

Week 27 Newsletter March 15, 2023



# **Principal Message**

Greetings Holy Family,

Last Friday our staff gathered for our spring retreat, and our theme was Missionary Disciples. We looked at writings from Pope Francis that are guiding the Catholic Church, and our Archdiocese, in how we relate to Jesus and one another. As we spent this time in retreat we sat often with the message that joy is abundant in Jesus' Gospel message and that we accompany one another as Missionary Disciples as we follow His path together. The path of love, compassion, and justice all with a heart of joy. Our staff will continue to revisit what we learned that day and how it will help us grow our program and teach about our faith.

It's finally here! Our 2023 Auction is this weekend at Farm 12. The doors open at 6. What a good night we have planned. Be sure to read the flyer in your envelope today and visit the online auction. I look forward to seeing our community shine at this event.

We are halfway through our Lenten season. This week we honor our Lenten practices with reconciliation and praying the Stations of the Cross. In three weeks we will be in Holy Week preparing for the final steps of Jesus. I pray that each of you are continually encouraged to make space for Jesus through prayer, fasting, and giving during the remainder of Lent.

Admission season is open, please tell the HFS story to your friends and family to bring new people to our community. We continue to get inquiries and give tours to prospective families.

God bless you all, Mrs. Day

## **Upcoming Events**

Here are a few highlights for the next few weeks:

- Mar. 16 Walking Stations 8:30 5th grade leaders
- Mar. 16 Reconciliation Service for grades 6-8
- Mar. 16 Band Concert grades 5-8, 6:30 PM
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day Themed Free Dress, Food Drive, & Assembly
- Mar. 18 HIGH HOPES FABULOUS 50S AUCTION
- Mar. 20 Track and Field begins

## **School Announcements:**

#### **Music/Band Announcements**

There are two upcoming programs from our music department:

- March 16th Band Concert grades 5-8 (6:30 PM)
- March 24th Spring Tea (1:00 PM)

Please read the two letters below from Mr. Sharma to stay informed. Parent help is needed for both events, please let us know if you are able to help.

Props needed for our Spring Tea! Let us know if you are able to send in an item listed below for us to borrow for the show. All items will be returned afterward, so label it with your name.

- Empty spray bottles
- 4 mops
- 4 broomsticks
- some feather dusters
- A picnic basket

- food props
- a picnic blanket

#### 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

The calendar for next school year is enclosed in today's Wednesday envelope. If there are any changes to this calendar in the upcoming months, we will send out an updated version at that time. This calendar does not replace the school year calendar for this current year.

#### **ATHLETICS - Track and Field Grades 4-8**

There's still time to register for this sport. Practices begin on Monday, March 20th. You can turn in registration forms directly to Denyse Touma at Valley Christian, drop by them by our front office, or bring them with you to the first practice. If you need a new copy of the forms, email Mrs. Day or stop at the office.

#### **YEARBOOKS**

Check out the attached flyer to get the directions on how to order your yearbook. Order deadline is April 21, 2023. Don't delay, get yours ordered today!

### **Service Hours Opportunity**

During February we said goodbye to our after school Extended Care worker, Miss Alyse. We are grateful for Mr. Ethan who took on an extra day to cover part of her schedule. This does leave us with a hole in our EC coverage on Wednesdays. If you are willing and able to spend an hour each week in our EC room from 2:10-3:20 please contact Mrs. Garcia and/or Mrs. Day. Your child(ren) are welcome to join you at no cost.

### **SchoolAdmin**

The first round of contracts will be released on March 20th. You will receive an email from the SchoolAdmin portal letting you know you have checklist items to complete. Log in to your profile to access your contract and the other documents for completion.

This first year with the online system will require more tasks than years to come as we are establishing ourselves in the database. The tasks will seem repetitive as you will need to complete the set of tasks for each of your children. If you need assistance, call the office or reach out to Mrs. Day.

If you haven't completed the first step, the Intent to Return, you will not receive a contract.

#### **Photos**

Please share photos with us at <a href="mailto:photos@hfsauburn.com">photos@hfsauburn.com</a>. In your message, include your grade level and at which event the pictures were taken. We hope to include some of your submissions in our yearbook.

# **Parent Club News**

## **Parent Club Meeting Thank You**

Thank you for joining us last week for the Parent Club meeting. We will share notes from the meeting soon. It is the time of year that we discuss plans for the upcoming year. If you want to help shape and form the future of Parent Club, join us for our next meeting on April 19th.

## **Upcoming Events**

- ▶ Bingo night, unfortunately, has been canceled. Not to worry, we will bring it back next year.
- → Our annual Daddy-Daughter dance is on the calendar for April 29th A PARENT LEAD IS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT. Let Mrs. Patrick know if you are able to coordinate, or co-coordinate, this event.

- ➤ Greens sale is starting in two weeks
- >> Jog-a-thon kick-off is scheduled for April 4th and the event will be on May 18th

### **Curious About Parent Club?**

Contact Melissa Patrick, memamo77@msn.com, with your interest in the Club and your questions.

# **Development Office News**

## **Annual Campaign**

One more goal to meet - 100% participation from school families. Thank you to all who have sent in their contribution so far. Remember, this goal is about engagement, no amount is too small. I look forward to celebrating this goal that shows our Holy Family community is engaged and active in all school endeavors. If you haven't made your contribution yet, there is plenty of time. Remember, you can give through our website or through cash/check using your envelope. Let us know if you need a new envelope!

If we make our goals for this year our students will receive the following rewards:

- Reaching our funding goal of \$9,500 = school-wide treat party. GOAL MET party coming soon!
- 100% participation of all HFS families = a themed free dress day.

### **High Hopes Auction - Fabulous Fifties**

We are just 3 days away from the big event. Even if you cannot attend you can still be part of the action through online bidding/donation (https://hfsaubur2023.ggo.bid) and the tuition raffle! See the attached flyer for more information.

# **HF Parish Events**

## **HF Parish Annual East Egg Hunt**

Holy Family Parish's annual Easter egg hunt is soon approaching on Sunday, April 9th after the 11:00 am Mass and Mrs. Carter and the Children's Ministry are in need of help filling all the Easter eggs. If you would like to earn service hours (adults or middle schoolers) please join Mrs. Carter in the parish center library on Saturday, March 25th, beginning at 1:00pm.

## **Enclosures/Attachments**

2023-2024 School Year Calendar
Auction flyer
Auction HFS Tuition Raffle Order form
ASB St. Patrick's Days flyer
Spring Tea flyer
Spring Tea Letter
Band Letter
HF Easter Egg Hunt flyer
Scrip News
SCRIP Order Form
Yearbook Information
HF Parish Lenten Family Fish Fry flyer