



Week 2 Newsletter  
September 7, 2022

### **Principal Message**

Greetings Holy Family,

With the help of our 8th grade leaders we are growing as persons of deep faith this week. They have adorned our School-wide Learning Expectations bulletin board with reflections on two of our SLEs, Have knowledge of Catholic beliefs and practices and Participate in the celebration of their faith through liturgy, sacraments, and prayer. Their creativity and reflective ideas inspire us to live and share our faith.

This coming Thursday the 8th graders will guide our first all school mass for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During mass we will proclaim, "*With delight I rejoice in the Lord.*" Our 8th grade leaders are following the example of Mary in their joy for sharing their faith and modeling for others.

Thank you to our 8th graders for leading by example and to all parents for being our partners in the honor of instilling a love for God in our children.

Peace and blessings to you,  
Mrs. Day

### **Announcements:**

#### **Back-to-School Night**

Once again this year we will host our back-to-school night virtually. While we value your presence in the learning space, we hope that offering the meeting virtually will allow for fuller participation in the event. Teachers will be sharing their own zoom links. Engaging in this event is a vital piece in building the teacher-parent relationship. You are the primary educator of your child(ren) and we are an extension of that great work, walking with you on this journey. Meet your teachers, get to know them, and start building that partnership.

#### **Help - We Need Those Forms**

All students must have a completed "student information" form (emergency form). This form is a vital link to you in case we need to contact you regarding your student. If you have not returned your form, please find another copy in your Wednesday envelope. Please return your form by Thursday, September 8th.

#### **MAP Testing**

Each fall, winter, and spring the Archdiocese gathers academic data from students within our schools using the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments. Our students in grades 1st-8th will participate in the fall session this year. Students will be assessed in the areas of math, reading, and language. Please be on the lookout for more information from your homeroom teacher about specific testing days and ways you can

help prepare your child at home. These assessments are meant to track progress over time, and I trust that each student will do their best in each situation. The window for MAP testing runs from September 12th - October 7th.

### **School Day times**

The times for the start of the school day are as follows:

7:00am Extended Care Opens  
8:00am Open for drop off through carpool  
8:15am Morning Gathering and Prayer  
8:20am Teachers and students to Classrooms  
2:00pm School Ends (Wednesday only)  
3:00pm School Ends (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

### **CROSS COUNTRY - complete your registration and join the team!**

Holy family is excited to be able to offer Cross Country (XC) through CYO sports this year, provide fun practices, and give kids a few chances to participate in races this year! The goals of XC are to have fun, meet new friends, stay healthy, and compete. If your child is interested but cannot attend 100% of the practices or races, that is OK as well.

### **Coaches:**

Elissa Sander [mason.elissa@gmail.com](mailto:mason.elissa@gmail.com)  
Zach Sander [sander.zachary@gmail.com](mailto:sander.zachary@gmail.com)

### **Practices:**

Practices will be held in the school back parking lot Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. First practice will be Thursday Sep 13th, and will continue through to last practice on Thursday October 6th.

### **Races:**

Preliminary meets are the last two weekends in September. Finals are the first two weekends in October. The current meet schedule has races on 9/18, 9/25, 10/2 and 10/9 and are at Woodland Park.

### **Registration:**

Due this week! Registration is online and we're keeping costs low this year at \$10/athlete  
<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/current-programs>  
Please choose "Cross Country K-8 2022"

### **Uniform Pieces Need Student Names**

Make sure that you have your child's name in all their uniform pieces that get worn to school. In the warm weather we are finding sweatshirts and sweaters being left on the playground or behind in classrooms, and without names in the clothing we cannot ensure the return to the correct student. If you have gotten pieces through uniform exchange, be sure to cross out old names and put in your name!

### **Leadership Opportunities**

We are in need of an **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**! This role coordinates with our Archdiocesan and local agencies to provide team sport opportunities for our students. We need a parent, or two, who will take on this role and keep our kids active and engaged. Contact Mrs. Day as soon as possible to get the ball rolling! The **Pizza Lunch Program** is also in need of a coordinator and a crew of regular helpers. We use the funds from the Pizza Lunch to fund our trips in the different grades. Plus, our kids love it! Let Mrs. Day know you are ready to get things started. As a parent in our school you are automatically enrolled in our **Parents' Club**. It takes us all to make our school events engaging and meaningful for the children and community. Holy Family Parent Club is looking for volunteers to help **coordinate our Fall events**: Fall Fundraiser; Movie Night, Oktoberfest; and Trick or Trunk. If interested in taking the lead, or for more information, please contact Melissa Patrick at

[memamo77@msn.com](mailto:memamo77@msn.com). Be sure to mark your calendars for our first meeting of the year on Sept. 14th. There will be a class incentive for the class with the most parent participation.

### **Service Opportunity**

Do you love the outdoors? Do you love interacting with children while they play? Do you have an hour of time in the middle of the day to be at school? Then we need YOU! Come help supervise lunchtime recess with us. The recess hour begins at 11:45 and ends at 12:35 each day. We would love 1-2 more adults to be present during this time of the day. Let Mrs. Day know if you are able to come and be present at the best time of the day!

### **Safe Environment, Tuesday, September 20th**

The Safe Environment class for all new volunteers will be held on Tuesday, September 20th, at 9:00am. If you are planning on attending the class please register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Make sure when you are registering that you choose **Holy Family School Auburn** and not Holy Family Parish Auburn. New parents and any others who will be volunteering for the first time MUST attend the volunteer training session. Hope to see you there!

### **Job Posting**

Attention Parents! Holy Family School is hiring a part time Extended Care Assistant. Hours are 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday, Thursday, and Friday. We are open to young adults who enjoy working with children. No experience needed. **SPREAD THE WORD**, and if you know someone who is interested, please email Mrs. Day.

### **Upcoming Events**

Check out our calendar for September. Here are a few highlights for the next week:

- Sept. 8 - Opening school mass
- Sept. 8 - Virtual Back-to-School Night
- Sept. 12 - MAP assessment window begins
- Sept. 13 - Volunteer Safe Environment
- Sept. 14 - Parent Club Meeting 6:00 PM

### **Enclosures**

Auction flyers  
Student Emergency Forms  
SCRIP Order Form

### **Peace, Mrs. Day**

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