



Week 8 Newsletter
October 18, 2023



3rd graders after leading their first mass of the year

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

Like you, it is hard to believe that we are halfway through October. There is much on the horizon as we turn the corner of the weekend. Next week we send our 6th graders to camp and we have our parish/school Trick or Trunk event. I look forward to celebrating these events with our students!

God is good...all the time! Last week I wrote about having to take over in kindergarten after the re-retirement of Mrs. Reger. Well, this week I get to share that we have a new long-term substitute ready to start tomorrow! Thank you for your prayer and support during this transition.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events..

- Oct. 19 - School Mass sponsored by 8th grade, 8:30AM
- Oct. 24-27 - 6th Grade Outdoor Education experience
- Oct. 25 - Trick or Trunk - yes costumes
- Oct. 31 - Halloween classroom parties - no costumes
- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day Mass (4th grade hosting)
- Nov. 3 - Free Dress with Food Drive

School Announcements:

MAP Student Growth Reports

These reports are ready and in envelopes today! A document helping you read the report is attached. It was developed by a public school district in Iowa which also uses MAP for tracking student achievement. While the document, and the video link, has logos and information for their public district, the information is applicable to our reports as well.

When you read our forms, our "District" is the Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic schools.

You will receive a similar report after each testing session. Our next scheduled testing window will be in the winter, late January time frame.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in your child's report, reach out to your classroom teacher and Mrs. Day.

Shoe Requirement

Per the HFS Family Handbook for the student safety only athletic/tennis shoes are required and must have "non-marking" soles that do not leave black marks on the school floors. Please help your student choose appropriate shoes for school.

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 closes Wednesday December 13, 2023. The website is www.fulcrumfoundation.org, scroll down and choose "Tuition Assistance Program".

ATHLETICS Update - Soccer

Hello! I wanted to share some exciting news for our newsletter. Our soccer teams are performing exceptionally well at the moment. Our 7-8 grade boys' team is on a winning streak, maintaining an undefeated record with victories in all their matches. Additionally, our 3-4 grade girls' team is showcasing impressive results with 3 wins and 1 tie. They are truly excelling on the field.

In addition to these achievements, Angelo is currently leading Holy Family School in goals scored for the boys' team, and Poppy is leading the girls' team with 4 goals so far. Alaina also deserves special recognition for her remarkable performance, with 8 goal saves in the last match.

The parents should be so proud!!

Questions about the HFS athletic program can be directed to Chris Csonka at athleticdirector@hfsauburn.com.



Veterans' Day

We are three weeks away from our annual Veterans' Day Celebration. Between now and then our 2nd grade and the music/band department will be preparing the grand event. I write about this now so that you can tell the beloved Veterans in your lives about our celebration in the hopes that they may be able to join us and be thanked for their service. Mark your calendars for Nov. 9th @ 2:15 PM.

Accreditation Parent Survey - still time to share your feedback

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](#).

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

NINETEEN wonderful families have completed the survey - [THANK YOU!](#) Seven more gets us to our first goal!

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!

Parent Club News

Trick or Trunk - 10/25

Trick or Trunk is on for this year! Only **12** bags of candy have been donated so far and only **8** cars have signed up for this event. If you are able to donate a bag or 2 of candy, please send them to the school office. If you are able to donate your trunk to this event please use the sign up genius below. Mark your calendars, start planning your trunk ideas, see the attached flyer. This event is 100% dependent on volunteers and we need your help! Please send in bags of trick or trunk candy to the school office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA8AA23A4F94-45103264-holy>

Development News

HFS Auction

Our High Hopes Auction is our annual largest fundraiser. Parents Club raises approx 70k at this auction that goes towards the 115k that Parents Club gives to the school for the current year operating budget. This year we are a smaller school but still need to raise the same amount of money, or even more.

Weekend or week trips/getaways are what always sell very well at our auction, most of the time way over the value. The natural question is "Why don't we include more of these in the auction?". The answer is that they

are hard to get. Airlines & cruise ships rarely donate, and hotels unlike other businesses don't get a tax credit for donating.

This is where you come in. Do you have a second or vacation home that you would be willing to donate a weekend or even week stay? Or do you own a timeshare and could donate a week somewhere? Or perhaps you don't own these items yourself, but a good friend or family member does and you could ask them to donate? Whether you or a friend/family member donate, this would count as your auction donation.

If you are able to help us get a getaway donation for the auction, please reach out to Gretchen to let her know.

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

Auction Item Input Link: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://www.ejoinme.org)

Enclosures/Attachments

Trick or Trunk flyer

YMCA Basketball flyer

Auction flyer

SCRIP Order Form

Circle of Grace Parent Letter