

Students Learn First Hand about Community Government

Fourth Grade Students from Holy Family Catholic School Meet Mayors Foster and Maxwell

St. Petersburg, FL, January 14, 2011: While studying about state and local government, the fourth grade class at Holy Family Catholic School was honored with the presence of two local government officials. Through the encouragement of their teacher, Mr. Robert Yevich, the class was visited, on separate occasions, by Belleair's Town Manager, Micah Maxwell, and St. Petersburg's Mayor, Bill Foster. Both officials spoke to the students about their day to day responsibilities. The students listened attentively, answered questions, and had the opportunity to ask questions of their own. Both officials were impressed by the caliber of questions posed to them by such a young group.

Mr. Yevich arranged the visits to support the work the students have put into understanding local community government. Before the fall elections, each student did research with their parents on state and local officials. In class, they held a mock election and were able to cast their own votes. In addition, each student has been working on a state of Florida scrap-book to learn more about the Sunshine State. "Who knows? A future government official may be right among us," noted Mr. Yevich.

"I'd really like to thank Mr. Yevich and everyone at Holy Family Catholic School for inviting Mayor Foster and me to speak to the students," said Belleair Town Manager Micah Maxwell. "It's just a great opportunity to connect with the future leaders of our community and talk about the importance of local government and the services we provide residents of all ages."

Located in Northeast area of St. Petersburg, Holy Family School offers a faith-based academically challenging education for students from pre-school through eighth grade. Holy Family School is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC). For more information about Holy Family Catholic School, please visit www.holyfamily-school.com or contact Sr. Marino at srflo@holycatholiccatholicsschool.com.



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