

**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL, WAUWATOSA
RECOGNIZED BY U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AS
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR 2013**

Our Redeemer Lutheran School, 10025 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, is pleased to announce that it was selected by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as one of just 286 schools nationwide for recognition as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School.

Criteria for the honor included overall academic excellence and/or school progress in improving student academic achievement. The Department of Education will honor these 236 public and 50 private schools at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 18-19, 2013, in Washington, D.C.



Our Redeemer Principal, Mary Irish, said, "The Christ-centered academic excellence that students and their families appreciate at Our Redeemer is the result of a lot of intentionality on the part of teachers, administration and the great families we serve. Our partnership with parents provides us the support we need to stress achievement and expect results."

"Excellence in education matters and we should honor the schools that are leading the way to prepare students for success in college and careers," said Secretary Duncan. "National Blue Ribbon Schools represent examples of educational excellence, and their work reflects the belief that every child in America deserves a world-class education."

The program recognizes schools in one of two performance categories. The first category is "Exemplary High Performing," in which schools are recognized among their state's highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests. The second category is "Exemplary Improving," in which schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds demonstrate the most progress in improving student achievement levels as measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests.

To select National Blue Ribbon Schools, the Department requested nominations from the top education official in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) nominates private schools. A total of 420 schools nationwide may be nominated, with allocations determined by the numbers of K-12 students and schools in each jurisdiction. The Secretary of Education invites nominated schools to submit an application for possible recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School.