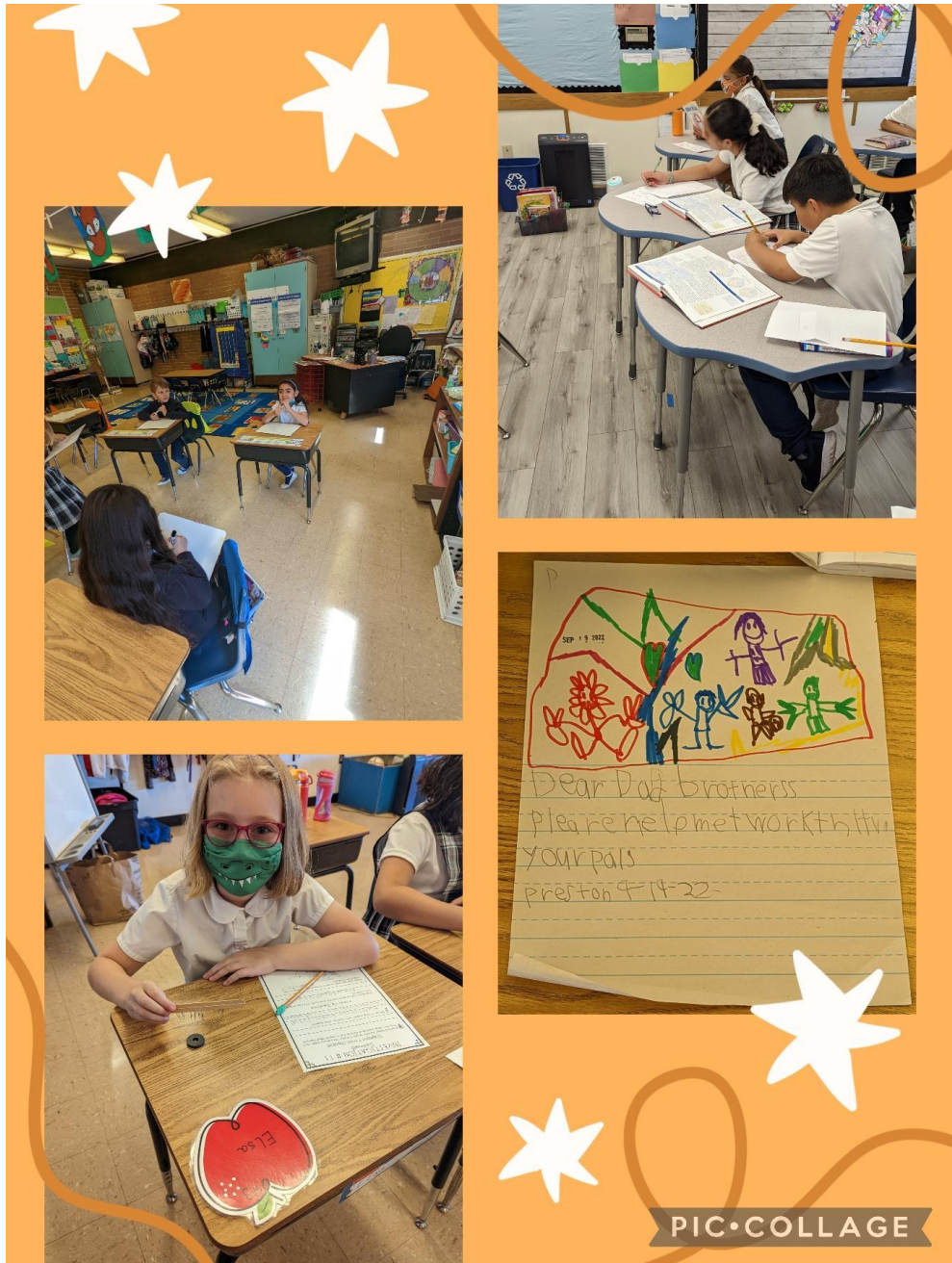




Week 4 Newsletter
September 21, 2022



Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

At the start of the year educators all over are welcoming students back to the school and into classrooms, and before the rigors of learning set in they take time to build relationships within the space. Having strong relationships between teacher and student, and student to student, builds trust within the classroom. Before the school year began I shared with our teachers my priority of celebrating each child for who they are and what they bring to the classroom. I did this with the phrase, "we all matter, so let's make that matter." The beginning of the year is also a teachers' time to set routines and structures that will set the foundation of how all things work over the course of the year. Each of our teachers made these things matter at the start of the school year.

Well here we are, in week four, and I can see the fruits of our labor within our community - strong connections between students and adults and peers, and students who know and meet classroom and school expectations. There has also been a shift to focus on the rigor and joys of learning. My walks and classroom visits at the start of week four allow me to overhear conversations on math, to see students working independently and collaboratively on activities, and I see teachers leading lessons on material that will push students to grow. Don't misunderstand me, many of our classes have been at this level for a week or more, but now it is noticeable from the youngest to the oldest classes.

Some highlights of learning I've witnessed are in the pictures above, but also include:

- * 4th graders writing - I hope they are bringing home drafts of pieces to share, they are truly creative writers
- * Kindergarten religion lessons - studying God's creation and the animals on the earth
- * 6th ELA - reading novels and completing reading response assignments, thinking critically about what they read
- * 2nd, 3rd, 4th, art - from foxes, to barns, trees, and waterfalls we have inspiring artists (and artistic teachers) among us
- * 1st grade reading - students have taken time to select books for book boxes and joyfully read independently and with their teacher during readers workshop time
- * 8th Science & Math - every class I see blows me away, the way they can see and think with a science/mathematical mind to solve intricate problems
- * 5th grade collaboration - whether it is ELA or another content area, these students accept the challenges presented to them and work with each other to accomplish tasks
- * 7th Social Studies - group conversations and sharing knowledge through engaging activities

I am seeing learning happen every day, and our students are fully engaged. We are just at the start of this year's learning journey, and already I feel we have a lot to be proud of. I pray that you are celebrating your scholars at home at night, as you help them with homework, as your review completed work, and as you help them prepare for school each day. They are in it and making excellence happen.

Peace and blessings to you,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

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

- Sept. 12 - MAP assessment window begins
- Sept. 22 - School Mass with 7th grade leaders
- Sept. 23 - Parent Club Movie Night

School Announcements:

MAP Testing

MAP testing continues this week. Students in grades 4-8 took their last test yesterday, and our younger students continue to progress. After today, most of our work will be to complete tests for those who did not finish in their first session and those who were absent for a session. Our goal is to be finished with all tests by the end of next week! Please do your best to ensure attendance on our testing days. Additionally, we suggest other at-home support like this:

- Good night's sleep before a testing day
- Hearty breakfast/snack/lunch on testing day
- Encouragement with a growth mindset ("it might be hard, but you can do hard things" is one of my favorites)
- Check-in with your child after school to see how they felt after the test

I look forward to sharing our successes with you at next month's Parent Club meeting and during fall conferences. Please direct any questions about MAP testing to Mrs. Day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of 9/19	Potential make-ups	8:40-9:45 4th & 5th Language 9:20 - 7th Language 10:15 - 8th Language 1:15 - 6th Language	4-8 Makeups in the library 10:55-11:35 - 1st Math 1:15-1:55 - 3rd Math	Any Make-ups in the library	10:15-10:55 - 2nd Math
Week of 9/26	Potential make-ups		1:15-1:55 - 3rd Language	Make-ups	10:15-10:55 - 2nd Language
Week of 10/3		Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups	

Empowering God's Children Youth Safe Environment Program

Twice yearly we participate in the Archdiocesan *Empowering God's Children Youth Safe Environment Program* teaching our children about personal safety and advocacy. We engage in these lessons at school to help support your teaching of safe touching and self advocacy at home These lessons are typically taught in the months of October and April by our classroom teachers, one lesson each month. Since you are the primary educator of your child(ren) it is at your discretion whether you'd like your child to participate in these classroom lessons. Attached to our newsletter today you will find an [information page](#) describing the program and an opt-out form. Please read over the information, and then only return the form if you want to opt-out.

Pre-K Playground

Items have been delivered, and we are excited to take the next step to install a new play apparatus and increase the space to the play chip area. Our current plan to bring the dream into reality is two fold. Part one is

to install the apparatus and bark perimeter pieces and part two is spreading play chips in the PK and general playground area.

We are looking for help on the weekend of **October 8-9** to help with this work. Day one will have spreading of bark in the general play area while simultaneously installing the PK pieces. Day two will be all bark spreading. We will need families to come to campus on one or both days to help with this project, and to bring your wheelbarrows and rakes!

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!

Parent Club News

Thank you to those that attended the Parent Club meeting either in-person or virtually. While there were some kinks, it was a productive meeting with many volunteers for open positions. We are still looking for a Vice-President, a 3rd grade room parent, a 7th grade room parent, and a parent or parents to band together to organize Oktoberfest. If interested in an open position or looking for more Parent Club information, please email Melissa Patrick at memamo77@msn.com

HFS Teacher & Staff Appreciation Team - Sign Up to Help!

Our teachers and school staff at Holy Family are AMAZING and this year we're looking for volunteers to be part of our Appreciation Team - focused on activities throughout the year to show our appreciation to our wonderful school leaders. Each year the HFS Parent Club sponsors three Appreciation Lunches. The appreciation team will help pull the lunch together -- this includes food contributions, onsite help, etc.

If you are interested in helping us - we need your help! Please sign up here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949AAA82AABF94-202223>) or email Katie Mitchell at katieleemitchell@gmail.com to join in. This is a fabulous and rewarding way to give back. The first lunch is planned for Thursday, October 6 - so let us know now to be added to the email notices for opportunities to contribute.

Pizza Lunch

Our first week of pizza lunch happened today. If you missed the form shared last week, and again this Monday, please contact the office for a new form. You can also reach out to our program coordinator Christel Wilder if you have any questions.

Movie Night

Our first Parent Club movie night will be THIS FRIDAY in the parish hall. All families are invited to this event. Plan to bring pillows, blankets, and snacks to enjoy this fun family activity. See attached invitation for more information.

Development Office Updates

We have partnered with a few businesses to help raise money for Holy Family School, and you don't have to do a thing but sign up. We'll share one a week over the next few weeks so you can get each one going.

Fred Meyer Community Program

1. Create a digital account. A digital account is needed to participate in Fred Meyer Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.
2. Link your card to Holy Family School
 - a. Sign into your digital account
 - b. Go to Rewards and select Community Rewards
 - c. Search for Holy Family School
 - d. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "save".
3. Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Fred Meyer donates quarterly to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Fred Meyer Community Rewards participants.

Attachments

Protecting God's Children Overview

Protecting God's children Opt Out form

Auction flyer

Movie Night flyer

SCRIP News

SCRIP Rebate Program Overview

SCRIP Rebate Program Agreement

SCRIP Form