



# Resurrection Catholic School Annual Report 2013-2014



## Our Mission

Firmly rooted in our belief in Jesus Christ, grounded in tradition and building for the future, Resurrection Catholic School provides a faith-based environment where students are challenged to fulfill their potential spiritually, intellectually, and socially. We emphasize understanding and compassion for others through community service.

## A Message From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I am honored to be the pastor of the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light, the host parish for Resurrection Catholic School. The administration, faculty, staff, parents, family, alumni and friends of Resurrection Catholic all work together to provide a quality education for the students in our school. It is by our common purpose and cooperation with each other that we have been able to achieve excellence in academics, faith formation, and all other aspects of elementary school life.

I thank all of you who have participated in the Annual Fund Drive. Your generosity to the school community is invaluable in helping us to fulfill our mission and our commitment to the children in our school.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you and, once again, thank you for your goodness and generosity.

Peace,

Reverend Thomas A. Newton, Pastor  
The Catholic Community of Christ Our Light



## DDDD Recap

Imagine the lives that we, as a community, have touched with our Dollar Dress Down Days. Many students & faculty typically donate more than the requested \$1 as part of their monthly Stewardship. In total, we raised approximately \$5,500 for DDDD Charities during the 2013-14 school year.

Here is a recap of the charities that have benefited from our DDDDs:

**September:** Go 4 the Goal

**October:** Autism Speaks

**November:** Capt. Gregory T. Dalessio Memorial Foundation

**January:** Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

**February:** RCS SMART Board Technology

**March:** National Multiple Sclerosis Society

**April:** Smile Train

**May:** Amigos de Jesus

**June:** Christ Our Light's Guatemala Travel Team



## A Message From Our Principal

October, 2014

Dear Members of the Resurrection School Community,

I cannot believe that another year has passed and that it is time to write a letter for the Annual Fund report. It has been so busy that it feels as though one year did not end and another begin, but rather it is one continuous journey.

RCS continues to be strong academically, spiritually, and socially. We've had the Welcome Back Picnic, Back to School Night, our first Open House of the year, and the opening of the soccer season. Along with those there has been homework, tests, projects, trips, and parent conferences for some. Grandparents' Day looms in the not so distant future.

Our enrollment continues to change almost daily. We are expecting the arrival of two students from Korea next month. Thanks to Alli Smith, our Advancement Director, for her continued work in recruitment.

The primary unit is busy about learning. We've had a few cry-ers, but that improves each day. Second graders have begun their sacrament preparation, done both in class here and through the Living in the Light program.

We have a new teacher in the Intermediate Unit. She and the new students are all adjusting well. Third graders are experiencing teachers switching, while some fifth graders have begun accelerated math class.

Middle Schoolers are busy with high school visits and visitors. Eighth graders have experienced a day at Camp Ockanickon. Exploratory classes are underway. If you have a talent and can spare an hour a week, contact Mrs. Mazzochette or the main office.

The Resource Center continues to be a draw for new students as parents struggle to meet the needs of their children.

This year we are using the proceeds from the Annual Fund to improve our classroom technology. We plan to continue to install SmartBoards in the rooms. More updated computers for the classrooms are also on the wish list. Research is underway on both these projects.

Funds will also be used for tuition assistance. The need for this continues to increase each year.

Last year we were shy of our goal. I ask for your assistance in our meeting the goal this year. We are grateful for all that you have done and given. Be assured that you are remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Sister Lydia Etter, OSF  
Principal





## Our Donors

We gratefully acknowledge our donors, who contributed financially to the success of our 2013-2014 Annual Fund. The gifts listed below, totaling \$26,705, were received between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

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## “Visiting” Israel

The world is a really big place, but it became a little smaller on April 1st when RCS fourth grade students linked up live with a fourth grade class in Israel, using Skype. The two classes first came together in November and have used the Internet to establish friendships by sharing their favorite sports, foods, video games, and music. This Skype session was devoted to beginning a collaborative project where students created power point slides highlighting various aspects of each school. Our classrooms, playgrounds, subjects, class trips, and special events were just some of the topics the students would highlight on the slides, which would become part of a power point presentation. Students from both countries were using Skype from home, connecting on the Internet, and communicating in any way they could to complete the project. The plan was for the classes came together again in a live session, later in the year, to view the completed project.

In addition to the student project, Mrs. Debbie Shumaker from RCS and Karina Ebrani from Hod Hasharon planned separate link up sessions to teach live lessons to both the American and Israeli students at the same time. Karina would teach the students how to use Google Docs to complete their collaborative projects, and in a separate session, Mrs. Shumaker would teach a science lesson to both classes.

To make this cross-cultural collaboration possible, the Israeli students went back to school at 4:00 p.m. their time so that the RCS students could link up at 9:00 a.m. in the USA. Students took advantage of the weekends at home to schedule individual Skype sessions during which

they worked together on their project.

The students completed their school-year-long international project with Israel in June, with a live Skype session that included a project presentation and ended with a celebration of snack food available in both countries.

The American students and the Israeli students worked in teams to produce power point slides to compare the similarities and differences in both schools. The slides focused on the school buildings, subjects studied, textbooks, recess games, schedules, and school holidays.

After all of the slides were presented, the students in each country enjoyed a celebration snack with foods that are available in both the U.S. and Israel. The students showed each other what the snack packaging looked like in each language, and then ate them together while the Skype session continued. Students feasted on Doritos, soft pretzels, Coke-a-Cola, M&Ms, cupcakes, potato chips, and Bamba (a Hebrew snack food similar to Cheetos but with a peanut butter flavor).

This is a very exciting venture and one that utilizes technology to take students out of the classroom and into a real world learning experience. As student ambassadors, each class helped to build a bridge that will, hopefully, lead to future endeavors and lifelong friendships.

The students were encouraged to keep writing to each other and setting up Skype sessions over the summer so that they can continue their new friendships.

**Do you have news to share about a graduate? Please contact Mrs. Alli Smith in the RCS Advancement Office ([ASmith@rcscherryhill.com](mailto:ASmith@rcscherryhill.com)) so we can share their accomplishments with the RCS Community.**

## The Resurrection Catholic School Class of 2014

On Monday, June 9, 2014, 33 students graduated from Resurrection Catholic School and began the next step in their lives...high school! We believe we have prepared them well at RCS and wish them the best as they continue on their educational journey.

Congratulations to:

**Dominic G. Andriella**  
**Michael Andrew Babiak**  
**Abigail Blackman**  
**Anthony Lawrence Blattenberger**  
**Marisa Francesca Bouchard**  
**Dean Patrick Cahill, Jr.**  
**Ciro Lubrano DiCaruozzo Jr.**  
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**Joseph Giannone**  
**Michael A. Grant**  
**Hannah Rose Hassinger**  
**Allison Catherine Hoag**  
**Joseph John Keller IV**  
**Christopher M. Kozempel Jr.**  
**Luke Evan LaRosa**  
**Samuel Patrick Long**  
**Antonella G. Longo**  
**Santo William Loperfido**  
**John Michael Marino Jr.**  
**Mary Catharine Marino**  
**Celeste Estela Palma Martinez**  
**Michael K. Matonti Jr.**  
**Katrina Elizabeth Jinying McDermott**  
**Sierra Paige Nasoff**  
**Rowan Cailin Suarez Parmer**  
**Isabella Marcozzi Petroski**  
**Adrian F. Ramirez**  
**Ranielle E. Rudica**  
**Ashley Vanessa Santos**  
**Noah Alexander Schmotzer**  
**Rebecca Schnell**  
**Nicholas Le Tran**  
**Robert Thomas Wolfram**

## Where Are Our Graduates Attending High School?

Resurrection Catholic graduates are well prepared as they enter high school, both public and parochial. Students from the Class of 2014 are attending the following high schools:

6 students attend Bishop Eustace Prep  
19 students attend Camden Catholic High School  
1 student attends Paul VI High School  
1 student attends Merion Mercy Academy  
1 student attends Cherry Hill East  
2 students attend Cherry Hill West  
1 student attends Cherokee High School  
1 student attends Moorestown Friends School

## Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

Seventeen RCS students in last year's 7th & 8th grade classes were eligible to take the SATs last year, through the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. To qualify, these students must have received a score at the 95th percentile or higher on one or more areas the IOWA Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) and demonstrate superior academic performance in the classroom.

Congratulations to current 8th graders:

**Katrina Carpizo, Anna Hatch, Michael Hullihan, Alyssa Kolasa, and Jazmyne Smith.**

Congratulations to Graduates:

**Michael Babiak, Marisa Bouchard, Dean Cahill, Allison Hoag, Santo Loperfido, John Marino, Katrina McDermott, Adrian Ramirez, Ranielle Rudica, Ashley Santos, Rebecca Schnell, and Nicholas Tran.**

This a great opportunity for the students to participate in some enrichment programs through the Center for Talented Youth, and it gives them practice taking these important standardized tests.



## Class of 2014 Educational Achievements

Our 2014 graduates have so many accomplishments of which to be proud.  
Here is a list of their academic achievements and awards.

### President's Awards for Academic Excellence (Gold):

Michael Babiak	Katrina McDermott
Dean Cahill	Sierra Nasoff
Hannah Hassinger	Rowan Suarez Parmer
Allison Hoag	Ashley Santos
Luke LaRosa	Rebecca Schnell
Santo Loperfido	Nicholas Tran
John Marino	Robert Wolfram
Mary Marino	

### President's Awards for Educational Achievement (Silver):

Dominic Andriella	Samuel Long
Marisa Bouchard	Isabella Petroski
Michael Grant	Ranielle Rudica
Joseph Keller	Noah Schmotzer

### Highest Academic Achievement (Top 10% of Class):

**1st Place:** Katrina McDermott

**2nd Place:** Allison Hoag

**3rd Place:** Nicholas Tran

**4th Place:** Michael Babiak

Camden Catholic Alumni Association Alma Mater Award: Hannah Hassinger & Nicholas Tran

Emerald Merit Scholarship: Michael Babiak, Allison Hoag, Katrina McDermott, & Nicholas Tran

Camden Catholic Cathedral Merit Scholarship:

Dean Cahill

Camden Catholic Digital Arts Scholarship:

Abigail Blackman

Camden Catholic Band Scholarship: John Marino

Camden Catholic 1887 Scholarship for Leadership

& Excellence: Mary Marino

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School Crusader Scholarship: Allison Hoag

Northeast Catholic Alumni Memorial Scholarship

Fund, Inc.: Anthony Blattenberger, attending Camden Catholic High School

Donna Muscelli-Hileman Memorial Scholarship:

John Marino & Mary Marino

### David T. Coghlan Young Catholic Leader Award:

Dean Cahill

American Legion Award: Mary Marino &

Dean Cahill

Resurrection Catholic PTA Leadership Award:

Rebecca Schnell

Msgr. George Sharkey Award: Luke LaRosa

Principal's Award: Michael Babiak

Parish Ministry Award (Altar Servers): Marisa Bouchard, Dean Cahill, Joseph Keller, Luke LaRosa, Sam Long, Ashley Santos, & Robert Wolfram

Parish Ministry Award (Music Ministry):

Allison Hoag & Rowan Suarez Parmer

