



Week 3 Newsletter
September 14, 2022



Middle School and the joy of play

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

The first thing I looked for when I joined our Holy Family community were documents that would describe our culture, and I found in our family handbook the pages that describe our school's mission, philosophy and goal, and the school-wide learning expectations. Within these statements I looked for our core values and root beliefs. Some of my first reflections about core values were **Faith, Citizenship, and Responsibility**. For root beliefs I saw **"All children learn and grow"** and **"We are citizens of the world."** During our back-to-school inservice, I asked our team of teachers and staff to read through these statements with me and reflect on what they believe to be our core values and root beliefs. Their intentional thoughtfulness about who we are as a school community was inspiring. Here is what they came up with:

Core Values

Faith
Inclusive
Welcoming
Intellectual achievement
Responsibility
Knowledge of the faith

Root Beliefs

Christian Citizenship
Social Justice
All students can achieve
Potential for growth
Creating leaders
Community

Academic excellence
Familial interaction
Nurturing environment
Set and achieve goals
Compassion

Service
Recognize diverse gifts and talents
Grow, demonstrate, model
Moral and caring people who care for self and others

My plan is to revisit this list later this fall to identify a central list to create and share a Culture Framework with our wider community. I am also interested in what you think are our core values and root beliefs as a school. When you re-read our mission statement and school expectations, what do you see at the heart of who we are as Holy Family School? We have all chosen our school for a commitment to faith and academics, and there is so much that feeds into those two aspects of us. Let's continue to remember who we are and whose we are as we continue to grow as a school and faith community.

Holy Family School Mission Statement

Holy Family Catholic School, a ministry of Holy Family Parish, is a community that educates and inspires students to grow in faith, to demonstrate academic excellence, and to model Christian citizenship.

Holy Family School Philosophy

Holy Family School develops students who grow intellectually, model Catholic teachings, and are dedicated to social justice. We encourage the growth of each student in a nurturing environment, recognizing their diverse gifts and talents. We support the parents, who have the fundamental responsibility for their children's education, as we work together to achieve goals rooted in gospel values.

Holy Family School Goal

The goal of the program is student development. We will integrate faith with life, cultivate responsible leadership, and achieve intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and aesthetic growth.

School-wide Learning Expectation

Students of Holy Family Catholic School are:

Persons of deep faith who:

- Have knowledge of Catholic beliefs and practices
- Participate in the celebration of their faith through liturgy, sacraments, and prayer
- Make Christian moral choices that reflect self-respect and diversity of others

Engaged Learners who:

- Have knowledge of basic academic subjects
- Use technology to research, produce and present a project
- Demonstrate the ability to problem solve and make independent decisions using reflective and critical thinking skills
- Participate in the liberal and fine arts

Active citizens who:

- Serve the needs of the community and the world
- Accept responsibility for their actions
- Understand and accept a diverse society and work for social justice

Mindful individuals who:

- Use their gifts and talents in service to others, fulfilling their role as disciples of Christ
- Identify individual strengths, talents, and gifts

- Show respect for God, self, and others

Peace and blessings to you,
Mrs. Day



First Cross Country Practice - GO HFS HAWKS!

Announcements:

MAP Testing

Our first groups of test takers began their fall assessments yesterday. We will be testing using the schedule below. Please do your best to ensure attendance on our testing days. Additionally, I suggest other at-home support like this:

- Good night's sleep before a testing day
- Hearty breakfast/snack/lunch on testing day
- Encouragement with a growth mindset ("it might be hard, but you can do hard things" is one of my favorites)
- Check-in with your child after school to see how they felt after the test

I look forward to sharing our successes with you at next month's Parent Club meeting and during fall conferences. Please direct any questions about MAP testing to Mrs. Day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of 9/12	Chromebook readiness checks	8:40-9:45 4th & 5th Reading	4-8 Makeups in the library	8:40-9:45 4th & 5th Math	4-8 Makeups in the library
	Class convo prep for testing	9:30-11:25 7th Reading /8th Math 12:20-2:05 6th Math	10:55-11:35 - 1st grade Reading	9:30-11:25 - 7th Math /8th Reading	10:15-10:55 - 2nd Reading

			1:15-1:55 - 3rd Reading	1:15-2:55 - 6th Reading	
Week of 9/19	Potential make-ups	8:40-9:45 4th & 5th Language 9:20 - 7th Language Language Language 10:15 - 8th 1:15 - 6th	4-8 Makeups in the library 10:55-11:35 - 1st Math 1:15-1:55 - 3rd Math	Any Make-ups in the library	10:15-10:55 - 2nd Math
Week of 9/26	Potential make-ups		1:15-1:55 - 3rd Language	Make-ups	10:15-10:55 - 2nd Language
Week of 10/3		Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups	

Parent Club

Our monthly meetings this year will be **HYBRID** on the 2nd Wednesday. Please mark your calendars for these regularly occurring meetings. If you are choosing to join us in person we are unable to offer childcare at this time, but we could consider it with the help of a couple parents and middle school students.

Our first meeting of the year is **TONIGHT** at 6:30 in the school library or over zoom.

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87394315345?pwd=NURLSFNqUDEvQWJqVnpvd3I1TkRWQT09>)

Some of our topics will include: filling open positions, upcoming community events, fundraising, and SCRIP. See you tonight!

Drop-off & Pick-up Protocols

I am thankful for all families who are utilizing our morning and afternoon drop off/pick up lane. While I am impressed with how smoothly the lane moves, here are a couple reminders for us all:

- Pull as far forward as possible, with the front of the line being the brick pillar at the covered area
- Stay in the line and move when the vehicle in front of you moves
- Students are to enter/exit their vehicle on the passenger side only
- If your child needs help buckling, pull into the parish parking lot to finish securing their seat
- Parents are asked to remain in the vehicle

First Carpool Spot

Congratulations to the Leier Family for being the winning bidder for this special spot at last year's Auction. They will be driving past everyone to pull directly into their parking spot at the front of the line. Don't forget your family or carpool can bid on this parking spot in our upcoming Auction on Saturday, March 4th.

Direction Information

We are working on the 2022-2023 Parent Directory. If you do not wish for your name, address, email and telephone number to be published you must let us know in writing by Monday, September 19th.

We Need You

We are looking for 15 families who would be willing to be emergency phone tree callers. If you are interested, please return the enclosed flyer to the school office by Monday, September 19th.

Pizza Lunch

We have found a coordinator for this program and hope to have it up and running by the end of the month. Order forms will be shared soon! If you are interested in joining the service team please contact Christel Wilder (cjgwilder@gmail.com).

School Volunteer Agreement

The Archdiocese of Seattle is requiring ALL adult volunteers to complete the attached form to remain eligible to work within our schools. Even if you completed a form last year, we are asked to collect this new form at this time. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter, and for your dedication to our school and parish.

Room Parents

The Parent Club is still in need of Room parents for the following grades. Grade 1 - 2 needed, Grade 3 - 1 needed, Grade 4 - 2 needed, Grade 5 - 1 needed, Grade 6 - 1 needed, Grade 7 - 1 needed.

Vision And Hearing Screening

On Monday, October 10th, we will be conducting vision and hearing screenings in grades Kindergarten, first, second, third, fifth, seventh and students new to our school. Volunteers are needed to help with this process. If you are able to help, please call Mrs. Gina Foster at 206-484-1863.

Service Opportunity

Do you love the outdoors? Do you love interacting with children while they play? Do you have an hour of time in the middle of the day to be at school? Then we need YOU! Come help supervise lunchtime recess with us. The recess hour begins at 11:45 and ends at 12:35 each day. We would love 1-2 more adults to be present during this time of the day. Let Mrs. Day know if you are able to come and be present at the best time of the day!

EXTENDED CARE HELP NEED ON SEPT. 22-23 FROM 3-5. Mrs. Day has been filling in as the Extended Care assistant since school started. She is out of the building for a principal retreat next week, so we need help after school. Please reach out to Mrs. Day and/or Mrs. Garcia if you are able to fill in on these days. Your children can join you that day at no charge!

Leadership Opportunities

We are in need of an **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR!** This role coordinates with our Archdiocesan and local agencies to provide team sport opportunities for our students. We need a parent, or two, who will take on this role and keep our kids active and engaged. Contact Mrs. Day as soon as possible to get the ball rolling!

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.

Upcoming Events

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

- Sept. 12 - MAP assessment window begins
- Sept. 14 - Parent Club Meeting 6:30 PM (doors open at 6:15)
- Sept. 19 - 7th/8th Space Camp Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 PM
- Sept. 20 - Volunteer Safe Environment Training
- Sept. 22 - School Mass with 7th grade leaders

Enclosures

School Volunteer Agreement
Room Parents Flyer
Auction Flyer
Emergency Phone Tree Callers
SCRIP Form

**Peace,
Mrs. Day**

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"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them." ~ St. Therese of Lisieux

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