

Only 1 week until

Trick or Trunk

Wednesday October 25th from
6:30pm-8:00pm



Decorated Vehicles needed!

We need volunteers to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy during the event. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA8AA23A4F94-45103264-holy>

Candy needed!

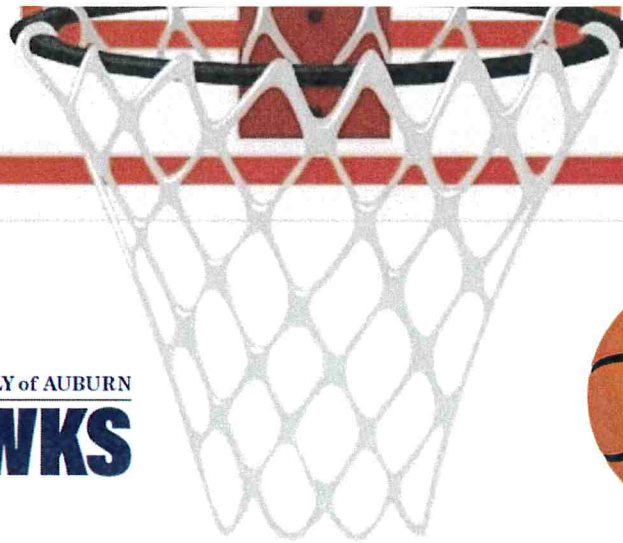
We will be collecting bags of candy to be distributed until 12 noon on Wednesday, October 25th. Please drop off your candy donations to Mrs. Brock in the school office.

Your participation is greatly appreciated to make this event a success. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Flynn-Raab at 206-786-0105.





HOLY FAMILY of AUBURN
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Winter Basketball League Announcement

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Get ready to slam dunk into the winter season with our exciting Winter Basketball League! We are thrilled to offer this incredible opportunity for your children to embrace teamwork, build skills, and have a blast on the court.

League Information:

- **Who Can Join:** Open to everyone, whether you're a YMCA member or a community member.
- **Age Groups:** Four age groups available:
 - Rookies (Grades 1-2) (co-ed)
 - Juniors (Grades 3-4)
 - Juniors (Grades 5-6)
 - Legends (Grades 7-9)
- **Practice Schedule:** Choose a practice day and time that suits your schedule during registration.
- **Game Days:** Saturday games, with some hosted at other YMCA locations as we compete with neighboring YMCA teams.

Important Dates:

- **Registration:** Open now until November 15th.
- **Practices:** Begin the week of December 4th.
- **Games:** Start the weekend of January 6th.
- **Season End:** Concludes the weekend of February 24th.
- **Holiday Break:** Optional practices the week of December 18th, no practice during the week of December 25th.

Registration:

- **Cost:** YMCA members: \$115. Community members: \$173.
- **How to Register:** Online or in-person at Auburn Valley YMCA. Registration closes on November 15th!

70's PEACE, LOVE & HFS

Newsletter – Oct 18, 2023

Auction Volunteers: Below are the lead positions still open.

Pre and/or post auction leads:

- Tear Down/Clean-up
- Material Handling
- Live Auction Set-up

During auction leads:

- Runners
- Spotters
- Recorders

To sign up as one of these lead positions or to join a team as a member, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050445ADA62EA7FC1-peace>



Auction Donations: You don't have to purchase items for your auction donation. Rather approach businesses you already spend money and ask them if they would be willing to donate. You can do this while you are eating out, having your hair or nails done, purchasing items at a store, etc. If you are willing to go into a store and make a request to the manager, reach out to Gretchen as she has a couple stores that typically will donate if you just do this. The items donated will count as your family auction donation.



Do you have a connection for a house or hotel stay in **San Francisco** that would be willing to donate 2 nights or more? If so, please let Gretchen know. If your connection is willing to donate a stay, this will count as your auction donation.

Auction items are due **November 27th 2023**. Here is the link to enter yours: [Auction Donations \(ejoinme.org\)](https://www.ejoinme.org) *Please note we have had multiple air fryers, a toaster oven, & a Roomba style vacuum donated already so won't be accepting any additional ones.*

Auction Sponsorships: Want to have your family name or business name announced at the auction for everyone to hear and/or have a banner on the HFS campus? Auction sponsorships are available. Reach out to Gretchen for more information.



CIRCLE OF GRACE
Safe Environment Curriculum
Grade K through Grade 8

Dear Parent,

Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, we have a curriculum for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by the Seattle Archdiocese.

Dioceses/eparchies are to maintain "safe environment" programs which the diocesan/eparchial bishop deems to be in accord with Catholic moral principles. They are to be conducted cooperatively with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for minors, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to sustain and foster a safe environment for minors. Dioceses/eparchies are to make clear to clergy and members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons with regard to their conduct with minors.

Article 12 - Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

This curriculum is called *Circle of Grace*. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into the excellent programs and curricula for the formation of children and young people in our schools and religious education programs. *Circle of Grace* aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This curriculum helps children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

What is a Circle of Grace?

The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created "male and female in God's image" and that God saw this as "very good." In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God.

Adults assist children and young people to recognize God's love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a *Circle of Grace*. You can imagine your own *Circle of Grace* by putting your arms above your head then circle down in front of your body including side to side. This circle, front to back, holds who you are in your body and through your senses. It holds your very essence in mind, heart, soul, and sexuality.

Why is it important to help our children understand the Circle of Grace?

God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children and young people understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them to protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others.

Adults, especially parents, as they strive to provide a safe and protective environment, hold the responsibility to help children and young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children and young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

How is the Circle of Grace curriculum different from other protection programs?

According to research, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused by age eighteen.² Many protection programs focus on “stranger danger”; however, up to ninety percent (90%) of the time the perpetrator of abuse is known to the child or young person such as a relative or family friend. *Circle of Grace* goes beyond just protection by helping children and young people understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults. It has a strong parent component throughout the curriculum.

Please feel free to contact your school or parish office if you have questions or want more information.

² www.usccb.org or <http://nccanch.acfhrs.gov>
2023 Circle of Grace Administrator/Director Section