ions provide musical entertainment during the Humphrey Awards reception.



Julie Polowyk, Assistant Principal, (left) and Maureen Holodnak, Assistant to the Pastor, accept the Humphrey Award for St. Albert the Great Parish and School in North Royalton.



SAVE THE DATE

**Metro Catholic
at
The Cleveland Playhouse**

Join us for
“BASKERVILLE: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY”

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm
The Allen Theatre

Pre Show Reception

Hearty Appetizers / Cash Bar/ Raffle Baskets
Allen Theatre Lobby at 5:30 pm

Tickets: \$75 each / 216-634-2854

*All proceeds benefit the Metro Catholic Learning Center
that serves children with special learning needs.*



At this Thanksgiving Season, we give thanks...

for our generous friends and foundations
who supported the Metro Catholic
“Technology Now” update.

We purchased 30 new Chromebooks and 40 ipads
along with classroom carts and software.



Gr. 8 students Kristopher and Aniyah use their iPads in science class.

Thank you for your kind gifts.





Building Principal Angie Weinrich (originally from the Lalanne Program) leads the "Go Tribe" cheers.



Regan Gaul (Capuchin Volunteers) works on a soil experiment with Gr. 4.

FUTURE >> FORWARD

>> PARTNERSHIPS

Since its birth in 1988 Metro Catholic has relied on the ministries and contributed services of the Sisters of Notre Dame. In recent years we are grateful to also have the ministry presence of several Ursuline Sisters and the Humility of Mary Sisters. While saddened by the declining numbers of men and women in religious congregations, we see a hopeful new pattern emerging from these groups. Metro Catholic now has on staff young adults from three volunteer corps sponsored by religious congregations. We want you to meet them:

Hannah Sullivan, our Green Coordinator, joins us from the **Volunteer Services of the Humility of Mary Sisters**. These volunteers hope to bring more abundant life to people in need. Hannah recently completed her degree in political science at Kenyon College. She coordinates our sustainability and environmental efforts including our garden programs and the Green Team. Hannah will focus projects on the themes REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE.

Regan Gaul teaches Gr. 4 and is sponsored by the **Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps**. The spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi is central to their experience of community and service. Regan graduated from Penn State University in May with a

BS in Childhood and Early Adolescent Education. She currently lives with the Capuchin Volunteer Corps Community in Cleveland.

The Marianist Fathers at Dayton University have sent us **Lalanne Program** teachers for many years. Service in Lalanne is a commitment to making a difference in the lives of children who face unique challenges in their school and community settings.

Angie Weinrich was a Lalanne volunteer ten years ago and has stayed on at Metro Catholic to become the Boniface Campus Principal. We currently have two Lalanne members teaching for a second year at Metro Catholic, **Lauren Lacey** in Gr. 2 and **Alison Tortelli** in Gr. 3.



All of these programs invite young adults to serve in urban areas for a year or two. They live a simple life style and receive a small stipend for living expenses. They generally live in community where they can share faith and support one another in their service.

Green Coordinator Hannah Sullivan (HM Sisters Volunteer Corp) picks garden bounty with Rozi Gr. 4 and Ilyana Gr. 2.

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As a result of these strategies we saw SUCCESS -- measurable progress in: letter recognition, vocabulary growth and retention, and reading fluency and comprehension. ALL OF LAST

YEAR'S ELIGIBLE GR. 3 STUDENTS PASSED the Third Grade Language Arts and Reading Assessment. Needless to say, we are continuing this successful program in the current school year.

We invite you to join our Legacy Society with a bequest or planned gift.

Mailynh Vu – Amazing Alum – Tribe Employee

The Metro Catholic Advisory Board is proud to have, Mailynh Vu, the first-ever Metro Catholic Alum as a new board member. Mailynh graduated from Metro Catholic in 1995 and then attended St. Joseph Academy and Olmsted Falls High School. She earned a degree in business marketing at Baldwin Wallace College and worked for manufacturing and consulting companies in Ohio and Washington DC.

Metro Catholic was an obvious school choice for Mailynh who is first generation Vietnamese American. Her grandparents, who lived directly across from the Boniface Campus, helped the family with child care and kept a close watch on the education of

their grandchildren. Mailynh says, “Words cannot explain the impact Metro Catholic had on me. I found good quality friends and an education that will forever be remembered.”

Today Mailynh is a proud employee of the Cleveland Indians front office. She is assistant director of talent acquisition. Her responsibilities include recruitment and human relations for the business side of Tribe operations.



Mailynh married her long-time friend Thien Nguyen in August at St. Stephen Church. We are delighted to have Mailynh supporting Metro Catholic as a member of our Board.

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