



Week 14 Newsletter
December 6, 2023



HFS students full of joy!

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

Happy first week of Advent to all of you. During this season of preparation we celebrate our Catholic traditions of praying around the Advent wreath. It is a beautiful sound to hear our students pray together in the morning. The lighting of the first candle is our signal for hope. Filled with hope we await the savior and trust that He will lead us down the righteous path. It is with this hope that we are given the strength to persevere through all things knowing that He is good and gracious all the time.

Hope and trust has been a necessity for us this year, as we have experienced, and continue to experience, unexpected bumps in the road. More than once already this year I have shared about changes in our staffing, and now I share more. At the end of last week I received word from two more staff that they will not be returning, and we have filled one open position.

- Mrs. Marcoe (Ms. Eaton) has decided to extend her maternity leave through the remainder of the school year. We were eager to welcome her back in January, but the needs of the family take priority. She and I are working out what that looks like for her as she is a valued member of our staff and we await her return next fall.
- Additionally, our part time PK-K classroom assistant, Miss Jovina Delgado, has quit her position as of last Friday.
- Joining the middle school as the new 6th grade homeroom ELA teacher is Mrs. Parrett, our current kindergarten substitute teacher. She is excited for this change and the move back to higher grades.

These two new changes were unexpected, but I have hope and faith that God will provide what we need. I am still searching for a long term 1st grade substitute, and there are candidates from that search that may be just what we need. There is one candidate interview scheduled this week, and my hope is to have both positions filled before the holiday. Please pray for success in these interviews.

Filling the part time classroom aide position may be more challenging, that job post will go back up this week. *If you are looking for part time work and have been wishing you could work at the school where your children attend, send me a message.* Or, if you know someone who would be interested, share my contact information.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events.

- Dec. 8 - School mass sponsored by 8th grade
- Dec. 8 - Movie Night in the Parish Hall 6:30-9PM
- Dec. 12 - Advent Reconciliation Service grades 3, 5, & 7 - 10 AM in the church
- Dec. 14 - Christmas Program & Parent Club Cookie Social - 6:30 PM start
- Dec. 15 - NOON Dismissal - **No Extended Care**
 - Themed Free Dress Day: Christmas colors, "ugly" sweaters, festive scarves & socks, etc.

School Announcements:

Christmas Program

Please see the attached invitation to the Christmas Program.

The big day is just 8 days away and our students have fun and festive songs to present this year. Please plan to be part of the program this year!

Ask your child about the music they are singing and, if you are able, help them practice!

Dress Expectations: Are on the attached flyer

Staff Christmas Celebration

The teachers and staff are celebrating the holiday together next week on December 13th during our staff meeting time. **In order to have all staff in attendance I am looking for 2-3 parents to take over Extended Care from 2-3:30.** Please email Mrs. Day if you are able to help so that Mr. Connor can join the fun.

Santa Breakfast - Knights of Columbus

See the flyer today about this fun parish event. The Knights are hosting breakfast after both masses on December 17th. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the season and our parish family - plus it will be delicious!

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".

Sharing Our Gifts

This week and next week we are collecting canned goods for the food bank of St. Vincent de Paul. Please help in any way you can! Please also make sure that canned foods are not past the expiration dates. Your support throughout this outreach project has been greatly appreciated.

ATHLETICS Update

Registration for Spring Volleyball will soon be underway, and we are thrilled to invite your 5th-6th and 7th-8th-grade boys and girls to participate. However, before we can proceed, we need your assistance in gauging interest and numbers for each grade level.

Action Required:

To help us determine the feasibility of forming teams for each grade level, we kindly ask you to provide us with the following information:

Child's Full Name:

Grade Level:

Please send an email with the requested details for each child you have who is interested in participating in Spring Volleyball. Your prompt response will greatly assist us in planning and organizing the upcoming season.

Coaching Opportunities:

Additionally, we are actively seeking dedicated individuals who are passionate about volleyball and interested in volunteering as coaching staff for the various grade levels. If you have a background in coaching or are enthusiastic about contributing your time and expertise, we encourage you to express your interest.

Interested in Coaching?

If you are interested in coaching, please reply to this email indicating your interest, and we will reach out to you with further details.

Deadline for Responses:

To ensure a smooth registration process and allow us to make informed decisions regarding team formations, we kindly request that you provide the necessary information by Dec 8th, 2023.

Your cooperation and support are instrumental in making the Spring Volleyball season a success for our students. We appreciate your commitment to the Holy Family School community and look forward to another fantastic season of volleyball.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you for your time and participation.

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

Parent Club News

Christmas Program Cookie Social

See the flyer in this week's envelope for more information. We are in need of your help to make this event memorable. There are just 6 school days until the big event - act now to get your name on the list to help!

MOVIE NIGHT - Dec. 8

All families are invited to join us for Movie Night this Friday. Doors open at 6:30 and the movie will begin at 7! We will be showing *Christmas Chronicles* this year. Bring your own dinner to eat during the show, light concessions will be available also.

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-raffle>

SCRIP News

Order for Christmas will need to be placed before December 10th in order to make it to you before we leave for christmas break.

Pizza Lunch

There is still time to get your order in for the next Pizza Lunch session. Forms are due by Wednesday, December 13th.

Development News

HFS Auction

Thank you for your awesome auction donations! We have some cool stuff donated, including lots of getaways. It's not too early to start thinking about friends and family members to ask to attend our auction. The more people we have there bidding, the more successful it will be!

The link to bid on the **front row seat at the 2023 HFS Christmas Program** is: <https://hfsaubur2024.ggo.bid>
Bidding opens Friday, December 8th at 8am and closes Monday, December 11th at 7pm.

If you are the winner you, and your chosen guests, will get to sit in the front row pew (on the left if you are facing the altar) in the church during the Christmas program.

Happy Bidding!

Enclosures/Attachments

HFS Christmas Program flyer

Candy Cane Grams

Pizza Lunch Order Form

Auction flyer

Parent Club Movie Night flyer

Parent Club Christmas Cookie flyer

Scrip News

Seattle Thunderbirds Ticket order form

Knights of Columbus Santa Breakfast flyer

HF Parish December Calendar