



HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Educating the heart and mind since 1910

February 11, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to inform others about the wonderful experience that we have had this school year with Country House operating our kitchen service. To really appreciate their impact this year, a little background is in order.

Five years ago, our faculty and staff became concerned with the quality of the food we were serving our students. At that time, the food was unhealthy, loaded with preservatives and mostly of the fried variety. This was not consistent with our concern over educating the whole person, a staple of Holy Cross schools. Thus, we decided to hire our own chef and staff and run a healthy kitchen. Little did we realize how difficult this was going to be! The next few years were challenging – students were not eating and we were losing money – the kitchen was substantially in the “red” and draining funds necessary for the operation of the school.

I am delighted to tell you that those problems are now behind us as the result of the outstanding work of Paul Boundas and his staff. Students are raving about the kitchen and eating both breakfast and lunch like never before. Please consider these statistics:

- Last year, 60% of the students were eating lunch compared to 79% this year.
- Last year, 17% of our students were eating breakfast compared to 38% this year.
- Last year, 10% of our faculty ate regularly from our kitchen service, as compared to 28% this year.
- Last year at this time, we were substantially in the “red”, while this year, we are running at a profit.

This turn-around is incredible, especially since 93% of our students qualify for the federally sponsored Free and Reduced Lunch program. Moreover, the success of the kitchen has inspired interest in the Culinary Arts and nutrition. We now have an active Wellness Committee and our Culinary Club meets every Monday afternoon!

Finally, Paul and his staff are easy to work with and share the desire to help teenagers develop strong and healthy eating habits. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss Country House or Paul.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Bopp
President