



Week 29 Newsletter
March 29, 2023



Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

We are a week into spring and a week away from the Triduum. This week we are recalibrating ourselves after our wonderful Spring Tea and all the extra rehearsals from last week. The building is settling into routines and students and teachers are able to lean into their learning time without interruptions. While winter weather hasn't let us go completely, we are delighting in the spring renewal that is already greeting us. With the end of Lent approaching, and the Triduum to follow, we keep our eyes on the resurrection and the renewal with the coming of Christ at Easter.

I say more below, but my prayers are running deep this week for our community, and all schools in our nation, as we mourn yet another school suffering from violence. You all have my firm commitment to our school and to the safety of all who are entrusted to us here. Our Saint for today has described faith as "light in the darkness, help in sickness, blessing in tribulations, paradise in the crucifixion, and life amid death." I pray that our faith will continue to help us be the light, offer the help, remember our blessings, and rejoice in our gift of life while we sit in the midst of these unfortunate events.

Admission season is open, please tell the HFS story to your friends and family to bring new people to our community. We continue to get inquiries and give tours to prospective families.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few highlights for the next few weeks:

- April 1 - Spring Campus Clean-up event 9:00am
- April 7 - Living Stations, presented by 8th grade, 11:00 AM
- April 7 - NOON DISMISSAL
- April 10-14 - Easter Vacation

School Announcements:

School Safety

Needless to say, it is always difficult to hear about horrific events as that in Nashville earlier this week. Our prayers go out to the families of those whose lives were taken and for the impact of the whole community. No school staff member or parent should ever have to fear when children are at school each day. Safety is always our number one priority, and we take that with the utmost commitment and seriousness every moment of every day.

We have regular drills for all emergency events in preschool through 8th grade. Our staff will review all safety protocols at our next gathering, which we try to review on a regular basis.

As hard as it is to digest that these measures must be taken, please know that we do so with intention and dedication to keeping your children safe every day.

We are constantly looking at ways to continue to grow safety measures at the school. Our gates are locked during the school day, and all visitors are admitted through our door buzzer system. This year we have purchased two-way radios for all staff so we can have direct and efficient communication between all adults when we are away from our classrooms. Our intercom is next on the list for an upgrade, and that will happen this spring along with the installation of one more door buzzer at the west entrance to the main hallway.

I hope this helps bring some peace of mind, knowing that we are doing all that we can to ensure a safe campus. For a full description of our emergency procedures you can look on pages 21-23 in our [Family Handbook](#). My door is always open if you have any questions.

Campus Clean-up

This coming Saturday we will come together like we did last summer to spruce up our campus for springtime. We will work from 9:00-Noon. Bring your gloves, metal rakes, shovels, weed-eaters, and any other hand or electronic tools you think you'll use. Some of the jobs we'll work include, but are not limited to, bark redistribution, weeding, pruning/trimming, preparing planters, and general sprucing. No need to RSVP, just show up and join the work party.

Living Stations

Our 8th grade class is hard at work preparing their presentation of the Living Stations next week on Good Friday. I hope that you will plan to attend this school wide event to celebrate this holy day with our school. The event will begin at 11:00 AM and run pretty far through to the end of our day for the noon dismissal.

Staff Updates

This year we will be saying farewell to a few of our staff. Jobs have been posted on our Archdiocesan hiring platform. Our staff members will be hard to replace, but we are confident that God will send us just who we need, just as he brought these awesome people to us at their time. I ask that you keep this news to yourself for now until our teachers have informed the students.

We appreciate and will miss the following adults as God draws them down the path to their next adventure, Mrs. Reger, Ms. Van Eddy, Mrs. Fenton, Ms. Nguyen, and Mr. Sharma.

Please pray for them, and our school, as we look forward to what is next for us all.

Afterschool Enrichment Clubs

We have four great offerings for you to consider for the spring. See the attached flyer for more information on the available offerings and then use the [Google Form to complete your sign-up](#). The classes are:

Younger grades - **Chess** and **Ooey, Gooey, Sticky & Slimy**

Older grades - **"Risk" the board game** and **Science Lab**

Formation for Love and Chastity

The consent forms regarding the Family Life program for students in grades 5-8 was due last Friday March 24th. Please turn your form into the school office.

Service Hours Opportunity

Help is needed on Wednesdays in our Extended Care room. **If you are willing and able to spend an hour each week in our EC room from 2:10-3:20 please contact Mrs. Garcia and/or Mrs. Day.** Your child(ren) are welcome to join you at no cost.

SchoolAdmin

The 2023-24 school year Contracts were released last week. Please take some time in the next couple weeks to log into your profile and work on the remaining items in your Enrollment Checklist. Thank you all for your attention and patience as we all learn this system together this year. See the attached flyer for more information about the process to finalize your 2023-2024 enrollment.

Here is the link for the SchoolAdmin portal: <https://hfsauburn.schooladminonline.com/portal>

Parking Lot Safety

If you are parking to walk in during drop off or pick up, it is vital that you are accompanying your child through the parking lot.

YEARBOOKS

Check out the attached flyer to get the directions on how to order your yearbook. Order deadline is April 21, 2023. Don't delay, get yours ordered today!

Photos

Did you attend our Spring Tea? If so, share those photos with us!

Please share photos 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

Holy Family Parent Club Hanging Basket Sale!

This sale starts **TODAY!** Information about the sale and order forms are in your envelopes today. This is the second to last opportunity this year to reach your fundraising profit dollars goal. Read the information carefully as the expectations have changed for this sale versus past sales. The sale doesn't last long, all forms must be turned in on April 17th!

Upcoming Events

- ➔ Our annual Daddy-Daughter dance is on the calendar for April 29th - **A PARENT LEAD IS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT**. Let Mrs. Patrick know if you are able to coordinate, or co-coordinate, this event.
- ➔ Jog-a-thon kick-off is coming soon and the main event will be on May 18th

Curious About Parent Club?

Contact Melissa Patrick, memamo77@msn.com, with your interest in the Club and your questions.

Development Office News

Annual Campaign

One more goal to meet - 100% participation from school families. Thank you to all who have sent in their contribution so far. Remember, **this goal is about engagement**, no amount is too small. I look forward to celebrating this goal that shows our Holy Family community is engaged and active in all school endeavors. If you haven't made your contribution yet, there is plenty of time. Remember, you can give through our website or through cash/check using your envelope. Let us know if you need a new envelope!

If we make our goals for this year our students will receive the following rewards:

- Reaching our funding goal of \$9,500 = school-wide treat party. **GOAL MET** party coming soon!
- 100% participation of all HFS families = a themed free dress day.

High Hopes Auction - Fabulous Fifties

There are a few sales that are ongoing (week of free dress, Dick's Drive-In lunch, Fund-a-Need) in case you haven't bought in on those yet. These will be available at our Online Auction Site <https://hfsaubur2023.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse> and via this week's flyer.

HF Parish Events

HF Parish Annual East Egg Hunt

Holy Family Parish's annual Easter egg hunt is soon approaching on Sunday, April 9th after the 11:00 am Mass.

Holy Family Parish Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 6th	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 7th	11:00am Holy Family School Living Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, April 8th	5:00pm No Mass 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, April 9th	8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass - Followed by the Easter Egg Hunt 3:00pm Vietnamese Mass

Enclosures/Attachments

April Calendar
Enrollment Process
Enrichment Clubs
Living Stations of the Cross
Post Auction Bidding Form
Parent Club Hanging Basket flyer and Order Form
Scrip News
SCRIP Order Form
HFS Parent Club Commitment Hours Log
Yearbook Information
HF Parish Lenten Family Fish Fry flyer