



Week 9 Newsletter
October 25, 2023



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Memories every day!

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

This past weekend was the feast day for St. Pope John Paul II. If you are around my age, then this is the pope we grew up with. He served as pope for 27 years, beginning in 1978. In the late 1980s he had a special mission to spread peace throughout the world, instituting a Day of Prayer for World Peace in 1986 and then the annual World Youth Day three years later. He called himself “a witness to hope” and spread the Good News of Christ through his words, spoken and written, and actions.

It is important to recognize those around us that exemplify God’s love. As a child I didn’t think about it much, but I knew there was something special about St. Pope John Paul II while he served the Church. I felt similarly about St. Teresa of Calcutta. These saints lived while I lived, and showed us all how God can still deeply touch the lives of those living today.

I hope that we can continue to recognize the holy people among us in this time and to share their stories and work to be the sons and daughters of God that He planned for us to become.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events. Check out the full November calendar in envelopes today.

- Oct. 25 - Trick or Trunk - yes costumes
- Oct. 26 - School liturgy sponsored by 7th grade, 8:30AM
- Oct. 24-27 - 6th Grade Outdoor Education experience
- Oct. 31 - Halloween classroom parties - no costumes Orange, Black and Purple Clothing
- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day Mass (4th grade hosting)
- Nov. 3 - Free Dress with Food Drive

School Announcements:

Halloween

Tuesday, October 31st we will be celebrating Halloween, each class has scheduled their own activities. The theme for the day is Orange, Purple and Black. This means Orange, Purple, or Black clothing **please no hair color, face paint, or nail polish**. Please wear appropriate footwear for the school day. **Please no Halloween costumes or masks**. If you have any questions regarding what appropriate attire would be, please contact the school office.

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.

Mid-Term and Conferences - Coming Soon

Ready or not, next week will mark the first quarter of our school year. The teachers and I will be reviewing expectations around progress reports and conferences at our staff meeting today, so news about how to engage with these two upcoming items will be shared next week.

Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant

The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program for the 2024-2025 school year application window opened October 1, 2023, and closes Wednesday December 13, 2023. The website is www.fulcrumfoundation.org, scroll down and choose "Tuition Assistance Program".

ATHLETICS Update - Soccer

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our youth soccer teams' recent performances. Our young athletes have been displaying remarkable skill and sportsmanship, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

7-8 Grade Boys Soccer Team: Unstoppable!

Our 7-8 Grade boys soccer team continues to dominate the field with an impressive undefeated streak. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and they are eager to maintain their winning momentum. Be sure to catch their next match this Monday at Game Farm Park, kicking off at 6:30 PM. It promises to be a thrilling game you won't want to miss.

5-6 and 7-8 Grade Girls: Growing and Having Fun!

Our 5-6 and 7-8 Grade girls are not only improving their soccer skills but also building lasting friendships and enjoying every moment on the field. These young athletes are exemplifying the true spirit of the game and are having an incredible time while doing it.

3-4 Grade Girls Team: Undefeated and Making Waves!

The 3-4 Grade girls team has been on an impressive undefeated run, and they recently sealed their dominance with a fantastic 3-0 victory. Poppy, Kiran, and Dorothy were the stars of the day, scoring crucial goals. We also want to give a special shoutout to Chelsea, who made her debut as a goalie and successfully blocked two goals. This achievement showcases the immense talent and potential within our youth soccer program.

Questions about the HFS athletic program can be directed to Chris Csonka at athleticdirector@hfsauburn.com.



Veterans' Day

We are three weeks away from our annual Veterans' Day Celebration. Between now and then our 2nd grade and the music/band department will be preparing the grand event. I write about this now so that you can tell the beloved Veterans in your lives about our celebration in the hopes that they may be able to join us and be thanked for their service. Mark your calendars for Nov. 9th @ **2:05 PM**.

Accreditation Parent Survey - still time to share your feedback

As part of our self-study process this year we will be gathering information from all parents, students, and staff. This is done first through surveys and then through specific task groups. Our accrediting body, WCEA, has created the different surveys based on the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools (NSBECS). Visit this site for a review of the [NSBECS](#).

This survey is designed to help our school shine a light on all that we are doing well and bring to the surface the areas where we can grow. There are five sections to the parent survey, one section to tell us who you are, and then four asking 42 specific questions in reference to the standards. The final question allows for a free response.

Completing the survey in one sitting is ideal, so before you take the survey I request that you create a space and time for yourself to really pray and discern your responses considering all that you have experienced with and know of our school.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PARENT SURVEY

TWENTY-EIGHT wonderful families have completed the survey!!!!!! - **THANK YOU!** For helping us hit our first goal!

There is still time and opportunity for us to hit our super goal of 41 responses!

- ❖ When we reach 26 - the whole school will have extra recess.
- ❖ When we hit 41, we will have a free dress day and treat party!

Parent Club News

Fall Harvest Teacher Gratitude Luncheon

As the Fall season approaches, we would like to express our gratitude to the incredible staff at HFS who work tirelessly to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for our children.

On Thursday, November 9th, we invite you to join us in showing our appreciation by participating in a Fall Harvest. This wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and share our thanks.

We are seeking volunteers to contribute dishes and help set up/tear down the luncheon. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

[Holy Family School \(Auburn, Wa\): Fall Harvest Teacher Gratitude \(signupgenius.com\)](http://www.signupgenius.com)

Raffle Sale

Looking for an opportunity to sell your raffle tickets, sign up to sell after mass!

Please remember students must be supervised by an adult.

Tickets can only be sold to those 18 years of age or older and **CASH** sales.

Any questions, email Melissa Patrick memamo77@msn.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949ADAF2DA7FD0-45503006-raffle>

Trick or Trunk - 10/25

Trick or Trunk is happening TONIGHT! The gate off the parish parking lot will open at 5:00 PM for event set-up and will close when the **event begins at 6:30 PM**. If you signed up to decorate your trunk and pass out candy you are invited to arrive within this window to stage your vehicle. All other participants are encouraged to park in the lot or along the street. The gate will open again at the **end of the event, 8:00 PM**, and the lot must be empty by 8:30 for the gate to be closed and locked for the night.

There are limited power supplies outside, mostly at the west end of the parking lot near the portable. Please bring your own extension cords

Please plan to join us for this fun community raising event. Wear your costumes!

Development News

HFS Auction

Our High Hopes Auction is our annual largest fundraiser. Parents Club raises approx 70k at this auction that goes towards the 115k that Parents Club gives to the school for the current year operating budget. This year we are a smaller school but still need to raise the same amount of money, or even more.

Weekend or week trips/getaways are what always sell very well at our auction, most of the time way over the value. The natural question is "Why don't we include more of these in the auction?". The answer is that they are hard to get. Airlines & cruise ships rarely donate, and hotels unlike other businesses don't get a tax credit for donating.

This is where you come in. Do you have a second or vacation home that you would be willing to donate a weekend or even week stay? Or do you own a timeshare and could donate a week somewhere? Or perhaps you don't own these items yourself, but a good friend or family member does and you could ask them to donate? Whether you or a friend/family member donate, this would count as your auction donation.

If you are able to help us get a getaway donation for the auction, please reach out to Gretchen to let her know.

Auction Volunteer Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445ADA62EA7FC1-peace> to sign up.

Auction Item Input Link: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://www.ejoinme.org)

Enclosures/Attachments

November Calendar

Outreach Calendar

AHEARA Letter 2023

Auction flyer

Scrip News

SCRIP Order Form

Parent Club Commitment Hours Log

Scouts' Carnival flyer