



Week 15 Newsletter
December 6, 2022



Students experiencing the joy of charity on St. Nicholas Day - Week 2 of Advent

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

There is much going on within our school building this month. Please review the announcements listed below and all of the attachments here and in your envelopes.

Thank you all for your consistency during this time, it helps us to continue to learn and grow while also pausing to prepare and celebrate the season. One way we are celebrating is through the sacraments. This week our students in grades 3-5 have participated in the sacrament of penance, and our students in grades 6-8 will have their turn next week. We are called to this practice during the season of Advent to prepare our hearts and souls to receive Jesus' arrival on Christmas. I am in awe of the way our school children are embracing their faith this season through our opportunities for prayer and penance. Thank you for all you do to model and guide a faith filled life for your children.

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. 8 - All School Mass
- Dec. 9 - SURPRISE - Spirit Wear Day (see details below)
- Dec. 14 - Student Reconciliation Service grades 6-8
- Dec. 15 - All School Christmas Concert AND Parent Club Cookie & Milk Social
- Dec. 16 - Noon Dismissal and start of Christmas Break
- Dec. 17-Jan. 1 - Christmas Break
- Jan. 2 - School Resumes

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 - Last Call

Last chance to order your Candy Gram! All orders are due by this Friday, 12/9. 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.

SURPRISE - Spirit Wear Day

Having a Spirit Wear Day is long overdue, and so I announced to the students this morning that Friday, 12/9, will be our first Spirit Wear Day for this school year. After we return from Christmas break we will put a monthly Spirit Wear Day on the calendar.

What this means:

- Students wear their uniform skirts, skorts, pants, or shorts
- Instead of the sweaters, students are allowed to wear sweatshirts, tshirts, vests, or other items of spirit wear
- All other uniform rules apply

If your student has not gotten any spirit wear yet, please let us know. Christel Wilder is our parent leader on this, and we can reopen our store if needed.

Christmas Concert

Our annual concert is fast approaching. There are quite a few details for you to know, and they have been outlined in an attachment below. We hope to see all families at this event and at the social after.

The students and teachers will spend a little time each day next week rehearsing for this event, you won't want to miss it!

[ALSO](#), I am looking for an official concert photographer. If anyone is interested please let me know.

Calling all Artists - Help us Design a Cover for our Yearbook

Please see the attached flyer on how your child can submit a design for the cover of our 2022-2023 Yearbook. Students who are interested in submitting art for the cover will have all of Christmas break to make it awesome. We cannot wait to see what our student artists create!

Special Thanksgiving and Christmas Project

Thanks to those of you who have sent in donations of canned goods. We have one more week to collect food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank before we go on break. Next week we will again be collecting canned goods. 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.

Holy Names Academy Open House

Holy Names Academy is pleased to invite all 5th-8th grade girls to our Winter Open House.

The Holy Names Academy Winter Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to meet our students and teachers and see what HNA is all about. Prospective students will have the opportunity to participate in 4 interactive sessions led by HNA teachers. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with specific departments and hear more about the HNA Experience from administrators and students. RSVP [here](#).

Parent Club News

Cookie & Milk Reception - 12/15 after the Christmas Program

The Parents Club is asking for families to donate pre-packaged cookies for the Cookie Reception after the Christmas Program. Please bring your cookies to the HFS office Tuesday, December 13th or Wednesday, December 14th (set yourself a reminder!). Remember, if we don't get family cookie donations, there may not be cookies for the reception, so we need EVERYONE to help make the reception fun!

We also need volunteers from 5:30pm-6:30pm Thursday evening, before the program begins, to assist in setting out cookies, arranging tables & chairs, etc. as well as volunteers to help clean-up after the reception.

Use this link to sign up to help with this event.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084CA8AD2DA13-christmas>

If you want to donate cookies, but all slots are filled, please feel free to join the fun and send in cookies too!

Please contact Lisette Kelly if you have questions or can assist with set-up and clean-up.

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!

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](#)

HFS Movie Night - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Movie Night last week. Shout out to our middle school leaders for hosting the concession stand. Big thanks to our parent leaders, Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Mitchell, for organizing this fun event.

Look out for more fun community events in the new year!

Enclosures/Attachments

Pizza Lunch Form

Candy Cane Gram order form

Christmas Concert Information

Yearbook Cover Art Contest

Cookie Reception Information

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