



Week 2 Newsletter
September 6, 2023

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

We started our week remembering St. Teresa of Calcutta. I have memories from my childhood seeing her on the news and learning of her work with the poor in Calcutta and her call to live among those she served and loved. She was a true example of God's limitless love for His people. It is possible for us all to love boundlessly, our only limits are the ones we impose on ourselves. What else can we do to love and serve with the mission of building God's Kingdom on earth?

Week two is well underway. We are looking forward to having parents on campus this Thursday evening for our Back-to-School Curriculum night. I hope to see you all there.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events. Check out our full September calendar in your envelope. You may also like our full year Calendar of Events.

- Sept 7 - School Mass sponsored by 8th grade, 8:30AM
- Sept 7 - General Parent Club meeting & Back to School Curriculum Night (IN PERSON)
6:00pm-7:30pm
- Sept 14 - Parent Volunteer Safe Environment training 9:00AM

School Announcements:

What to do if my student is sick

The return to school often shakes up our students' immune systems, and we have had several students stay home sick already this year. Please help us stop the spread of colds, the flu, and COVID this year by following the following recommendations:

1. Sick kids should stay home
 - a. If your child has a fever they must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school
2. Call or email your child's teacher AND Mrs. Brock that your child will stay home
 - a. Include basic details of symptoms
 - b. Depending on symptoms we may ask you to check for COVID
3. COVID is still a thing, and the new strain this fall hits kids harder than adults
 - a. If your child is exhibiting COVID symptoms, please administer a test to verify
 - b. Keep your positive children home for the first five days, they may return with a mask on day 6.
4. If your child become sick at school, we will call you for a pick-up
 - a. Make sure your emergency contact forms are up-to-date in the office if you need us to release your child to someone other than a parent

Carpool Reminders

Morning Carpool runs from 8:00-8:20 AM

- Gates are open daily at 7:50 AM and close at 8:25 AM.
- Cars should pull as far forward as possible, stopping at the first pillar near the Parish Hall
- Students are to exit the vehicle from the passenger side only - Adults remain in the vehicle

- Morning Extended care opens daily at 7:00 AM for students who need to be dropped off early
 - They should be escorted to the Smith Room by their adult using the main entrance on 17th
- Parents of students in grades PK-1 are welcome to park in the main lot and walk their child(ren) to the blacktop.

Afternoon Carpool runs from 3:00-3:10PM

- Gates are open daily from 2:50 (or 1:50 on W) until 3:10 PM.
- Cars should pull as far forward as possible, stopping at the first pillar near the Parish Hall
- Students shall enter their vehicle on the passenger side only - Adults remain in the vehicle
- DO NOT PASS OTHER VEHICLES - cars will drive away as the line allows
- Extended Care runs from the end of the day until 6:00 PM daily
- Parents of students in grades PK-1 are welcome to park in the main lot and walk their child(ren) to the blacktop.

Enrollment Forms

Now that the school year has started we are organizing all of our forms for our records. All forms are now being completed digitally via our Finals site portal. If you receive an email to complete forms, please log in and get the final forms finished by Friday 9/1.

Student Emergency Form

All families must have a completed hard copy “student information” form (emergency form) to participate in recess and physical education. This form is our link to you in case your student becomes ill or is injured at school. Please return your form to the school office by Thursday, September 7th.

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.

Yearbooks

If you missed purchasing a yearbook for your student for the 2022-2023 there are still some available in the school office. They are \$18.50 each.

Parent Club News

General Parent Club Meeting - 9/7

All parents are invited to come for this double function meeting - our opening meeting of the year back-to-back with Curriculum Night.

Date: Sept. 7

Time: 6:00pm

Location: HFS Parish Hall (and classrooms)

Pizza Lunch Program - IT'S BACK

Order forms are available in envelopes today. The form is for the entire fall - 13 weeks of pizza. Lunch will begin NEXT WEEK on Sept. 13th. Get your forms back right away to be included the first week!

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

The High Hopes "Peace, Love & HFS" auction is March 16, 2024 at Farm 12. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please plan on joining us for the night of fun & community building. It takes all of us to make the auction happen so please do sign up to help out. The auction volunteer sign-up sheets will be out at Back-to-School night and then afterwards online.

Enclosures/Attachments

Washington State Fair Student Tickets

Auction flyer

Pizza Form

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HFS Movie Night flyer

Holy Family Parish Picnic flyer

Holy Family Parish September Calendar