



Week 5 Newsletter  
September 28, 2022



## Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

Each month we focus on one or two of our School-wide Learning expectations (SLEs) as a school and work toward showing growth in that aspect of our school life. September's SLEs were: *Have knowledge of Catholic beliefs and practices* (Learn about and celebrate our church) and *Participate in the celebration of their faith through liturgy, sacraments, and prayer* (Participate in mass and prayer).

This Friday I will be announcing our September "Students of the Month" during morning assembly. Our recipients will receive a certificate and will be part of a group picture. These students are elected by their teacher for exemplifying the SLEs. If you are interested in knowing more about our SLEs or our student of the month program, reach out. I'll send a "heads-up" message to families of our recipients in case you'd like to be present when they have their name called.

Peace and blessings to you,

Mrs. Day

## Upcoming Events

Check out our calendar for October. Here are a few highlights for the next couple weeks:

- Oct. 4 - Saint Francis Prayer Service led by 1st Grade
- Oct. 6 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (hosted by Parent Club)
- Oct. 8-9 - PK playground construction and bark spreading
- Oct. 13 - Mass of the Holy Spirit - FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

## School Announcements:

### MAP Testing

MAP testing will hopefully conclude this week! Our students have blown me away with their effort and attention during this fall testing event. We have just a few students outside of 2nd & 3rd to complete their tests, and I have confidence that we will get it done this week. For those who continue to test this week do your best to ensure attendance offer your support at home 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 9/26	Make-ups 6-8th	Make-ups 1-5	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	

### Pre-K Playground - Many hands make light work!

Items have been delivered, and we are excited to take the next step to install a new play apparatus and increase the space to the play chip area. Our current plan has two parts:

- Part one is to install the apparatus and bark perimeter pieces and
- Part two is spreading play chips in the PK and general playground area.

We are looking for help on the weekend of **October 8-9** to help with this work.

- Day one will have spreading of bark in the general play area while simultaneously installing the PK pieces.
- Day two will be all bark spreading.

We will need families to come to campus on one or both days to help with this project, and to bring your wheelbarrows and rakes! CONTACT MRS. DAY IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.

### Feast of St Francis - All Creatures Great and Small

Please join us for a prayer service in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Ecology. The blessing of the pets will be Tuesday, October 4th at approximately 9:15am in the church. Please bring only a picture or stuffed animal to represent your pets for a blessing read by the first grade. No live animals please.

## **Empowering God's Children Youth Safe Environment Program**

Twice yearly we participate in the Archdiocesan *Empowering God's Children Youth Safe Environment Program* teaching our children about personal safety and advocacy.

Last week we sent home this [information page](#) describing the program and an opt-out form. Please read over the information, and then only return the form if you want to opt-out.

Our lessons will happen in the month of October at a convenient time in our classroom schedules. Watch for newsletters from your teacher about the exact date.

## **Funeral Reception Committee Help**

At Holy Family there is a beautiful tradition of offering to grieving families the gift of a luncheon in the Parish Hall. Volunteers cook, make salads, and bake to provide a wonderful meal. The committee is in need of more volunteers. If you are able to help, your name would be placed on a call list, and you will then be rotated through the funerals as they come up - so you would not need to make something for every funeral. The hours you would spend on making something would count toward service hours. If you can help please send a note to the school office, and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Brock

## **Parent Club News**

We are still looking for a Vice-President and a lead for our third fundraiser. We did not get anyone to lead our Oktoberfest, so that event has been removed from the calendar.

If interested in an open position or looking for more Parent Club information, please email Melissa Patrick at [memamo77@msn.com](mailto:memamo77@msn.com).

Mark your calendars for our next meeting: **October 12th @ 6:00 PM** in-person or virtual

## **HFS Teacher & Staff Appreciation Team - Sign Up to Help!**

On October 6th the HFS Parent Club will host the first Teacher and Staff Appreciation lunch of the year — and your help is needed. This is a great way to give back, earn service hours, and support our wonderful school staff.

Follow the link below to sign up to contribute to the Taco Bar we'll be hosting, volunteer your time to help out on site that day, or let us know that you can help next time around.

Sign Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949AAA82AABF94-hfsappreciation>

Thank you for your support! Questions? Contact Katie Mitchell @ [katieleemitchell@gmail.com](mailto:katieleemitchell@gmail.com) or 206-200-3071.

## **Development Office Updates**

We have partnered with a few businesses to help raise money for Holy Family School, and you don't have to do a thing but sign up. We'll share one a week over the next few weeks so you can get each one going.

### **Amazon Smile Program**

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Under your account go to "AmazonSmile" from the menu
4. Find the button that says "Choose your Charity" or perhaps "Change your Charity"
5. Search for "Holy Family" and find our school on the list
6. Select your charity
7. Start shopping using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and our school will receive donations!
8. Add a bookmark for [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

Enclosures/Attachments

October Calendar

HFS Phone Book - In the Wednesday Envelope

Auction Flyer

Lifetouch Photo Flyer

SCRIP Order Form

Parent Club Commitment Hours Log