

Notes from the President

Robert P. Graby, AMHS President
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Traffic Light

Good news! The construction of the traffic light at the intersection of 132nd and 39th Ave SE has been approved by Snohomish County, and the project has begun. Completion is targeted for the beginning of the school year. We are indebted to so many people for their help with this project, including Brian Sullivan (AMHS parent and County Councilman), Shawn and Tom Hoban (AMHS parents), Aaron Reardon (Snohomish County Executive) and many more legislators and others who came together to make this project happen. At the beginning of the new school year we will have a reception to thank all those who have worked so hard to provide us with this much needed traffic light. To keep informed about the project as it progresses, you can access Snohomish County's project page from our own website. Click on the link under the photo on our home page.

Bus Service

You will recall that, in the last edition of *Notes from the President*, I indicated that we would be sending a survey to all families who live north of Everett to see if there was interest in daily bus service. The response did not meet the minimum number of riders we needed to make the bus service viable. I have since received indications of interest in bus service from parents who live on Whidbey Island and the area near the Mukilteo ferry dock. We have enough riders to make this work so we will begin bus service from the Mukilteo ferry dock in the mornings with a pick up at 7:30 AM. As the year progresses we will see if we can work out afternoon service back to the ferry dock as well.

Strategic Plan

We have now completed the first year of our five-year Strategic Plan. This document has brought direction and focus to our work and resulted in some important changes in what we do and how we do it. Some of the highlights of the accomplishments of the first year include:

- The Mission Statement was reviewed and rewritten.
- The activities of the LINK mentor program have been expanded to focus more on welcoming new students.
- The Spirituality and Identity Committee of the Board of Trustees was created. This group has been working on a plan to bring new energy to the spiritual life of our school.
- The Math and Theology departments underwent a year-long examination of their curricula and proposed appropriate changes based on that examination.
- The Learning Resource Center was successfully implemented.

- An analysis of the campus was conducted to determine the best places for the display of religious art and symbols.

These are but a few of the goals that were successfully met during the last school year. We all look forward to new challenges and goals in the coming year.

New Trustees

I am pleased to announce that the Archbishop Murphy Board of Trustees has added six new members:

John Barnes (Holy Cross Class of 1997)
Jim Brawner
Kurt Davis court
Cathy Kouchakji
Ron Pilukas
John Stoesser

We would also like to thank those who have left the Board this year and who have served so diligently:

Fran Ennis
Tommy Evers
Fred Hines
Terry Lucas
Dave Marshbank

We also want to recognize gratefully the service of trustee Joe Eichinger, whom God called home on March 16, 2010.

Feedback to AMHS

I would invite you to provide to me any feedback about Archbishop Murphy that you would like to pass along. It is only in hearing your thoughts that we maintain the partnership we have with you in achieving our Mission of forming Christ-like leaders. Please feel free to send along any comments or questions to me at bgraby@am-hs.org. I will be happy to hear from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert P. Graby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and "G".