

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
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*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 #15

December 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

ADVENT WREATH TRADITIONS AND MEANING - DARKNESS AND LIGHT

The 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9, symbolizes Love (Faith) with the “Bethlehem Candle” reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. **SHAPE:** The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God’s complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Our first accreditation team visit will be next Thursday, December 13. Their task is training for their 3 day visit January 14, 15, and 16. They will have a training, visit the school, and divide up their tasks for preparing for their final visit. The Archdiocese of Seattle requires all Catholic schools to be Accredited by the WCEA. *The mission of WCEA is to promote quality Catholic education for students in our member elementary and secondary schools through an accrediting process that assures the primacy of faith formation and educational* <https://www.wcea.org>

In January on the 15th we will have an All School Mass and any parent, relative, or parishioner may attend. More information will be coming regarding their visit.

Upcoming events:

- **Come join us on Thursday, December 6**, Holy Family School mass, 8:30am, Feast of the Immaculate Conception mass. The 8th grade is hosting the mass.
- **St. Nicholas feast day** is Thursday, December 6th. Our students honor St. Nicholas by learning about his story of showing the true meaning of giving to others. Our students hope St. Nicholas will visit them at school. Each student puts one shoe out in the school hall hoping they might receive a surprise from St. Nick.
- **Reconciliation** for grades 3, 4, & 5 at 9:30am Tuesday, and for grades 6, 7, & 8 at 9:30 Thursday. Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. This is a great time to ask forgiveness for times we hurt others and to promise to treat everyone with kindness.
- **Free dress** on Friday, December 7, bring a can of food. Lahar drill practice as well.

May God bless you and your family,

Michele Corey Principal Holy Family School

FRIDAY FREE DRESS-BRING A CAN OF FOOD

The students may have free dress on Friday, December 7th. Please assist your child in selecting appropriate attire. Please no tight fitting, torn, or ripped clothing. Low rise hip hugger type pants, cleavage or midriff exposing tops or tankini tops are **not acceptable**.

T-shirts/sweatshirts with sayings or designs, which advertise drugs, alcohol, skulls, gang symbols, or any other inappropriate subject matter or have sexual innuendos are not permitted. Do not purchase clothes for non-uniform days with messages that reinforce non-productive behavior.

We will again be **collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul** on Friday Free Dress. Please bring a can or two!!! St. Vincent de Paul is very grateful for our school's donations to help feed the needy in our local area.

SMALL TOY FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN...BRING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th, FOR THE ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE AT 2:00PM

We are looking for toys and games that are new or gently used to donate for a Migrant Children's project through St. James Cathedral. As part of the **Thursday** Advent Prayer service, we would like the children to bring an offering of a toy to bring forward to the nativity set that will be placed as part of the service. Even a \$1 store puzzle or ball would be an appropriate gift. Children can bring their toy **Thursday, December 13th**. Please leave the gift unwrapped.

Each year the members of St. James Cathedral's Youth Ministry organize a toy drive to bring Christmas to the over 400 children of migrant workers in the Skagit Valley. Each year, the need continues to grow, and this year will likely be no exception. Their goal is to provide each child who attends with two new toys, as well as a new winter coat or jacket.

This annual event relies completely on the donations of parishioners of a few of Seattle's Catholic Parishes and Holy Family School, as well as the generosity of the youth ministry members, their families and friends!

Donations of coats all sizes are appreciated, and are all put to good use! Toy donations for all ages should be new or very gently used. All toys and jackets will be distributed by the youth ministry members in the week before Christmas at the Tri-Parish Food bank, located at St. Charles Burlington, Washington.

The children of Skagit Valley are always amazingly grateful for the thoughtful donations! Please consider helping make this a Christmas to remember for this children in need.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

This week and next week we are collecting canned goods for the food bank of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul greatly relies on our school to help during the seven weeks beginning in November and ending when we leave for the Christmas Break. They have given us a specific list of what the needy in our community will need the most. Please help in any way you can! Please also make sure that canned foods are not past the expiration dates. Your support throughout this outreach project has been greatly appreciated.

ALL SCHOOL MASS – THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH

Mrs. Reitan and the 7th and 8th grades are working hard preparing for our all school mass at 8:30am on **Thursday, December 6th**. Students will need to be in full uniform. Please join us!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

All Holy Family children are invited to join the children's choir in singing during the prelude of the Christmas Eve Mass. In order to participate on Christmas Eve all interested children must attend a rehearsal on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 from 5:30pm until 6:15pm in the parish center. Children will need to arrive the night of December 24, 2018 at 4:15pm in the Smith Room to warm up, they will sing two opening songs for Mass and then be seated with their families prior to the beginning of Mass. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Lindsay Carter at lcarter@holysfamilyauburn.com.

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.**

HOLY NAMES OPEN HOUSE

Holy Names Academy is holding their Winter Open House on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. Please join them and meet teachers, students and parents! You may also register for the Scholarship/Placement Make-up Exam! If you have questions please contact the Admissions Office at (206) 720-7805 or on line at admissions@holynames-sea.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, December 6th – All School Mass – 7th and 8th grade in charge
Friday, December 7th – Free Dress bring a can of food
Wednesday December 12th - HFS Parent Club Leadership Meeting
Thursday, December 13th – Advent Prayer Service – 5th grade in charge
Thursday, December 13th Accreditation Pre Visit
Thursday, December 20th - Christmas Program
Friday, December 21st – Noon Dismissal – No after school Extended Care
Friday, December 21st – Advent Prayer Service – 4th grade in charge
Monday, December 24th through Friday January 4th - Christmas Vacation
Wednesday, January 9th – School Commission meeting
Thursday, January 10th – All School Mass – 6th grade in charge
Friday, January 11th – Free Dress Bring a can of Food
Monday, January 14th through January 16th – Accreditation Visit
Saturday, January 19th - First Reconciliation Workshop – 2nd grade
Monday, January 21st – No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Thursday, January 24th – All school mass, 7th and 8th grade in charge
Thursday, January 24th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
Saturday, January 26th through Friday, February 1st – Catholic Schools Week

ENCLOSURES

SCRIP Order Form
Christmas Program Cookie Reception flyer