

**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.*

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