



Week 11 Newsletter
November 8, 2023



Students of the Month - October

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

It is a month of counting our blessings. Holy Family School is a beautiful community that is supportive and joyful.

I am grateful for our parents who actively engage with the teachers to support children. I am grateful for our parents who manage pizza lunches, tear pages from workbooks, organize/donate for the faculty lunch, put on

social events like movie nights, trick or trunk, and Bunco, who join our parent leadership in Parent Club, Scrip, Athletics, School Commission, and those who serve our parish.

I am so very grateful for students who are present in their learning. Our wonderful students participate in rigorous learning, learn about music, instruments, and visual art. They are acquiring skills of movement and sportsmanship, and they play with joy and inclusion. My favorite parts of the day are our morning hellos at drop off, the little check-ins during recess, and the welcoming smiles when I enter our classrooms.

Most of all I am grateful for our adults who keep our program running. They lift each other up, actively engage in professional conversations as a whole and with each other, they see our children for who they are and believe in their ability to succeed, and they give their whole selves to preparing and providing our academic program.

It is a distinct honor to be the principal and member of the Holy Family School and Parish. The school is my second home, and I thank God every day I am able to be with all of you.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events.

- Nov. 9 - School mass sponsored by 5th grade
- Nov. 9 - Veterans Day celebration - 2:05 PM in the Church
- Nov. 10 - NO SCHOOL

School Announcements:

Veterans' Day

Tomorrow is our annual Veterans' Day Celebration. Every class will be included in this presentation, so please plan to join our event. At rehearsal yesterday, we will use the whole last hour of the school day for this special occasion. The center seating is reserved for guests and family, find your best seat facing the altar. We will open the doors for the celebration at 1:45 and the celebration will start promptly at 2:05.

THANK YOU to all of our Veterans near and far!

October Student of the Month

October students of the month are students who make Christian moral choices that reflect self-respect and diversity of others. (Treat all with Kindness and respect)

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| Pre K | Beau Claudon |
| Kindergarten | Walter Clyde & Ava Sander |
| Grade One | Cameryn Bactol & Avery Plaktsis |
| Grade Two | Rochelle Hernandez & Kaela Ono |
| Grade Three | Chelsea Bemis |
| Grade Four | Poppy Moutzouris & Kiran Sidhu |
| Grade Five | Asher Rowland & Sophia Mercadal |
| Grade Six | Mariah Wiggs-Martin |
| Grade Seven | Cong Dao & Joshua Weeb |
| Grade Eight | Norah Moutzouris & Ayden Bueno |

Conferences

In your classroom and weekly newsletter this week our teachers shared their sign-ups for conferences. This is a pivotal part to our partnership. Please look over the attached information page to help yourself prepare for our upcoming conferences.

Here are the links you'll need to sign up for conferences. Middle school teachers are running on a different schedule than our PK-5, so please look carefully when selecting your times. Conference time for PK-5 are 25 minutes per family, your conference may be shorter. Our 6-8 conferences are running 10-minute slots so parents who need to can visit all three teachers.

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| PK | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAE2EA1FFC61-45877414-2023 |
| K | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845A4AC2EABFEC61-45810374-fall |
| 1 | Monday: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BA9AE2EA2F94-45825886-fall Tuesday: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BA9AE2EA2F94-45829363-fall |
| 2 | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAA2EA6F9CF8-46005020-parent |
| 3 | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4EA4AD2CA2F94-45924091-november |
| 4 | Monday: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ACA823A5FFC07-45929599-parent Tuesday: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ACA823A5FFC07-45930117-parent |
| 5 | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAAA828A3F4C25-45876218-conferences |
| 6 | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AAA828A4F4CF8-46017157-2023 |
| Math/Mr. Rupp | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9AB2CA4FBC43-45852893-2023 |
| SS/Mrs. Burk | Conference sign up |

Special Thanksgiving and Christmas Project

During the weeks before Thanksgiving and leading up to Christmas, we will take part in a special outreach program in our community, collecting food and hygiene items for the needy. This week we are collecting Baking items such as flour, sugar, mixes for muffins, Bisquick, baking soda, baking powder, etc. Please make sure food items are not past the expiration dates. Next week we will be collecting Protein Items such as tuna, peanut butter, canned meats, stews, spaghetti O's etc.. Without our help St. Vincent de Paul would not be able to service the needy families in our community. A special service project calendar is enclosed in your envelope today, so you can plan for each weekly theme.

SCRIP - Program and Rebate Form

In envelopes today is our form about where to allocate any Scrip overages you have at the end of the year. Please complete this form and return it to the office.

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 - Cross Country

We are excited to bring you the latest updates on our school's sports teams. Our young athletes have been putting in tremendous effort and showcasing their dedication on the field. Here's a quick overview of their recent achievements:

3rd-4th Grade Boys Soccer Team: They continue to impress with an undefeated streak, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Let's cheer them on as they strive for continued success!

7th-8th Grade Boys Soccer Team: After a fantastic victory with a score of 5-1 in their recent game, they remain undefeated. Mark your calendars for their last game this upcoming Monday; we wish them the best of luck!

3rd-4th Grade Girls Soccer Team: The girls have been incredible on the field, and they have their final game this Saturday. They are determined to complete their season undefeated, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

Volleyball Girls Team: Our girls had an exciting first game, even though they narrowly lost 1-2. Their teamwork and enthusiasm were truly impressive. Get ready to support them at their doubleheader this Thursday at Lakeridge Middle School, starting at 6:15. We know they're going to give it their all and make us proud!

Your support and encouragement mean a lot to these young athletes, and it's been wonderful to see their growth and determination. Please mark your calendars and join us in cheering for our teams in their upcoming games.

Thank you for being a part of our school's vibrant sports community. Go Holy Family School!

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



Accreditation Self-Study

At our Parent Club meeting tonight we will be reviewing our Foundation Documents, which include our mission statement, vision, philosophy, and school-wide learning expectations. Anyone in attendance will be able to voice their feedback. A summary of the discussion will be shared next week and if you have additional feedback to share you can do so then. See you tonight!

Parent Club News

Fall Harvest Teacher Gratitude Luncheon

As the Fall season approaches, we would like to express our gratitude to the incredible staff at HFS who work tirelessly to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for our children.

On Thursday, November 9th, we invite you to join us in showing our appreciation by participating in a Fall Harvest. This wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and share our thanks.

We are seeking volunteers to contribute dishes and help set up/tear down the luncheon. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

[Holy Family School \(Auburn, Wa\): Fall Harvest Teacher Gratitude \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949ADAF2DA7FD0-45503006-affle)

Raffle Sale

Looking for an opportunity to sell your raffle tickets, sign up to sell after mass!

Please remember students must be supervised by an adult.

Tickets can only be sold to those 18 years of age or older and **CASH** sales.

Any questions, email Melissa Patrick memamo77@msn.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949ADAF2DA7FD0-45503006-affle>

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

Tips for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Auction flyer

HFS Bunco Ladies Night

Scrip News

Scrip Volunteer flyer

Scrip Program Agreement

SCRIP Order Form

Holy Family Parish November Calendar