

**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 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