

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.*

October 17, 2018

October Bible Verse

"Sing to him a new song; skillfully play with joyful chant."

Psalm 33:3

Last call! *"Parenting in the Digital Generation"* 6:30-8:00 pm, tomorrow, Thursday, October 18. This is a great opportunity to help raise awareness about the realities our children encounter on the internet. This a great opportunity to guide us in know what is safe internet usage for our children and how to help our children if needed.

Accreditation updates: The Holy Family School faculty and staff have been busy working on our accreditation process last year and the first half of this year. The process is to renew the school's accreditation under the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association), WCEA (Western Catholic Education Association), and Washington State Department of Education. WCEA is a private educational accrediting agency for Catholic elementary and secondary schools in 10 Western States and Territory of Guam.

The responsibility **of the Accreditation team to assist the school communities in the preparation of a self-study document using an approved Protocol:**

Improving Student Learning (ISL 2012) for Catholic elementary schools

Ensuring Educational Excellence (E3) for Catholic high schools.

These Protocols are criteria-based and lead the school to do a comprehensive examination of data/evidence related to the areas of:

Catholic Identity

Organization

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Support Services

Resources (Enrollment, Finance, Development)

The school faculty and staff have been busy preparing the document. Parent surveys, student surveys, and input from the School Commission, Parent Club and the parish office have been valuable in seeing our strengths and setting goals.

Once the school has reflected on its data and determined its strengths and areas of growth related to the criteria, the most important phase of the process begins: the development of a schoolwide Action Plan. This Action Plan will serve as the guide for the school as it moves forward with the school improvement process. A guiding principle of WCEA accreditation is that schools are committed to continuous school improvement focused on high achievement for all students.

Once HFS final draft is completed we will share our school goals with all families once we finalize our work. Pre visit from the accreditation team will be December 13 and the three day visit is January 12, 15, and 16.

May God bless you and your family,

Michele Corey Principal Holy Family School