



Week 12 Newsletter  
November 15, 2023



*2nd graders led an awesome Veterans Day celebration!*

# Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for our Veterans Day celebration. It was awesome to see so many beloved Veterans with us, and all the parents who also joined.

We are just a week away from our Thanksgiving holiday, and when we return from the holiday there will be some changes in our building. During the last few weeks I have been working with two staff members who are transitioning to something new.

Our lovely first grade teacher, Mrs. Brain, has recently received a medical diagnosis that will require her to take a short leave of absence. She has been staying in her role as long as possible, but it is time for her to prioritize her health and be in the care of her medical team. Her leave is planned to start on November 27th and will last into the late winter, maybe early spring. The long term position has been posted and I am currently screening and interviewing candidates. Please add Mrs. Brain to your prayer list that she will return to us in good health after her time away.

Miss Walker, our middle school ELA and 6th grade homeroom teacher, has decided that she cannot complete the year with us. She has given our students a good start to the year, and we thank her for the 12 weeks she spent with us. Her last official day was today. I have this position posted as well, and I am hoping to have a good candidate very soon.

For both positions I will rely heavily on our substitute teachers to get us over the hump between their departures and when their official replacements can begin. I will keep you informed as things progress. Your prayers and networking are greatly appreciated at this time. Contact me directly if you have any questions.

God bless you all,  
Mrs. Day

## Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events.

- Nov. 16 - School mass & Thanksgiving Prayer Service sponsored by 6th grade
- Nov. 16 - Fall Band Concert - grades 5-8, 6:30 PM in Parish Hall
- Nov. 20-21 - Parent Teacher conferences
- Nov. 21-24 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving

## School Announcements:

### Conferences

Next Monday and Tuesday are set aside for our fall parent-teacher conferences. This is a pivotal part to our partnership. Please look over the attached information page to help yourself prepare for our upcoming conferences.

Here are the links you'll need to sign up for conferences. Middle school teachers are running on a different schedule than our Pk-5, so please look carefully when selecting your times. Conference time for Pk-5 are 25 minutes per family, your conference may be shorter. Our 6-8 conferences are running 10-minute slots so parents who need to can visit all three teachers. ALL families are expected to schedule and attend a conference. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend, you must communicate that with your teacher. This time is intentionally set aside each year, conferences outside of this time frame may not be accommodated.

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1	Monday: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BA9AE2EA2F94-45825886-fall">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BA9AE2EA2F94-45825886-fall</a> Tuesday: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BA9AE2EA2F94-45829363-fall">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BA9AE2EA2F94-45829363-fall</a>
2	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAA2EA6F9CF8-46005020-parent">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAA2EA6F9CF8-46005020-parent</a>
3	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4EA4AD2CA2F94-45924091-november">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4EA4AD2CA2F94-45924091-november</a>
4	Monday: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ACA823A5FFC07-45929599-parent">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ACA823A5FFC07-45929599-parent</a> Tuesday: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ACA823A5FFC07-45930117-parent">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ACA823A5FFC07-45930117-parent</a>
5	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAAA828A3F4C25-45876218-conferences">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAAA828A3F4C25-45876218-conferences</a>
6	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AAA828A4F4CF8-46017157-2023">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AAA828A4F4CF8-46017157-2023</a>
Math/Mr. Rupp	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9AB2CA4FBC43-45852893-2023">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9AB2CA4FBC43-45852893-2023</a>
SS/Mrs. Burk	<a href="#">Conference sign up</a>

## Picture Retake Day, November 28th

If your student was absent on picture day (Mrs. Brock has a list of absent students) and you would like to order individual pictures, please order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) using the Picture Day ID: EVT262X87. If your student has already had their picture taken and you wish for your student to have retakes, please send in the whole picture packet. Retakes will not be taken without the picture packet. Thank you.

## 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. This week we are collecting Protein items such as tuna, peanut butter, canned meats, stews, spaghetti O's etc. Please make sure food items are not past the expiration dates. Next week we will be collecting Hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes comb, etc.. 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.

## 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](http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org), scroll down and choose "Tuition Assistance Program".

## ATHLETICS Update

We are excited to share some thrilling updates from our recent athletic events, showcasing the dedication and sportsmanship of our incredible students and their families.

### 1. 7-8 Grade Boys Soccer Team: A Season of Excellence

Our 7-8 grade Boys Soccer Team wrapped up their season with an exciting Parent vs Boys soccer game. The parents emerged victorious with a final score of 4-2, displaying their skills on the field. Despite the loss, our boys had an outstanding season, remaining undefeated throughout. Congratulations to all the boys for their hard work and determination, and a special shout-out to the parents for their unwavering support.



## 2. 3-4 Grade Girls Soccer Team: Undefeated Champions

The tension was palpable in the final game for our 3-4 grade Girls Soccer Team as they faced off against the only other undefeated team for their final match. The match ended in a hard-fought 0-0 tie, securing the girls' undefeated status. Their resilience and exceptional teamwork were on full display, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements this season. A heartfelt congratulations to our girls for their remarkable performance.

## 3. Girls Volleyball Team - The Thunderbirds Soar

Our Girls Volleyball Team, The Thunderbirds, showcased their skills in a thrilling double-header last Thursday. In the first match, they faced some tough competition, losing the first game 0-2. Undeterred, they rallied in the second game, securing a 2-0 victory. The Thunderbirds' tenacity and sportsmanship were evident, making us proud of their performance.

Thank you to all the athletes, parents, coaches, and supporters who made this season a success. Your dedication and enthusiasm have made Holy Family School Athletics a source of pride for our entire community.

Looking forward to continued success in our upcoming seasons!

Questions about the HFS athletic program can be directed to Chris Csonka at [athleticdirector@hfsauburn.com](mailto:athleticdirector@hfsauburn.com).



## **Parent Club News**

### **PARENT CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

Parent Club is looking for a volunteer to lead the Elf Shelf Holiday Shoppe Wednesday afternoon 11/29-Friday December 1! Volunteers also needed for set-up, cashiering, helping students select gifts and wrapping.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949ADAF2DA7FD0-45957210-elfshelf>

## 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](mailto:memamo77@msn.com).

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

## Development News

### HFS Auction

The procurement due date is almost here. Your items or the \$250 cash is due on Mon, Nov 27th. The link to input your item(s) or cash donation is: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445ADA62EA7FC1-peace) Once you have input your item(s) or cash into the system, please bring them into the school office, or direct to Gretchen.

The auction is March 16, 2024 at Farm 12 in Puyallup. We will have all the silent items back with us this year. Please be sure to reserve the date on your calendar so you can join the fun. Please also invite your family & friends as the more people we can have at our auction, the better!

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

**Auction Item Input Link:** [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445ADA62EA7FC1-peace)

## Enclosures/Attachments

Lifetouch Picture Retake flyer

Auction flyer

Elf Shelf flyer

HFS Bunco Ladies Night

Scrip News

Scrip Volunteer flyer