



Week 1 Newsletter
August 31, 2022

Principal Message

Eight weeks ago I took a leap of faith and followed God's path leading me to Holy Family School, and I am so thankful for that choice! It has been an amazing experience getting to know our school and all it has to offer. This week we opened our doors for our 58th year of Catholic Education, and I am in awe of the students, parents, teachers and staff that bring our school to life. I had the privilege of visiting each classroom on our first day of school to meet all our students. It is my goal to know each one's name by the end of the week, and it was a joy to meet each boy and girl and learn a little bit about every one. We have artists, musicians, athletes, readers, gamers, and those who love spending time with family. Such a vibrant community of students and adults working and learning together within our school. From the start of our day with morning assembly to the last car leaving at the end of the day we can truly say that God is good, all the time.

Thank you for welcoming me to your community, for sharing your families with me, and for being a blessing to our school.

Peace and blessings to you,
Mrs. Day

Announcements:

Thank you and updates on projects

With the help of so many families we were able to meet deadlines and have our school beautifully ready for the start of the school year. We had families moving furniture, pulling up carpets, and assembling desks to create a new look in our 5th, 6th, and 8th grade classrooms. Several families showed up to help clean up our playground and campus to make it ready for learning and play.

***There is still more to come when the new apparatus and a load of new cedar play chips arrive later in September. We will need helpers with wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes to join us soon!

COVID

Much of the school guidance from last spring remains the same. Here are the highlights of how we are continuing our efforts to mitigate the presence of the virus within our school building.

- All school staff, teachers, administrators and school volunteers must be fully vaccinated according to statewide mandates.
- Masks remain optional and are not required at this time.

- Mask wearing may become necessary if a positive case is reported within a classroom
- Social distancing guidelines have been relaxed and we will return to standard seating in classrooms.
- All windows will stay open and air filters will remain in all classrooms.
- Students will wash/sanitize hands when entering the building, after recess and before eating.
- Drinking fountains can be used but please send your student to school with a water bottle.

As always, if your child is sick, keep them home. **If you or your child become symptomatic, please contact the office and your classroom teacher right away.** We will be referencing the attached flowchart to help guide our response to a positive case of the virus.

TIME SENSITIVE - SIGN UP FOR CROSS COUNTRY **TODAY**

We have our coaches, Mrs. and Mr. Sander, ready to get our team running again. We will be registering a team for this year and need to know who will be running with us. Please email our coaches directly and give them the following information:

- Student full name
- Student grade
- Parent full name
- Parent contact information - phone and email

Coaches Zachary Sander and Elissa Sander: sander.zachary@gmail.com and mason.elissa@gmail.com

First Friday Free Dress - Bring A Can of Food

The students may have free dress on Friday, September 2nd. Please assist your child in selecting appropriate attire. We will again be collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul on First Friday Free Dress. Please bring a can or two!! St. Vincent de Paul is very grateful for our school's donations to help feed the needy in our local area.

Leadership Opportunities

We are in need of an **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR!** We have traditionally participated in fall sports of soccer and cross country, and we are missing our opportunity by not having a lead parent to coordinate and manage the program. Contact Mrs. Day as soon as possible to get us back on track!

The **Pizza Lunch Program** is also in need of a coordinator and a crew of regular helpers. We use the funds from the Pizza Lunch to fund our trips in the different grades. Plus, our kids love it! Let Mrs. Day know you are ready to get things started.

As a parent in our school you are automatically enrolled in our **Parents' Club**. It takes us all to make our school events engaging and meaningful for the children and community. Holy Family Parent Club is looking for volunteers to help **coordinate our Fall events:** Fall Fundraiser; Movie Night, Oktoberfest; and Trunk or Treat. If interested in taking the lead, or for more information, please contact Melissa Patrick at memamo77@msn.com. Be sure to mark your calendars for our first meeting of the year on Sept. 14th. There will be a class incentive for the class with the most parent participation.

Spirit Wear Store

Reminder! HFS Spirit Wear store is open!

Submit your order at <https://holyfamilyauburn.allcolorink.com/>

The store closes Sunday, September 4th. All orders will be picked up and delivered to your student. Submit questions or concerns to Christel Wilder at cjgwilder@gmail.com.

Job Posting

Attention Parents! Holy Family School is hiring a part time Extended Care Assistant. Hours are 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday, Thursday, and Friday. We are open to young adults who enjoy working with children. No experience needed. Spread the word, and if you know someone who is interested, please email Mrs. Day.

Help -- We Need Those Forms

All students must have a completed "student information" form (emergency form) to participate in recess and physical education. This form is our link to you in case your student becomes ill or is injured at school. If your form has not been returned, another copy will be enclosed in today's envelope. It must be returned tomorrow.

Gates Locked

For the safety of our students, faculty, and staff all the gates will be locked at 8:30am each morning. In order to enter the school please come to the glass doors on 17th street and ring the bell. The gates will be opened for afternoon carpool at 2:45pm then at 3:10pm all the gates will be locked. For Extended Care pick up you will need to park in the parish parking lot and come to the glass doors on 17th street and ring the bell. Thank you for your understanding!

Daily Milk

Please find enclosed in the envelope today a daily milk form. Please fill this form out and return it to the school office on or before Friday, September 2nd. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Lunch Time Helps

Please remember the Holy Family School is a peanut free zone. This means no peanut products, sandwiches, granola bars, etc. Please do not send lunch juices or other beverages in glass containers with students for lunch. Please do not send soda pop. Remember that all lunch-time garbage will be sent home except for liquids. Our continuing efforts to work together to reduce lunch-time garbage are really paying off in reduced costs for waste disposal. Thank you for your help and support!

Scrip

Scrip will be available for in-person purchase at the school on Fridays from 8-9am. The Scrip Store will begin on Friday September 2nd and will be at the East Parish Hall Doors off of the Parish Parking Lot.

Immunizations

If your student had immunizations over the summer, you will need to email the date of the immunization to Mrs. Brock in the school office. This includes 6th grade students and Kindergarten students.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Check out our calendar for September. Here are a few highlights for the next week:

- Sept. 2 - HALF DAY - no extended care and pick up is at noon
- Sept. 2 - First Friday Free Dress & food drive
- Sept. 5 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- Sept. 8 - Opening school mass
- Sept. 8 - Virtual Back-to-School Night

Attachments/Enclosures

Covid Flow Chart

September 2022 Monthly Calendar

Student Information Form

August through November Milk Form

Back to School Night flyer

Uniform Policy

Safe Environment Volunteer Information

Parent Club Commitment Log May - August

SCRIP Order Form

Holy Family Parish Picnic flyer

WA State Student Fair Tickets