



*Holy Family School, as part of Holy Family Parish community,
educates and inspires students to grow in faith,
to demonstrate academic excellence, and to model Christian citizenship.*

Bulletin #10

October 31, 2018

Dear Parents,

October Bible Verse

**"Sing to him a new song; skillfully play with joyful chant."
Psalm 33:3**

Giving thanks for our blessings is my November goal. November is such a wonderful month even though we are experiencing colder weather and less hours of daylight. We start the month with a Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day. Our Catholic faith celebrates the lives of our Saints, our role models of how an individual's holy life and kind deeds can make a huge difference in the world. Next we take pause to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and be thankful for all our blessings. Lastly we end our church's liturgical year as we prepare for Advent. There is so much to celebrate and prepare for in our faith during November.

I am personally thankful for HFS, dedicated teachers and staff, supportive families, and wonderful students. The little joys fills my heart; such as witnessing students interactions and sharing with their classmates, how they comfort care for each other, and infectious smiles.

A gentle reminder, school starts at 8:20am sharp. This means your child needs to be in their grade level line at this time. If you focus on making sure your child/children are walking into the Parish Hall by 8:15am, then they have time to spare. I know this is a new start time and it takes some time to adjust to the change. Remember, with the cold and wet weather more parents may be choosing to use the drive through drop off, so allow time for a longer line. Please consider adjusting your departure time if your family is having difficulty getting to school on time.

A parent's goals for parent/teacher conference: Conferences are November 19 and 20. Here is some helpful information for parents. Tell your child that you and the teacher are meeting to help her/or him.

Be on time (or early) for the meeting. End the meeting on time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours. Relax and be yourself. Stay calm during the conference. Ask the most important questions first. Make a list of topics that you want to talk about with the teacher. Prepare a list of questions such as:

1. What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
2. Does my child hand homework in on time?
3. Does my child participate in class?
4. Does my child seem happy at school?
5. What can I do at home to help?

After the conference talk about the conference with your child. Talk about the positive points, and be direct about problems. Tell your child about any plans you and the teacher created. Keep in touch with the teacher during the school year. Ask your child's teacher for ways that you can help your child at home.

May God bless you and your family, Michele Corey Principal Holy Family School

ALL SAINT'S DAY MASS

Mr. Christiansen and the 4th grade are busy preparing to present their Saints at Mass on Thursday, November 1st at 8:30 a.m. Please join us for All Saints Day Mass!

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS PROJECT

During the weeks before Thanksgiving and leading up to Christmas, we will take part in a special outreach program in our community, collecting food and hygiene items for the needy. We plan to have a theme each week for our food drive. The drive will begin next week with "Boxed Items" such as CEREALS, PASTA, BEANS, RICE, ETC. Please make sure food items are not past the expiration dates. Without our help St. Vincent de Paul would not be able to service the needy families in our community. A special service project calendar is enclosed in your envelope today, so you can plan for each weekly theme.

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Do you know a Coast Guard Veteran? Please invite anyone you know who serves, or has served in the Coast Guard, or Coast Guard reserves to please attend the school prayer service/assembly Friday, November 9th at 2:00pm in the church. We would love to have a student introduce someone from the Coast Guard and allow the person to say a few words about their service.

ALL Veterans from EVERY branch of the service are encouraged to attend and be introduced by students at the November 9th program. The ceremony is moving and means so much for the children to recognize the sacrifice and service of our veterans each year.

ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE FULCRUM GRANT

The Archdiocesan Fulcrum tuition assistance grant application forms were available as of October 1st. I encourage you to apply for this important "scholarship". The funds for this tuition assistance grant come from extensive fundraising done at the Archdiocesan level and are awarded based on financial need. Traditionally if your family makes less than \$35,000.00 per year you may qualify for this scholarship. Applications may be filled out at www.Fulcrumfoundation.org and there is a non refundable **\$29.00 application fee** this school year. **THE APPLICATION IS DUE THIS YEAR BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018**

JUST A REMINDER

Conferences will be held Monday, Nov. 19th after school and Tuesday, Nov. 20th all during the day and into the evening. There will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, Nov. 21st for conference evaluation. There will be no school on Thursday, Nov. 22nd and Friday, Nov. 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please remember there is no extended care for students waiting for parents during conference times. Regularly scheduled Extended Care will be available for students who are already signed up on Monday, November 19th.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, November 1st – All Saints Day Mass – 4th grade in charge
Friday, November 2nd – Free Dress bring a can of food
Sunday, November 4th – Reconciliation Parent meeting – 2nd grade
Thursday, November 8th – All School Mass – 7th grade in charge
Friday, November 9th – Veteran’s Day Celebration – 2nd grade in charge
Monday, November 12th – Veteran’s Day Holiday – No School
Tuesday, November 13th – Band Concert
Thursday, November 15th – Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Monday, November 19th Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, November 20th Parent/Teacher Conferences/No School
Wednesday, November 21st – Conference Evaluation Day/No School
Thursday, November 22nd – Thanksgiving Day – No School
Friday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
Monday, November 26th – Auction Items Due
Friday, November 30th Picture Retake Day

ENCLOSURES

November Calendar
Outreach Calendar
Auction flyer
SCRIP Order form

SEXUAL OFFENDER BULLETIN

From time to time the Auburn Police Department sends bulletins to the school to notify us concerning “sexual offenders” who are currently residing in the Auburn community. When the school receives a bulletin from the Auburn Police Department, I give the information to all the teachers and staff. I also put a notice like this one in the Wednesday Letter. If you would like to read the bulletin you may come to the school office and review the bulletin or you may view the copy of these in Extended Care.
One such bulletin was received this week.