

*Congratulations!
We Did It!*



St. Germaine Catholic School

Blue Ribbon School Award 2007

We wanted to share some great news with you! We recently received notification from the national Department of Education that St. Germaine School has been recognized as a national “No Child Left Behind, Blue Ribbon School. In her letter to us, Margaret Spellings, the Secretary of Education, wrote: “Your school has been chosen for this award because of its efforts to ensure that every child learns and that no child is left behind.”



In an extensive application process, our school presented test data as evidence that we ranked among the top 10% of the nation's schools! The process also asked us to identify innovative programs that were helping students in our school to succeed. The US Department of Education named only 287 Blue Ribbon Schools from across the country this year. In all, seven schools from the Archdiocese of Chicago were recognized.

Our principal, Kevin Reedy, and our assistant principal, Maureen Byrnes, attended the awards ceremony in Washington DC on November 14th to receive the award.

We are proud of the efforts of our teachers, parents, and students, both past and present, that have contributed to the climate of success at St. Germaine!



Enlightening Minds, Enriching Lives

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Endowment Fund Request

Continuing traditions doesn't seem to be the priority it once was. Many times those of us who are "a little older" recall just how



much Catholic Education has changed. Computer Labs weren't even a thought, let alone a line item in the budget!

Classrooms were crowded with 40 or

more students. Today, an expensive part of the school budget involves keeping up with technology so that our students are prepared for high school and beyond. Class sizes are considerably smaller—but that also means that tuition revenue is less. Families struggle to afford rising tuition costs.

One way that we've been able to keep tuition increases to a minimum and to provide the kind of innovative programs that make St. Germaine a Blue Ribbon School is through our **Endowment Fund**. We are able to use the dividends from this fund as a portion of our operating budget each year without withdrawing from the fund's principal. This ensures that the Endowment Fund will provide revenue to support the school for years to come. If you've had the benefit of a BLUE RIBBON education at

St. Germaine School, you can help us to keep the tradition alive by considering a gift to the Endowment Fund. Any gift would be a welcome addition, and will help us to continue to help "every child learn."

You can mail your gift to St. Germaine School Endowment Fund, CD offer, 9735 S. Kolin, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Thank you for your support of our school.

BONUS: Anyone who makes a donation of \$25 or more to the Endowment Fund will receive a copy of:

Mr. Reedy, Mrs. Byrnes and Pal's Excellent Adventure: The Road to the Blue Ribbon *An Educational CD*

As a part of the Blue Ribbon School celebration, we prepared a special CD that contains pictures of many important places in our nation's capital. The CD provides links to many of the official government websites, along with a glimpse of Mr. Reedy and Mrs. Byrne's trip. (Pal, by the way, is the Kindergarten mascot who traveled to the Award ceremony!)



Pal at the White House!

Thank you for your generosity!

You're Invited!

Catholic Schools Week Open House

When: January 27th
Sunday 10am—12 noon

Where: St. Germaine School
9735 S. Kolin Ave,
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Please come see our school.

Private Tours are also available upon request.

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