

# HOLY † FAMILY SCHOOL

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## Tips for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Authentic family engagement is critical to student success. Families are children's first and most important teachers. Together, parents and classroom teachers are partners in ensuring student's academic and social-emotional strengths and needs are supported.

Parent-teacher conferences offer an opportunity for you and your child's teacher to communicate about academic progress, build a supportive partnership and for you to provide the teacher with important information about your child. Here are a few tips to help families prepare for the face-to-face meeting and conversation.

### Prepare

Spend a few minutes talking with your child before the conference to get ready. Some students are nervous about parent-teacher conferences. You can put your child at ease by ensuring they understand the goal is to help them be successful.

A couple questions to ask your child before the conference could include:

- Is there anything specific you would like me to discuss with your teacher?
- What do you especially like or dislike about your class or school?
- In what areas are you experiencing the most success?
- Are you experiencing challenges in any areas?

Prepare a few notes and questions for the teacher. Prioritize these items in case you run out of time during the conference.

A couple questions to learn more about your child's progress could include:

- What are the key concepts or skills my child is expected to learn this year?
- How will I learn about my child's progress?
- Are there questions you would suggest I ask my child on a daily basis about school?
- What are the best school or district resources that I could use to support academic progress?
- How can I best support you as my child's teacher?

Some suggestions about specific areas of learning:

## English Language Arts

- How is my child's reading ability?
- What are my child's independent reading goals?
- How is my child progressing in terms of meeting standards in reading, writing, speaking and listening?

## Math and Science

- How is my child's ability to grasp concepts and perform assigned tasks?
- Can you please show me a sample of my child's work?

Topics you may want to share with your child's teacher could include their gifts and what they enjoy learning about, major changes in your family or your child's home life, or issues at school that your child is worrying about.

## During the Conference

Conferences help you and your child's teacher collaborate to support academic success. You have an opportunity to discuss progress and opportunities for support. You and the teacher can share what each of you see as your child's strengths and areas of growth.

You will have the chance to learn about the lessons taught in class as well as how your child is progressing academically, socially and emotionally. If necessary, you and the teacher might create a specific plan to help support academic and/or social success.

Refer to your notes and questions to help prompt topics you want to be sure to cover. Ask the most important questions early in the conference. Remember, you can follow up with the teacher to discuss points or gather information you did not have time to cover.

Ask for clarification. Asking questions helps ensure that you and your child's teacher are on the same page.

Discuss differences of opinion. If you disagree with your child's teacher, engaging in constructive, respectful conversation about these differences can help both of you find an effective way to partner and support your child. It is OK to ask for evidence or more examples if you have a different opinion on a topic.

Write down an action plan that summarizes the steps and strategies discussed during the conferences that will help support your child. Establish the best way to track progress and best methods to stay in touch throughout the year.

Ask how you can support the teacher! There may be ways at home you can help reinforce classroom concepts and expectations. It is important for students to know parents and teachers are partnering to support them.

## After the Conference

Share with your child what was discussed during the conference. Start with, and emphasize, the positive points and be direct about areas of needed growth. If you and your child's teacher created an action plan, explain the plan. Make sure to share that together, the teacher and you will be supporting their success!

Follow up on a regular basis. If you have an action plan – set it in motion. Ask your child how they are feeling about school and schoolwork on a regular basis.

Let the teacher know how things are going. Being a role model for positive collaboration with your child's teacher will help stress the importance of education. Clear communication with the teacher will also make sure everyone is tracking progress.

# 70's PEACE, LOVE & HFS

Newsletter – Nov 8, 2023

The auction donation due date is Nov 27<sup>th</sup>...just weeks away!!

You can enter the item(s) or cash you are donating at:

[Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://ejoinme.org)

Once you have entered your item(s) please bring it to the HFS school or development office. If it is a very large item, please let Gretchen know ahead of time so she can figure out where to best store it. If you need to make arrangements to bring your item in at a later date, please reach out to Gretchen

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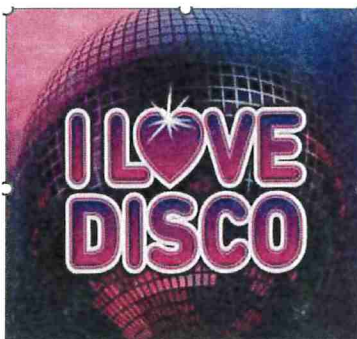
*Please note we have had multiple air fryers, a toaster oven, a luggage set & a Roomba style vacuum donated already so won't be accepting any additional ones. Also, remember any clothing donated must be exchangeable for the buyer's needed size.*

## Open Auction Volunteer Positions Highlight:

**Auction Bank:** We have a bank/finance lead! Thank you, Hien Nguyen! We still need a few more people to work in the auction bank during the auction. You will be inputting the auction evening sales into the auction system during the auction.

**Games & Raffles:** We need volunteers to sell auction raffle tickets (tuition raffle & best of live raffle) up until the Live Auction portion of the auction evening begins.

You can sign up for these roles and others at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445ADA62EA7FC1-peace>



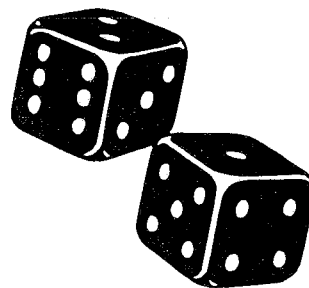
Congratulations to Catherine Banning for winning the sponsorship drawing.



She will receive two bottles of wine as her prize.

**The HFS High Hopes Auction is March 16, 2024, at Farm 12 in Puyallup. Your Emcee for the evening will be Mr. Jon Jahns and your Auctioneer will be Mr. Mike Graham. Tickets will go on sale in early 2024.**

# PARENT CLUB SOCIAL EVENT!



## HFS BUNCO LADIES NIGHT

We are hosting another round of the dice game BUNCO for the Holy Family ladies, you won't want to miss it!

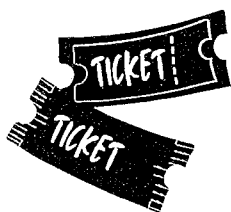
**Please feel free to invite your friends & family to join us (ladies only please)!**

Here's the info:

- **Date:** Saturday, 11/18/23
- **Time:** 6-9 PM
- **Location:** Holy Family Parish Hall
- **Cost:** \$10 cash donation at the door
- **Bring:** cash for raffle items & entry



Please note, this event is for us ladies only, so **please leave your kids at home.** Wine, water & snacks will be served!



### WANT TO HELP? QUESTIONS?

Contact Lisette Kelly  
lisettekelly@gmail.com  
206-380-9085

# SCRIP NEWS



## 47 days until Christmas!

Plan ahead, order early to make sure you get the gift cards you want for your Christmas shopping and gift giving.

Number of weeks left  
to meet your profit  
dollar commitment:

**25 ½**

**SCRIP Store Hours This Week: CLOSED Friday 11/10 – NO SCHOOL  
OPEN Thursday 11/9 from 8:00-9:30**

**Q:** Should I continue purchasing gift cards after I've met my commitment?

**A:** It's up to you, but ...

Fundraising with Scrip can be at no cost to you, earning more than your \$275 commitment doesn't cost anything, greatly benefits our school, and can benefit you.

**Q:** What if I do earn more than \$275 profit dollars through Scrip?

**A:** You can designate up to 50% of your overages to be applied to next year's tuition, either here or at a Catholic High School, so why not fundraise to help reduce your tuition payment next year?

**Q:** How do I designate my overages to go to my tuition?

**A:** Fill out and sign the **Scrip Contract** from your Weds. envelope and return it to the school. If you do not return the signed contract, your overages will be donated to the school.

**Please consider** continuing to support the Scrip Program even if you've already met your goal.

### Did you know about these eCards?:

**Instacart** earns 5%

**DoorDash** eCard only from \$15-\$200 earns 3%

**AirBnB** eCard only from \$30-\$500 earns 5%

# There Will Be **NO Scrip** Program Next School Year... Without **YOU**

**Vision:** Continue Scrip as a large and valuable component of HFS fundraising.

**Mission:** Grow our Scrip Team to enhance continuity and ensure the Scrip Program thrives in the coming years.

**Benefits:** Be part of a **TEAM**

*Work with FRIENDS*

**EARN** your volunteer hours

*HELP families meet their fundraising obligation*

Help **RAISE** money to benefit your school

## Make A Difference



### Opportunities to Get Involved:

Are you a people person that has a couple hours a week?

#### AT SCHOOL

Sell scrip and make reports & deposit (1-3 hours Friday mornings)

Sell scrip between Masses (2-3 hours Sunday mornings)

Sell scrip during afternoon carpool (45 minutes)

Pick-up product from local vendors (occasionally)

Do you prefer behind the scenes and admin work?

Fill Wednesday envelopes (~2 hours Thursday mornings)

Help inventory stock (1 hour a week)

Are you analytic, techy, creative or a good communicator?

#### AT HOME

Run reports, record statistics, update Scrip website  
Make weekly Scrip Newsletter, update bulletin board in breezeway

## Volunteer\* Now to Grow the Scrip Team for Next Year

\*to volunteer at the school, you must have completed VIRTUS training

To make a difference, contact Lisa Leskovar: [lisaaleskovar@gmail.com](mailto:lisaaleskovar@gmail.com) 253-951-9424

## 2023– 2024 Holy Family School SCRIP Program And Rebate Program

1. SCRIP is a noun referring to a form of payment issued by an organization and used to redeem credit. SCRIP simply refers to gift cards purchased from Holy Family School that can be used at various retail stores.
2. How it works:
  - ⇒ Holy Family purchases gift cards at various discounted prices determined by the retailer. These cards are then sold at face value.
  - ⇒ The difference between the amount the school paid and the amount we sell it for becomes funds raised for the school! The profit will be referred to as your “rebate earned”.
    - For example, if you purchase a restaurant card for \$25, and the rebate from the vendor is 10%, then the SCRIP program just earned \$2.50 towards your “SCRIP profit dollars.”
3. Every families’ SCRIP contract obligation for the **2023-2024** School Year is to earn **\$275** profit dollars. The last day to purchase scrip for this school year is Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
4. Holy Family sells a wide variety of gift cards: gas, groceries, department stores, retail stores, restaurants, movies, etc.
5. SCRIP is available in-person Friday mornings before school, and on Sundays after Masses. Families may also fill out a SCRIP Order Form and send it (with payment) to the school office. Their order will be filled and available for pick up at the school office or will be sent home with your student.
6. SCRIP is also available online from the RaiseRight app or [RaiseRight website](#). Please contact Lisa Leskovar for more information.
7. Holy Family makes no representations or warranties of any kind with respect to the SCRIP you purchase. We neither endorse nor promote the SCRIP retailers. SCRIP is generally not returnable or refundable; returns/exchanges are permitted on a case by case basis.
8. Purchasers of SCRIP agree to indemnify Holy Family against any loss incurred in connection with there being insufficient funds in your account to cover the checks or ACH transfers you issues to pay your SCRIP. Any fees incurred for insufficient funds will be charged to you.
  - ⇒ We enforce a two-strike rule. After two instances of insufficient funds from your account, you will no longer be able to participate in the Holy Family School SCRIP Program unless cash is presented at the time an order is placed.
9. We are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen SCRIP. We do not track individual gift card serial numbers. SCRIP is to be treated like cash.
10. This agreement continues until replaced by another or is terminated by either party upon notice to the other.
11. When purchasing gift cards online using the RaiseRight App, there will be a \$0.15 charge added during each checkout for ACH transactions or 2.6% for credit card transactions. These fees are collected by RaiseRight and not Holy Family School.

## Rebate Program (50/50)

**Families who earn ABOVE the required \$275 SCRIP profit dollars can designate funds towards their next year's tuition. Here is how it works:**

Once a family has earned their required \$275 profit dollars, the Holy Family School SCRIP program will retain 50% of the family's future rebates received from your SCRIP purchases. The other 50% of the profit dollars rebates may be allocated by you for one of the following choices:

1. Tuition credit will be applied towards your or another family's next year's tuition.
2. A charitable contribution to Holy Family School.
3. A family whose last child is a graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grader and who is attending a Catholic high school may forward any SCRIP profits to Catholic high school your student has selected to attend. These profits will be sent as scholarship funds in your child's name. For the profits to be sent, a letter of designation to the selected Catholic high school must be sent to Holy Family School by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. A family whose last child is a graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grader and is not attending a Catholic high school, or a family is not returning to Holy Family School, may donate any SCRIP rebates back to Holy Family School or can designate funds to a current Holy Family School family to help with their tuition costs.

NOTE: SCRIP rebates from community members who participate in the SCRIP program but do not have children enrolled at Holy Family School, can be designated to a current school family or to the general SCRIP fund.

With respect to charitable contributions, we will provide you with all required acknowledgements under Sections 170(f)(8) and 170(f)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Funds designated under the guidelines of **a, b, c, or d** apply as long as all other financial obligations are met at the end of the current school year. Otherwise, the funds will go towards the school debt.



**2023– 2024 HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL – GIFT CARD (SCRIP) PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

Holy Family School (referred to herein as “we,” “us” and “our”) sponsors a Gift Card (SCRIP) program which allows you to purchase gift cards (SCRIP). The gift cards (SCRIP) you purchase through our program generate rebates from the participating retailers. Once the required rebate commitment of \$275 has been met, 50% of the rebates after the required amount can be used as a credit to your tuition account and/or a donation to the school. The parties agree as follows:

1. As the sponsor of this Gift Card (SCRIP) fundraising program, we will retain 50% of the rebates received from your SCRIP purchases. (NOT deductible by you).
2. We agree to apply the balance of your rebates as designated below (**please check one box**):
  - As a charitable contribution to the school (potentially deductible by you)
  - As a tuition credit towards a Holy Family School family account, or Catholic High School (NOT deductible by you)

Family Name (if different than yours) \_\_\_\_\_

Our SCRIP program distributes the rebates one time a year at the end of May.

If the family account has a balance owed to Holy Family School, the balance of your rebates will satisfy the monies owed first, and any remaining balance will be distributed as you have indicated above.

**To minimize administrative paperwork for very little total yearly rebate distribution, please consider selecting one of the following options:**

If at the time of distribution, your family balance to be distributed is an amount less than the box marked below, please disregard my prior selection above and default to charitable donation. (Please check one box):

\$5 \$10 \$25  \$50 No thank you, please follow the selection designated above for the total remaining balance.

With respect to your charitable contributions, we will provide you with all required acknowledgements under sections 170(f)(8) and 170(f)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code.

You agree to indemnify us against any loss incurred in connection with there being insufficient funds in your account to cover the checks or ACH transfers you issue to pay for your SCRIP. We make no representations or warranties of any kind with respect to the SCRIP. This agreement continues unless replaced by another, and can be terminated by either of us upon 60 days advance notice to the other.

Please sign and date below to indicate your acknowledgement of this agreement.

Purchaser’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (include last name(s) if different than yours)

# Holy Family-Auburn Calendar of Events

**November 2023 (Draft #3 - 09/28/23)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p><b>1</b> All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM School Mass 6:30 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass – Combined Communities No Class - Prek-5<sup>th</sup> Grade RE</p>	<p><b>2</b> All Souls' Day 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Vietnamese Mass 6:00 – 8:00 PM RCIA/Adult Formation</p>	<p><b>3</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass (Anointing of the Sick)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Collections–Maintenance &amp; Christmas Flowers) (All Souls celebrated with candles)</p>
<p><b>5</b> 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Rosary ½ hour before Masses) 8:30 &amp; 11:00AM/4:00PM Masses (2<sup>nd</sup> Collections–Maintenance and Christmas Flowers) (All Souls celebrated with candles) Daylight Saving Ends - Fall Back 5:30-6:30PM Confirmation Information Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:30-8:00 PM H.S. Youth Life</p>	<p><b>7</b> Election Day 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 – 8:00 PM M.S. Youth Life</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 – 7:45 PM Prek-5<sup>th</sup> Grade RE</p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM School Mass 6:00 – 8:00 PM RCIA/Adult Formation</p>	<p><b>10</b> Veterans' Day (Observed) 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Church Office and School Closed</p>	<p><b>11</b> 3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass (Blessing of Veterans)</p>
<p><b>12</b> 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Rosary ½ hour before Masses) 8:30 &amp; 11:00 AM/4:00 PM Masses (Blessing of Veterans)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30-8:00 PM H.S. Youth Life</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 – 8:00 PM M.S. Youth Life</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Thanksgiving Mass/6:30 – 7:45 PM Prek-5<sup>th</sup> Grade RE</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:05AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 – 8:00 PM RCIA/Adult Formation 6:30 PM HFS Band Concert</p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass</p>	<p><b>18</b> 3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass (Stewardship–Treasure Commit.)</p>
<p><b>19</b> 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Rosary ½ hour before Masses) 8:30 &amp; 11:00AM/4:00 PM Masses (Stewardship–Treasure Commit.)</p>	<p><b>20</b> No H.S. Youth Life</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass No M.S. Youth Life No School</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass No Prek-5<sup>th</sup> Grade RE No School Food Bank Giveaway</p>	<p><b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30AM English Mass 10:00AM Vietnamese Mass Church Office/School Closed No RCIA/Adult Formation</p>	<p><b>24</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass Church Office and School Closed</p>	<p><b>25</b> 3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass</p>
<p><b>26</b> Feast of Christ the King (Rosary ½ hour before Masses) 8:30 &amp; 11:00AM/4:00 PM Masses (Procession before 11AM Mass) (Fr. Roy's Birthday: Cake reception; cards are welcome.)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 34<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time 6:30-8:00 PM H.S. Youth Life (Holiday Food/ Essentials Dr.)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 – 8:00 PM M.S. Youth Life (Holiday Food/Essentials Dr.)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 8:05 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 6:30 – 7:45 PM Prek-5<sup>th</sup> Grade RE</p>	<p><b>30</b> 8:05AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Penance Service 6:00 – 8:00 PM RCIA/Adult Formation</p>		