



Week 6 Newsletter  
October 4, 2023



*5th & 6th graders after leading their first mass of the year*

# Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

As we move into October I watch to see our students and teachers settled into their routines and making good strides toward meeting their academic goals for the fall. This month also brings many “extra” things like health screenings, pictures, and Halloween! We see a lot of growth in the fall, and appreciate all your support to keep our students centered in the role of students while they are here on campus.

October also brings us a new SLE focus for the month. We are shining a light on our efforts of growing as a Person of Deep Faith who *makes Christian moral choices that reflect self-respect and diversity of others* (OR who *treats ALL with kindness and respect*). This sounds really easy when you say it like that, but it actually takes a whole lot of intentionality and personal strength to live this way for ALL people. What is amazing is that our students are capable and willing to do this good work. I look forward to a month of praising our students on how kind and respectful they are with one another.

God bless you all,  
Mrs. Day

## Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events..

- Oct. 5 - School Mass sponsored by 4th grade, 8:30AM
- Oct. 5 - HFS Partners in the Gospel listening session 6PM in Parish Hall
- Oct. 6 - First Friday = free dress & food drive
- Oct. 9 - Hearing and Vision screening for students
- Oct. 10 - Individual Picture Day - full uniform with sweater

## School Announcements:

### Vision and Hearing Screening

On Monday, October 9th, we will be conducting vision and hearing screenings in grades Kindergarten, first, second, third, fifth and seventh and students new to our school. Volunteers are needed to help with this process. If you are able to help, please email Mrs. Heather Jahns [jahns77@yahoo.com](mailto:jahns77@yahoo.com). Screening begins at 8:30am in the Smith Room.

### Picture Day - Want to Help?

Our fall individual picture day is coming on Tuesday October 10th. Students will need to be in full uniform for these pictures. Retake picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th. You may go online to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and pay online if you wish. Our picture ID is EVT9JWBX4. Or you may have your student bring their picture envelope, which is included in the Wednesday Envelope today, with payment with them to school on Tuesday, October 10th. Having one or two parent helpers would be a blessing. If you are available to help that morning please email Mrs. Day. Parent volunteers will help in student supervision, communicating to teachers they are coming next, and making sure all students look sharp for their turn!

### Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant

The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program for the 2024-2025 school year application window will open 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](#).

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

**Five wonderful families have completed the survey - 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 Listening Sessions

Our proposed Parish Family has been announced:

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

There is one more listening session available for you to share your initial thoughts and feelings about this pairing. The parish hosted some last weekend that were minimally attended, and no one came to the zoom offering two days ago. If you'd like to have your thoughts documented and considered in the continued drafting process please join me tomorrow night!

Our last school community listening session is scheduled in the evening on October 5th, 6:00 PM in person in the Parish Hall

The listening sessions are based on the synodal model of prayer, share, respond. Join us in these sessions to share your thoughts and feelings about the upcoming change to our parish and archdiocese.

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](#)

## September Student of the Month



September Students of the Month are students who have knowledge of Catholic beliefs and practices and Participate in the celebration of their faith through liturgy, sacraments, and prayers. (Learn about and celebrate our church, participate in mass and prayers).

- Pre K Clara Kumar
- Kindergarten Margaret Torretta & Emily Torretta
- Grade 1 Isabella Monte & Jaymie Webb
- Grade 2 Addilyn Sanders & Mary Buitrago
- Grade 3 Kelsey Butz
- Grade 4 Alicia Herren & Julius de Jesus
- Grade 5 Augustine Herren & Mariajose Landin-Padilla
- Grade 6 Aiden Songco & Georgia Buitrago
- Grade 7 Frida Cortes & Carmelo Vasquez
- Grade 8 Elena Buitrago & Vincent Trinh



Look at the Cross Country Team in action!

# Parent Club News

## **Staff Appreciation Luncheons**

Parent Club is seeking a volunteer to lead and organize Staff Appreciation Luncheons. Luncheons are organized three times each school year (October, January and May). If you are interested please email Melissa Patrick at [memamo77@msn.com](mailto:memamo77@msn.com)

## **Oktoberfest - Will return NEXT YEAR**

We have found a team to manage this event, but not enough time to put all the pieces together for this year. Plan is to start early and get this event back in rotation for next year!

## **Trick or Trunk - 10/25**

Trick or Trunk is on for this year! Mark your calendars, start planning your trunk ideas, and watch for sign ups, coming soon. In the meantime, 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!

Most urgently we are looking for parents to work with the students in PK and 1st grade to create the Class Art Project which will be sold during the Live Auction.

**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. Please note we have had air fryers donated already. We will not be accepting anymore air fryers. You can enter you donated items here: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://ejoinme.org)

## **Enclosures/Attachments**

Lifetouch Individual Picture Envelopes  
HFS Parent Directory  
Auction flyer  
Auction Save the Date Card  
SCRIP News  
SCRIP Order Form  
HF Parish October Calendar