



Week 4 Newsletter
September 20, 2023



7th graders after leading their first mass of the year

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

SUCCESS!!!! This week we welcomed our alum, Connor Burk, as our Extended Care Coordinator. Connor spent time as a HFS student making memories in the extended care program and is happy to help our students this year have a memorable experience in the program. He and I are working together this week and he will take over next week. If you have any questions for him or need to communicate about extended care needs, his email is extendedcare@hfsauburn.com. You can also reach the extended care room directly by calling our main school phone number and dialing extension 217. Please extend a warm welcome to Connor when you see him.

In the announcements below you will see information for the Accreditation Parent Survey and our upcoming Partners in the Gospel listening sessions. Reach out if you have questions about either of these items.

Thank you for a great first month of school.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events..

- Sept 21 - School Mass sponsored by 6th grade, 8:30AM
- Sept 19-23 - Fall MAP testing continues (see more info below)
- Sept 22 - Parent Club Movie Night!
- Sept 30-10/1 - All Youth Celebration - Blessing of youth at all masses
- Sept 30-10/1 - Holy Family Parish listening sessions for Partners in the Gospel (see info below)



School Announcements:

MAP Testing

Three times a year our students will participate in the Measures of Academic Progress testing. These adaptive tests track student academic growth over time. The testing window for the fall runs from September 11th

through October 6th. Our students complete the bulk of their tests during the first two weeks of the testing window (see schedule below). Fall testing is for students in grades 1-8. Our first graders will engage with the math and reading assessments while our students in grades 2-8 will engage in the math, reading, and language assessments. Student reports will be shared in late October after the window is closed.

Holy Family School has done well on these assessments in the past, and I believe we will have a good showing this fall. That begins with all of you! Here's some ways you can help set your child up for success during our testing window:

1. Help them achieve a good night's rest the day prior (that would be tonight!)
2. Start their day with a hearty breakfast
3. Do what you can to help mitigate their anxiety
4. Provide good "fuel" food for snack and lunch time - their brains before and after testing will be hungry!
5. Make sure your child has their water bottle
6. Encourage your child to do their best, take their time, and to not worry!
7. When the day is done, congratulate your child for accomplishing great things =)

Thank you for all your support of this endeavor and of your amazing child(ren).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of 9/18	Potential make-ups	8:30 - 4th, 6th, 8th Math 9:25 - 7th Math 10:30 - 5th Math	Makeups in the library	9:20 4th, 6th, 8th Language 10:30 5th & 7th Language 12:40 - 2nd Math 1:20 - 3rd Math	1:20 - 1st Math
Week of 9/25	Makeups in the library	Makeups in the library	Makeups in the library	12:40 - 2nd Language 1:20 - 3rd Language	
Week of 10/2	Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups		

October 1st 11:00 Mass - Student Help Needed

The parish is having a Celebration of Youth on the weekend of 9/30-10/1 and they are requesting some school children help with liturgy. HFS has been asked to read the prayer of intention during the 11:00 AM mass on October 1st. If you would like your child included in this special occasion please reach out to me directly (tday@hfsauburn.com). Thank you for your presence to our parish family!

Accreditation Parent Survey

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

Partners in the Gospel Listening Sessions

All parishes will be announcing their assigned parish family at masses this coming weekend. Each parish then has three weeks to host listening sessions to gather feedback from the parish community. Holy Family Parish will be hosting meetings on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st after all masses.

- Sept. 30 after evening mass - 6:00 PM
- Oct. 1 after morning mass - 9:30 AM
- Oct. 1 after late morning mass - 12:00 PM

I will be hosting school community listening sessions in the evening on both Oct. 2nd and October 5th.

- Oct. 2nd - 6:00 PM virtual meeting [ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)
- Oct. 5th - 6:00 PM in person in the school library

The listening sessions are based on the synodal model of prayer, share, respond. Join us in these sessions to share your thoughts and feelings about the upcoming change to our parish and archdiocese.

For more information about Partners in the Gospel please visit the following resources:

- [Introduction Video](#)
- [Current Reality Video](#)
- [Archbishop Etienne's Pastoral Letter](#)
- [NEW Q&A](#)

Development News

HFS Auction

Auction Volunteering: Still lots of opportunities to sign up for auction volunteer roles. This can be done at: [HFS: All Families: Peace, Love & HFS Auction \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Auction Sponsorships: If you have a business and would like to sponsor our auction, please reach out to Gretchen to get a sponsorship form outlining the various packages available.

Auction items: Please note we have had air fryers donated already. We will not be accepting anymore air fryers.

You can enter you donated items here: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](#)

Enclosures/Attachments

Auction flyer

HFS PC Movie Night

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SCRIP Order Form

