



Week 3 Newsletter  
September 13, 2023



*8th graders after leading their first mass of the year*

## Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

As I mentioned at our Curriculum Night last week, we are in year five of our accreditation cycle. The fifth year of the six year cycle is the year known as the “self study” year. Throughout the course of this school year, next summer, and the start of next school year, we will study our school and write a report card for ourselves. This report will be shared with a visiting team who will come to our school to witness our program and celebrate all that we do. Part of this year-long study is to take feedback from all stakeholders - staff, students, parents, and parish. The information obtained from our stakeholders helps us to define what is working and where we need to grow. I will be sending out the parent survey next week and I kindly ask that each family take some time to provide feedback. Thank you in advance for your participation.

I had a lovely interview for our Extended Care position this week. An update will be shared as things progress.

God bless you all,  
Mrs. Day

## Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events..

- Sept 14 - School Mass sponsored by 7th grade, 8:30AM
- Sept 14 - Fall MAP testing begins (see more info below)
- **Sept 14 - Parent Volunteer Safe Environment training 9:00 AM-noon**
- Sept 22 - Parent Club Movie Night!
- Sept 30-10/1 - All Youth Celebration - Blessing of youth at all masses
- Sept 30-10/1 - Holy Family Parish listening sessions for Partners in the Gospel (see info below)

## School Announcements:

### MAP Testing

Three times a year our students will participate in the Measures of Academic Progress testing. These adaptive tests track student academic growth over time. The testing window for the fall runs from September 11th through October 6th. Our students complete the bulk of their tests during the first two weeks of the testing window (see schedule below). Fall testing is for students in grades 1-8. Our first graders will engage with the math and reading assessments while our students in grades 2-8 will engage in the math, reading, and language assessments. Student reports will be shared in late October after the window is closed.

Holy Family School has done well on these assessments in the past, and I believe we will have a good showing this fall. That begins with all of you! Here's some ways you can help set your child up for success during our testing window:

1. Help them achieve a good night's rest the day prior (that would be tonight!)
2. Start their day with a hearty breakfast
3. Do what you can to help mitigate their anxiety
4. Provide good “fuel” food for snack and lunch time - their brains before and after testing will be hungry!
5. Make sure your child has their water bottle
6. Encourage your child to do their best, take their time, and to not worry!
7. When the day is done, congratulate your child for accomplishing great things =)

Thank you for all your support of this endeavor and of your amazing child(ren).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week of 9/11</b>		Chromebook readiness checks  Class convo prep for testing		9:20 4th, 6th, 8th <b>Reading</b>  10:30 5th & 7th <b>Reading</b>  12:40 - 2nd <b>Reading</b>  1:20 - 3rd <b>Reading</b>	1:20 - 1st <b>Reading</b>
<b>Week of 9/18</b>	Potential make-ups	8:30 - 4th, 6th, 8th <b>Math</b>  9:25 - 7th <b>Math</b>  10:30 - 5th <b>Math</b>	Makeups in the library	9:20 4th, 6th, 8th <b>Language</b>  10:30 5th & 7th <b>Language</b>  12:40 - 2nd <b>Math</b>  1:20 - 3rd <b>Math</b>	1:20 - 1st <b>Math</b>
<b>Week of 9/25</b>	Potential make-ups	Makeups in the library	Makeups in the library	12:40 - 2nd <b>Language</b>  1:20 - 3rd <b>Language</b>	
<b>Week of 10/2</b>		Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups		

### Afternoon Pick-up Early Birds

Our colleague from the parish office graciously opens our gates in the afternoon everyday for carpool pickup. If you see Anthony at the gate, or walking back along the fence, please drive slowly giving him good space at the side of the alley. Thank you so much for helping him, and all of us, feel safe during this time of the day!

### Curriculum Night - THANK YOU!

It was wonderful having you on campus last week for our return to an in-person curriculum night. I hope you enjoyed being in the classrooms and hearing first hand from our teachers. If you missed the evening you should have received a communication from your teacher with any notes or flyers you may have missed. We are so blessed with an amazing staff, this night took a lot of planning and a late night to make possible. My heartfelt gratitude to all of the staff and parents for desiring to be in partnership with us on the academic journey this year.

### Adult Volunteer Information

If you think you may volunteer for field trips or in the classroom during the school year, Safe Environment requirements must be up to date.

Safe Environment Training is mandated by the Archdiocese of Seattle. Any adult volunteering on campus or in the classroom, driving on a field trip, assisting at lunch, during recess or at Extended Care, running a club or teaching an after school class, is required to be up to date with Safe Environment training and have a current background check.

Returning parents are reminded to check their Virtus account. The background check is valid for three years. When it is time to renew your background check, you will be required to take an online refresher Safe Environment class.

New volunteers must take the initial Safe Environment Class Protecting God's Children. Held at different parishes throughout the Archdiocese, you may sign up for the in-person class at any local parish or school. To

pre-register for the three hour foundation class and initiate a background check, you must create a profile and electronically sign policies through the Virtus database. <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm>

Holy Family Parish will be offering the foundation class on **Thursday, September 14th at 9:00am in the Smith Room.**

Please note: if your background check or training is not current, you will not be able to volunteer at Holy Family School.

If you have any questions, please contact Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Brock at [hfoffice@hfsauburn.com](mailto:hfoffice@hfsauburn.com).

## Partners in the Gospel

Last January the Seattle Archdiocese launched the Partners in the Gospel initiative. In just over a week all parishes will announce the draft of the new Parish Families during mass. In the weeks following the announcement each parish will hold listening sessions to gather feedback from parishioners and school communities.

Holy Family Parish will hold their listening sessions on 9/30 and 10/1 and I have been encouraged to host a session for school families, a date for which is to be determined.

For more information about Partners in the Gospel please visit the following resources:

- [Introduction Video](#)
- [Current Reality Video](#)
- [Archbishop Etienne's Pastoral Letter](#)
- [NEW Q&A](#)

Please reach out if you have any questions, and I will share potential dates for a HFS listening session next week.



# Parent Club News

## Raffle Tickets

Families will receive their packet of raffle tickets TODAY! Read the attached flyer for important information about the raffle.

## Pizza Lunch Program

Today was the first day of pizza lunch sponsored by our future 2024 Space Camp attendees. If your child missed the first week, reach out to our new pizza lunch coordinator, Heather Goh Helmer, or the office to get your child on the list!

## Movie Night - 9/22

See the flyer in today's envelope for our fall Movie Night! Mark your calendars to join us for a night of fun on Sept. 22nd in the Parish Hall

# Development News

## HFS Auction

**Auction Volunteer Hours:** You can sign up for your auction volunteer roles here: [HFS: All Families: Peace, Love & HFS Auction \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com). The link can also be found on the HFS website.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Do you have, or know someone who has, a business that would benefit from sponsoring our auction? Or would you like your family to be an auction sponsor? This a great way to get your business/family name in front of our school & parish members, as well as other local area people. There are various sponsorship packages that include things such as catalog ads, business/family names at auction, online, on banners on HFS property, etc. We will be sending a form to all those who have sponsored in the past and/or those who we know own businesses. If you would like to also receive a form, please let Gretchen know. gkurth@hfsauburn or 206-498-4304.

## Enclosures/Attachments

Emergency Phone Tree Callers

Auction flyer

Raffle flyer

Raffle Tickets

HFS PC Movie Night

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