



O'Hara Catholic School

# Foundation

## Summer Newsletter

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Enter to learn. Go forth to serve.

### Principal's Corner



Dear Friends,

Another blessed school year has come to a close at O'Hara Catholic School, and we thank you for your generous support

and prayers. Because of faithful friends like you, O'Hara Catholic School continues to flourish and is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year! Our rich history extends back to 1889 when we were founded as the parish school for St. Mary Catholic Church. St. Mary School/O'Hara became closely associated with the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary who staffed the school for over 70 years, starting in 1916. Prior to that, the Sisters of Mercy operated the school.

Our long history of excellence in education extends through today as we celebrate two O'Hara middle school teachers who received prestigious awards this year:

- Science teacher Tammy Conway was named the Pearson Most Valuable Teacher for the state of Oregon.
- Sixth grade teacher Maryanne Obersinner was named a Distinguished Teacher of the Year for 2009 by the National Catholic Educational Association.

Please join us in thanking God for the gift of O'Hara Catholic School and for the many people who have supported us and our precious children for 120 years!

May God bless you,  
 Dianne Bert

### Message From Father Mark Bachmeier

## Living Our Faith Requires Going "Beyond"

God is forever giving us an opportunity to discover His truth and then know the challenge of putting that truth into practice.

One of the frequent references in the New Testament is to the daily life of fishermen. We remember Jesus, for example, saying to the disciples "put out a little farther" (Luke 5, 1-11). Jesus appears to be sending them out into deeper water for the sake of fishing, but there is an undercurrent (no pun intended) to what Jesus is saying. There, in deep water, new and challenging things can happen.

Those who are willing to leave the shore and go into deep water profoundly experience what Jesus has to offer them. The Gospel tells us that the disciples in the boat follow the instruction of Jesus, and the consequence of doing so is a blessing of abundance. By doing more than just listening to the Word and letting go of the shallows of the shore, they realize a life-changing experience.

O'Hara's motto, "Enter to learn, go forth to serve", is a daily reminder that we have a call to put out into the deep. God is forever giving us an opportunity to discover His truth and then know the challenge of putting that truth into practice. If we dare call that "deep water", it seems to be the only place where fullness and abundance are found.

So many times in life we think and say: "I can't do it."

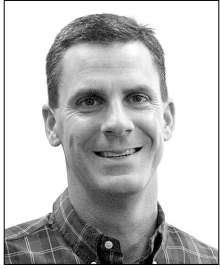
Just as many times in Scripture God's response is: "Of course you can't. Nobody can, but I can." The disproportion between our abilities and what we are asked to accomplish in our roles is far greater even than the disproportion between the ability of fishermen and the catch they finally make.

What God asks is that we put out from the shore and trust in Him; that we be open to truth, willing to learn, ready to grow, have a sense of responsibility and a generous spirit.

We thank God for O'Hara's parents, students, staff, and benefactors. We pray that God will continue to call us to faithfulness and to realize the great "catch" which is possible only through His abundant grace. That "catch" can never happen, however, near the shore; we have to go out into the deep.



## Letter from Foundation President



Dear Friends of O'Hara,

The O'Hara Catholic School Foundation has been blessed with the generous support of loyal parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, businesses, and foundations. As the school has grown in enrollment over the past several years, so too has the need for tuition assistance.

The Foundation Board is committed to building the Endowment Fund to make certain a long-term funding source for tuition assistance. This is very important to the future of the school. While gifts to the endowment fund cannot be used immediately, the dividends paid on those contributions will provide the school with sources of funds far into the future.

The impacts that contributors like you have had on the Foundation's ability to provide tuition assistance is never-ending. This year, with your help, the Foundation has given nearly \$33,000 to O'Hara Catholic School for tuition assistance for the upcoming school year. The school was also blessed this year to receive nearly \$30,000 in grants to develop the reading, science and music programs. These gifts not only provide financial assistance to families who desire a Catholic education for their children, but also allow the school to continue to enhance the education.

With an eye to the future and careful planning, we will ensure that the tradition of an O'Hara Catholic education will be around for many years. You are an important and valued part of the tradition and we are pleased that you are a member of our community. Whether you have given financially, prayed for our school, volunteered your time, or spread the good news about O'Hara, you have helped us realize another solid, faith-filled year and your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure with O'Hara Catholic School.

Sincerely,  
Brent Laing



## How Can You Help O'Hara, Your Area Catholic School?

There are a number of ways:

- Donations of cash, securities, real estate or personal property.
- Do you own a business? Consider a gift-in-kind donation of your products or services.
- Do you or your employer offer a matching gift program throughout the year or annually? Consider making O'Hara Catholic School your charity of choice.
- Include O'Hara in your estate planning.
- Give cash, services or products to help complete 2009 summer projects.

Making a cash gift to O'Hara Catholic School is easy! You can give an unrestricted gift to be allocated toward the school's greatest needs, or you can give to a specific (restricted) project or program of your choice. No matter what you give, your gift will make a positive difference in the lives of our children and the future of the school.

If you are interested in learning more about upcoming projects and/or needs, please call Principal Dianne Bert at 485-5291.

Enclosed is my/our donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I/we pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

I/we would like our donation to be applied to:

- Tuition Assistance Fund (Scholarship Endowment)       Programs  
 Facilities       Greatest Need

(If no box is checked your donation will be applied to Tuition Assistance.)

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- Alumni—Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Parent     Faculty/Staff     Grandparent     Friend of O'Hara  
 Alumni Parent — Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parishioner — Parish: \_\_\_\_\_       Anonymous

### PAYMENT METHOD

Check: Please make checks payable to O'Hara Catholic School and mail to O'Hara Catholic School, 715 West 18th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97402.

Credit Card: Note: You may also download the form from [www.oharaschool.org](http://www.oharaschool.org), print and fax it to (541) 484-9138.

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I would like to learn more about Planned Giving opportunities. Please contact me.

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Thank you for your gift and for showing your faith in Catholic education!



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Alumni News

- The top two graduating seniors from Marist High School are O'Hara alums - again!

Valedictorian Jessica Stambaugh, daughter of Dan and Tamara Stambaugh, will attend the University of California at Irvine, majoring in biology and Spanish.

Salutatorian Ana Guzikowski, daughter of Anthony Guzikowski and Mary Self, will attend Boston University, majoring in bio-chemistry.

- Beginning September 2009, O'Hara's new 5th grade teacher will be Julie Murray Fulton, 1984 O'Hara alum and current O'Hara parent.

- The following O'Hara alum are also teachers at O'Hara:

Christine Paiement (1999) 1st Grade
Meredith Jones White (1993) 4th Grade
Karen Kielty Gescher (1976) Pre-School Aide

Jeanette Hurley, daughter of former O'Hara teacher Joyce Hurley, and 1983 O'Hara student, teaches Kindergarten.

- Congratulations Sean Cramsey (2007) for being nominated by his parish at St. Catherine Catholic Church to serve on the Administrative Council.

If you are an O'Hara alum and would like to submit your own news, please email Suzanne Graf, sgraf@oharaschool.org. Help us keep our community connected!

Mission Statement

O'Hara Catholic School, as an extension of the family and as an instrument of Christ, is dedicated to developing the whole child in a secure and nurturing environment. Our mission is to prepare students to strive for excellence spiritually, academically, physically and socially, and to be lifelong learners with strong Catholic values.

O'Hara Joins the Online Social Network

Are you on Facebook? Some savvy parents have created a community to help O'Hara friends, parents and alumni re-connect or stay connected. Please join the O'Hara Catholic School Facebook Community and tell your friends about it!

School Year Operations 2008/2009

Everything is a gift from God. As stewards of God's gifts, we have a responsibility to cherish those gifts and to be accountable for them. At O'Hara Catholic School, we take that responsibility very seriously. Here is a graphic representation for O'Hara's 2008-2009 projected income and expenses.

