



Week 7 Newsletter  
October 11, 2023



*4th graders after leading their first mass of the year*

## Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

While September seemed to take forever, it feels like we are speeding through October. This week has already been busy with health screenings and pictures, and by the end of tomorrow it will be the weekend again! I hope all of you enjoy a lovely long weekend.

Some of you know already, but Mrs. Reger has returned to her retirement! She has been substituting in our kindergarten classroom for the last five weeks (speaking of September lasting forever, try doing it in kindergarten). She is deserving of this change and we hope she finds joy and adventure in retirement, and that she comes back from time to time. The substitute teacher job has been reposted to our usual job sights, and while we wait for another wonderful adult to take the lead in our kindergarten I will be stepping in as lead teacher. Thank you to our regular substitutes who will help me a couple days a week so I can be present to the rest of our community as well.

If I fall behind on replying to your communications for a while, I apologize! Start back up with your prayers for an amazing candidate to find their way to HFS.

God bless you all,  
Mrs. Day

## Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events..

- Oct. 12 - School Mass sponsored by 3rd grade, 8:30AM
- Oct. 13 - No School for Students, Teacher Retreat

## School Announcements:

### **Non attendance Day for Students Friday October 13th**

Friday, October 13th is a non attendance day for students. The Faculty will be in a Christ in the Classroom room retreat. Please keep our faculty in your prayers on Friday.

### **ALMA - Student Information System**

Last week you should have received an email from Alma, our new student information system. This digital platform allows us to take attendance, keep our gradebooks, run quick reports, and create & share our report cards. Please follow the steps in the system email to activate your account. If you didn't receive the email, or need help, contact Mrs. Day!

### **MAP Testing Results Are In!**

HFS had a great showing in our fall MAP testing. As a school we took 23 assessments. Out of that number, 10 tests had an average score higher than the national average, and 12 tests had a score higher than the Archdiocesan district average! Additionally, our student percentage of at or above national norm has increased in all areas from last year. In math we have 75% at or above, in reading we have 73%, and in language we have 86%. WAY TO GO HFS HAWKS!

### **Circle of Grace**

Please read the attached parent letter regarding the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Curriculum which will be taught to students in the next few weeks. More information will be coming soon. If you have questions you may reach out to your student's teacher or the school office.

### **Pizza Lunch Help Needed**

We are still needing help with Pizza Lunch, especially in November and December. Use this signup to pick a day that works for you:

Pizza Lunch Signup

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CACAE29ABF85-pizza#/>

Have questions, contact Heather Goh-Helmer, 206-234-3790.

### **Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant**

The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program for the 2024-2025 school year application window opened October 1, 2023, and close Wednesday December 13, 2023. The website is [www.fulcrumfoundation.org](http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org), scroll down and choose "Tuition Assistance Program".

### **Accreditation Parent Survey**

As part of our self-study process this year we will be gathering information from all parents, students, and staff. This is done first through surveys and then through specific task groups. Our accrediting body, WCEA, has created the different surveys based on the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools (NSBECS). Visit this site for a review of the [NSBECS](http://www.nsbecs.org).

This survey is designed to help our school shine a light on all that we are doing well and bring to the surface the areas where we can grow. There are five sections to the parent survey, one section to tell us who you are, and then four asking 42 specific questions in reference to the standards. The final question allows for a free response.

Completing the survey in one sitting is ideal, so before you take the survey I request that you create a space and time for yourself to really pray and discern your responses considering all that you have experienced with and know of our school.

### **STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PARENT SURVEY**

**FOURTEEN wonderful families have completed the survey, that's almost triple of last week - [THANK YOU!](#)**

Our minimum goal is 26 responses, and our super goal is 41 responses.

- ❖ When we reach 26 - the whole school will have extra recess.
- ❖ When we hit 41, we will have a free dress day and treat party!

### **Partners in the Gospel Feedback Option**

Our proposed Parish Family has been announced:

- ★ Holy Family Parish, Auburn
- ★ Sts. Cosmos and Damien, Orting
- ★ St. Andrew, Sumner

For those of you who couldn't come to any of the offering listening sessions, but want your feedback documented, you can use the online submission form. All feedback will be read by the leadership team to help formulate the next draft and the final draft that will be shared in early 2024.

<https://archseattle.org/partners/>



## Public Input Phase happening now

As part of the Partners in the Gospel, the proposed list of parish families has been released by the Archdiocese of Seattle. We invite you to join an input session at your parish to discern your proposed parish family, discuss and provide feedback through 10/14/2023.



For more information about Partners in the Gospel please visit the following resources:

- [Introduction Video](#)
- [Current Reality Video](#)
- [Archbishop Etienne's Pastoral Letter](#)
- [NEW Q&A](#)

## Parent Club News

### Trick or Trunk - 10/25

Trick or Trunk is on for this year! Mark your calendars, start planning your trunk ideas, see the attached flyer. We are accepting candy donations for the event. This event is 100% dependent on volunteers and we need your help! Please send in bags of trick or treat candy to the school office.

## Development News

### HFS Auction

**Auction Volunteering:** Volunteers are still needed!

We still need a number of volunteers, both team leads and team members. Without each of you doing your part in the auction, we won't be successful. Please go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445ADA62EA7FC1-peace> to sign up.

**Auction Sponsorships:** If you have a business and would like to sponsor our auction, please reach out to Gretchen to get a sponsorship form outlining the various packages available.

**Auction items:** Your Auction items are due Nov 27, 2023 which will be here before we know it.

Auction items can be entered at: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://ejoinme.org) When this is done, bring your items into the school office or direct to Gretchen's office.

## **Enclosures/Attachments**

Circle of Grace Parent Letter

Trick or Trunk flyer

Auction flyer

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SCRIP Order Form