Holy Family Graduate Embarks On New Journey

This fall Chatteria “Terri” Harris, recent graduate and 2012 salutatorian from Holy Family School, will become a freshman at Culver Academy. The boarding school, located on the beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver, IN, may seem like an unexpected choice for a 13-year-old. However, after attending Phillips Exeter Summer Academy in New (Culver continued on page 7)

Local Entrepreneur Invests In a New Way

“Be excited! It’s Monday morning! You get to do something today!” John Fujii, co-founder of a company previously known as Cellular One, explains to his summer accounting class at Holy Family School. A class of 6-10 students met with Mr. Fujii twice a week to (Fujii continued on page 3)
Holy Family Parents Excel Too

More than 30 parents attended Holy Family School’s annual Outstanding Caregiver Dinner which was held in mid-June in the school cafeteria. Parents who met the criteria on their HFS caregiver report card were honored at this year-end event. The cafeteria was decorated in a festive spring motif, a delicious buffet dinner was served, and a moving program was presented in which the honorees had the opportunity to share their parenting insights with each other.

Little Learners Parent Honor Roll 2011-2012

Krashunda Lewis
Tiffany Lindsey
LaToya Ragsdale
Denise Gray-Bunkley
Shirelle James
Mr. Nelson
Ms. Johnson
Ms. Moses

HFS Parent Honor Roll 2011-2012

Kellie and Rev. Cleophus Lee — (K), (3rd)
Candace Spellman — (K)
Tressa Barnes and Glenn Watson — (K), (8th)
Ebony Brown — (K), (4th)
Tameca Rogers — (K), (2nd), (7th)

Tameka Jackson and Algaron Stamps — (K)
Sasha Sanders — (K)
Antoinette Mayfield — (1st), (4th)
Monique Pride and Marcus Payne — (1st)
Ernest Coleman and Takeshia Shack — (1st)
Latoya Ragsdale — (2nd)
Tanekia Henderson — (2nd)
Katherine McClendon — (2nd)
Tammy Evans — (2nd)
Kimberly Rickman — (3rd)
Carolyn Johnson — (3rd)
Tiffany Lindsey — (3rd)
Olivia Johnson — (3rd)
David and Brandy Morrison — (4th)
Theresa Moore — (4th)
Jennifer Welch — (4th)
Yeovil Chambers — (4th), (8th)
Kathy and Dennis Jones — (4th), (8th)
Erica Hodges — (4th), (7th)
Alisa and Anton Harmon — (5th), (8th)
Sabrina Claybon — (6th), (8th)
Matthew Stiffend — (6th)
Shawnetta Murray — (6th)
Dorothy Lofton — (7th)
Tracy Davis — (8th)
Selina McDonald — (8th)
Mary and Gary Singleton — (8th)
Earnestine and Ken Davis — (8th)
learn Basics of Accounting. They have spent the last six weeks bookkeeping and learning terms such as accumulated depreciation, net assets, and working capital. Using data from self-constructed material built around an imaginary cookie shop, Fujii hopes to help students feel less intimidated by a subject that most students will not encounter until late high school or college. “I want them to know that they have the ability to accomplish anything... to be able to use something that is part of everyday life, [and] encourage them ‘yes, you can do this’.”

One of the most rewarding things for Fujii is the look on the students’ faces when a concept clicks. He is incredibly impressed with their performance, especially because the subject matter is at a much higher level than their age. When asked if the material was hard, Danielle, a soon-to-be-eighth grader at Holy Family, replied, “Anything you start learning and know nothing about is going to be hard. But every time we use it, it gets easier and easier. The process stays the same.” Some students, Fujii believes, have grasped such an understanding of the subject that he hopes this introduction will propel them towards internships and positions as aides for future classes.

Years ago, during the new school capital campaign, Fujii was introduced to Holy Family, and became one of many generous supporters who gave the students the resources they have today. But a few years ago, he had the idea of creating a new kind of gift. With a background in teaching accounting to multiple audiences, Fujii created and planned the entire class from scratch. The idea has been strongly received.

Norman, also soon to be an eighth grader, is encouraged to know that he will be able to use the skills he is learning in Fujii’s class in the future. His face brightened when asked if he hoped to own his own business. “I sure hope so!” he replied, grinning widely. Darius, an aide in Adventures in Learning summer camp, was asked to participate in the course as a supervisor, and ended up gaining a new learning opportunity as well. Darius will be attending St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas this fall as a computer science major.

As the class came to a close, the students had the opportunity to visit Inspiration Kitchen, a local restaurant in Garfield Park that also provides social services for the surrounding community. Fujii hopes visiting a business similar to the in-class projects he provided led to an even greater depth of understanding for his students. “I am just happy to be able to share and show my passion for a knowledge that has provided me with my whole life.”

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“Bookkeeping Made Simple”

Fujii explains to Darius about the importance of maintaining multiple accounts for each transaction.
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Class of 2012 and the high schools they’ll be attending

St. Ignatius College Prep  
Oliver Academy  
Westinghouse College Prep  
Urban Prep Academy or Oak Park and River Forest  
Chicago Academy for the Arts  
Providence St. Mel  
Gordon Tech College Prep  
Gordon Tech College Prep  
Mt. Carmel High School  
Gordon Tech College Prep  
St. Joseph College Prep  
Luther College Prep  
Chicago Bulls College Prep (Noble Network)  
Central High School, Elgin  
Westinghouse College Prep  
Westinghouse College Prep  
De LaSalle Institute  
Josephinum Academy  
Christ the King  
Christ the King  
Holy Trinity High School  
Chicago Hope Academy  
Chicago Hope Academy  
North Lawndale College Prep  
Urban Prep Academy

Congratulations!
2012 Graduates Shine Bright!

- **83%** of the schools selected by our 2012 graduates have an average ACT score at or above the Illinois average of 20.9.
- **74%** of these high schools have an ACT score at or above the national average of 21.1
- **ALL** high schools selected by our 2012 graduates have ACT scores above the average of the neighborhood public schools. The three nearest public high schools have an ACT range of 14 to 15.7.
- **83%** of our graduates (1993-2003) have continued to college.

High School Selections of the 2012 Graduating Class

- **72%** Private Schools/Faith Based Private Schools
- **20%** Charter Schools
- **8%** Selective Enrollment
- **0%** Local CPS

Back to school! Let’s start this year strong!
Love, Holy Family Students and Staff

Holy Family School Wish List

- 25 blockers (desktop separators)
- Large floor easel
- Loud Speakers for classroom projectors
- Class set (25) of small white boards with dry erase markers
- 10 white lab coats, “mad scientist” sizes

Coach Lambert and graduate Kendall

Kindergarten graduation with Principal Cheryl and Nia

Eighth grade graduation ceremony
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Hampshire last summer, Terri knows that Culver is the right choice. Her endlessly supportive mother, Carmita, agrees, "Not many parents feel comfortable letting their children leave to go to school, but I know that Terri is mature enough to go and take care of herself." Terri adds, "When I first went to Exeter, I cried for the first week I was there. But when I had to leave, I cried even harder."

Her summer experience at Exeter was eye-opening. Rooming with a young Korean-American student was a great experience. Exeter boasts enrollment from 48 states of the US and 8 countries. Terri, whose academic love is mathematics, chose to enroll in the "Exeter CSI" classes, which included literature, forensic science and photography.

At Culver Academy this fall, Terri is excited to take classes in physics, kinesiology, humanities, algebra and dance. She hopes to fill any free time with basketball, softball, cheerleading, fencing and volleyball.

Terri and her mother know that the traditions and family Culver is prepared to offer are something that she will benefit from the rest of her life. At Holy Family, Terri learned "to take every opportunity, because you never know what might take you to the next best thing in your life." Having the spiritual component at Holy Family as well as at Culver reinforces this thought. "He [God] is the source, and then you utilize your resources," says Carmita. "He's the one who has led you to where you are today."

By attending Exeter and now Culver, Terri is setting an example of determination and strength for her peers, fellow students, and family. She hopes to spend her next summer back at Exeter in an upper-class summer academic program, as well as tutoring math at Holy Family in her free time. "Believing in something stronger makes me stronger," she explains.

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**Summer Camp 2012!**

![Summer Camp Images]

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**Culver Academy campus view from Lake Maxinkuckee**

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