



Week 14 Newsletter
November 30, 2022



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Principal Message
Greetings Holy Family,

Happy Advent to all!

This season of Advent is a favorite of mine, and I am enjoying sharing in our traditions as a school. Over the next four weeks we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming at Christmas with our Advent Wreath, lighting one candle each week in remembrance of virtues of Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace. We started this week with the lighting of the Prophet Candle, our symbol for hope. The prophets spoke of a Messiah who will be sent to redeem the world. This first week of Advent we prepare with HOPE for the coming of Jesus.

Next week we will add a flame for the Bethlehem Candle, our symbol of faith. Jesus was born to the ancestral family of King David in the town of Bethlehem. In our second week of Advent we lean into our FAITH that Jesus is the King of the universe who came to dwell among us.

Our last week together before Christmas we will light the Shephard's Candle, our symbol of Joy. Jesus came to be a shepherd of God's people, and we REJOICE in His presence in our lives.

I pray that this Advent Season fills you with gratitude and love as we journey to Christmas, and I cannot wait to continue celebrating here at school.

Peace and blessings to you,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Check out our calendar for December. Here are a few highlights for the next few weeks:

- Dec. 1 - Advent Prayer Service 12:40
- Dec. 2 - Free Dress and Food donation
- Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas Day
- Dec. 7 - Reconciliation Service for grades 3-5
- Dec. 8 - All School Mass

School Announcements:

Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Fulcrum Grant

The Archdiocesan Fulcrum tuition assistance grant application forms are available now. **All families who are seeking tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year are expected to complete this application.** This important "scholarship" is funded through generous donors to the Fulcrum Foundation. Funds are awarded to families based on financial need. Information gathered through your completed applications also helps us to award in-house assistance, apply for grants, and receive Title funding through our local school districts.

Applications may be filled out at www.fulcrumfoundation.org/grant-and-programs/tuition-assistance there is a non refundable **\$35.00 application fee** this school year. Scroll down the screen and look for Tuition Assistance Grants, click the "red" Apply button. The Fulcrum Foundation website says that the due date is January 6, 2023, however, Holy Family Auburn **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THIS YEAR BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022.**

ASB Candy Cane Gram is Back

You still have time to submit an order for the upcoming Candy Cane Gram event. This was a huge success last year, and we can't wait to experience the joy again this year. Order early so we can make sure to have enough

supply to fill all the orders. If you have multiple students who want candy grams sent from their name, please add their information to the back of the order form. Thank you to our student leaders for helping us ignite the Christmas spirit of giving.

Weather

The forecast is calling for more snow over the next few days. A few weeks ago we shared our "Oh No Snow" document that outlines how we will communicate school closures or delays. In summary, information will be shared in these methods:

- You will receive a newsblast email
- Alerts will be posted to the website and social media
- The school phone message will be updated with the alert - just call the office
- If needed, we have a phone tree that can be used

In all cases of delayed start or closures there will be no morning extended care available.

Special Thanksgiving and Christmas Project

Thanks to those of you who have sent in donations of Hygiene items, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs. We will continue collecting these items this week along with paper items such as toilet paper, diapers, tissues. Please make sure that if you send in food items that they are not past the expiration dates. Next week we will focus on collecting canned goods.

Staff Christmas Celebration - Help Request

It is our desire to have all adult staff attend our annual Staff Christmas Party on December 14th. This includes Mrs. Garcia who runs our extended care program. We are seeking one or two parents who could cover in extended care between 2:25-3:30 that afternoon, your children are welcome to join you at no cost to your family. Please contact Mrs. Day if this interests you.

SchoolAdmin is Coming in the New Year

Starting with the 2023-2024 school year we will be utilizing the SchoolAdmin web platform for re-enrollment. More information will come out soon on how to create a family profile so that you will be ready to access our Holy Family enrollment site. A preview will be shared at the January Parent Club meeting, please plan to attend and learn about this new system.

Photos

If you have attended any Holy Family School events and have taken photos, please consider sharing those with us at photos@hfsauburn.com. In your message, include your grade level and at which event the pictures were taken. We hope to include some of your submissions in our yearbook.

Parent Club News

Thank you to Mrs. Lisette Kelly, volunteers and attendees for a fabulous night of BUNCO!

We are still looking for a volunteer to lead Cookies and Milk after the Christmas program on December 15. The previous coordinator has volunteered to help guide the new lead in the process. Please email Melissa Patrick memamo77@msn.com if interested.

CYO Volleyball

4th-8th Grade Volleyball registration will begin in January. We are looking forward to having players on the court for another great season! Please email Melissa Patrick at memamo77@msn.com if your child is interested in playing so we can get a better understanding if we have enough players to form teams; costs per player and finding adequate practice facilities!

HFS Movie Night - December 2nd

All are welcome to our Christmas themed movie night where we will be showing The Star.

"In Sony Pictures Animation's THE STAR, a small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas."

The movie will start at 6:30 PM and concessions are being offered at a modest price to benefit the 7th/8th Space Camp trip this spring. We hope to see you at this community event.

Pizza Lunch Order

Today you will find the order form for the Pizza Lunch program for the 8 weeks after our Christmas break. These forms are due back to the school before our vacation. Additionally, we are offering a digital order form as an option to place your order. Both the paper form and the digital form are the same, please only complete one.

Click here to access the digital form: [DIGITAL PIZZA FORM](#)

Enclosures/Attachments

December Calendar

Pizza Lunch Form

Auction flyer

Movie Night pizza order form

Candy Cane Gram order form

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Bellarmino Christmas in the Quad flyer

Bellarmino Winter Game Nights flyer