

MARY of NAZARETH
Roman Catholic School



September 15, 2011

Dear Parents,

It is with tremendous excitement that I inform you that Mary of Nazareth School has received the United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Award! This achievement is a testament to our hardworking students, committed faculty and staff, and supportive parents. The entire school community should be extremely pleased by this national recognition. As we celebrate attaining this goal, you can be confident that we will strive to continue meeting the standards required of Blue Ribbon Schools by implementing our newly adopted Five Year Strategic Plan.

This morning, Mary of Nazareth School was honored on the National Blue Ribbon School website <http://www.ed.gov/nationalblueribbonschools>. Mr. Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education officially informed designated schools by sending a press release stating: "America's long-term prosperity and civic engagement depends on our children receiving a world-class education. National Blue Ribbon Schools are committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers. Their success is an example for others to follow."

I am grateful to Mrs. Rosemary Adams, Assistant Principal, for chairing our Blue Ribbon Committee last fall, and to all of the teachers who served on the committee. This recognition would not have been attained without the overall dedication of the entire faculty and staff, the support of our seven pastors and parishes, the enthusiasm of our parents, and the leadership of our School Board of Directors. Above all, we recognize that we would not be a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence without the amazing children we serve. Congratulations to all and thank you!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Friel
Principal
Mary of Nazareth School
2011 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

