



## “Our Lady of Hope” Home School is thriving in 2<sup>nd</sup> year!

St. Luke's Mission of Mercy inaugurated the Our Lady of Hope Home School over a year-and-a-half ago, and the school is thriving! Thanks to the generosity of a wonderful donor, the school began in 2007 with twelve students and two amazing teachers. Our first graduates are now attending Holy Angels Academy, and the school is now preparing to graduate three more students! The school grew to a total of nineteen students this year, so a third teacher was added to the staff. The three main teachers are Ms. Pam Krzanowicz, Grades K-2, Mrs. Linda Paolini, Grades 3-5, and Mrs. Nancy Lowczys, Grades 6-8. Pam and Nancy come from the recently closed Kolbe Catholic School, and Linda comes from St. John the Baptist School in Kenmore. In addition to these three talented ladies, Michelle Marciniak teaches Pre-K and assists with K-2, Norm Paolini teaches music, Dave Topor teaches religion and Spanish, Silvia Reynoso teaches Spanish, Jeanne Marinaro provides physical education for the girls, and Gino Grasso and Ken Hoelscher provide physical education for the boys.

The children are blessed to have a group of dedicated, talented individuals who share their talents with them every day. The children attend a special school mass every week, and our faith permeates every aspect of education. We are thrilled with the school and look forward to continued growth. As schools around us close, St. Luke's and Our Lady of Hope School stands as a beacon of hope in our community, recognizing that the focus of any Catholic school must be a deep and abiding trust in God. Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!



## Super-Stuffed Stocking a BIG Success!

Big thanks to Carl Paladino and friends for sponsoring our first-ever Super Stuffed Stocking Raffle! Featuring over a dozen fantastic prizes, including trips to Pittsburgh to see the Penguins, a weekend in Ellicottville, Sabres tickets, and signed jerseys, the raffle was the big fund-raiser of the year for Our Lady of Hope Home School. Congrats to the winner, John Sisson, and thanks to all who bought and sold tickets. The money raised will go directly to the education of our Mission children.

Thanks, as well, to our friends at the Ellicott Square Building, who allowed us to use their facilities for the big drawing. The school kids sold many tickets in the building prior to the raffle, and everyone had a great time.

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