



# HOLY FAMILY HERALD

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*Learning for Today, Preparing for Tomorrow.*

## Principal's Corner

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." - St. Ambrose

November is a month full of thanksgiving. From Veterans Day to Thanksgiving Day, we find ourselves reaching out to others, and to God, to offer our heartfelt thanks for all that they have done for our families and ourselves. I would be remiss if I didn't offer a very large thank you to all of you. For everything you do for the students, teachers, and staff of Holy Family School, I am truly thankful.

Next week is a shortened week for the Thanksgiving holiday so there will not be a full newsletter sent out. We are having the return of our Harvest Feast! Please take time to come and enjoy a meal with us on the 22nd. There is more information coming.

On another note, we are still looking for volunteers for the Auction. We really need someone(s) to step up and take the lead for this very important event. If you are interested in heading the auction or helping make it happen, please contact Mrs. Baker in the office.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Mr. Kealy

## Dates to Remember!

**Nov. 22 - Scarf Making and then the Heritage Feast at 10:30am  
EARLY RELEASE DAY,  
Extended Care will be available.**

**Nov 23-24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**No school on Friday.**

## Parent Association Corner

Thank you to all the families that participated in our Panda Express fundraiser! We had a total sales of \$938.10 which translates to \$187.62 back to HFS!

Save the date! Skateland!

Please join us Saturday, December 9th from 5-7 for a skate party! Free to all HFS students! Pizza and drinks provided by the PA.

The wreath sale was a huge success! Thank you to all the families that participated! We sold a total of \$5,919! A special thanks to Ann Saunders who set up a booth at Sacred Heart and the patrons were very generous to our school!

The Wreaths will be here soon! The wreaths will be available for pickup Tuesday the 21st and Wednesday the 22nd. We will need 2 volunteers to help pass out wreath orders at pickup each day. Please email [hfspa@holyfamilylacey](mailto:hfspa@holyfamilylacey) to sign up.

The book fair is almost over! The book fair will be held on campus in the Library November 13th-17th. The online store will also be open for purchase from November 13th through November 26th.

Our school goal is set at \$4,000 this year which equates to around 500 books for our school classroom and library! Let's see if we can beat last year's sales!

Books make wonderful gifts as well with the holiday season approaching. This year you can pay with **e-wallet**, cash or checks made payable to the school. Also, please be on the lookout for your teacher's classroom boxes that can be found in the library!

### **Save The Date!**

The Holy Family School Christmas Program will be at Hallen Hall at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, December 14th! All students will need to arrive by 5:30pm, the program begins at 6:00pm. See Mrs. Lee's flier in today's Backpack Express!

### **Also in Today's Backpack Express!**

Each Thursday your youngest student has a large Manila folder full of great information. Please make sure that you ask to see the envelope, everything inside is yours to keep as a reminder about what is going on at the school! When there is a pizza order form, fill that out and attach the pizza payment and return it in the envelope.

In today's envelope you will find:

- Save the Date for the Christmas program
- The Heritage Feast flier
- Information about Ms. Saunders Stuff the Bag program
- Information about the 2nd Annual Coats for Kids Distribution at Sacred Heart.

### **Are you thinking about a piano?**

There is a piano at the school that needs to find a new home. We don't have anyone who plays it or needs it. If you have been toying with the idea of taking up the piano or knows someone who is, please contact the office!

### **Do you have contracting experience?**

Or do you know someone who does? The school is in need of someone who can help us repair some water damage in the main building. We would love to put the business to someone with ties to the school! Let the office know if you have someone in mind.

### **Science Camp and Chocolate!**

Mrs. Richie is getting the kids ready for their Camp Seymour trip next Spring! In order to raise money for this awesome Environmental Camp, the kids are selling the "World's Greatest Chocolate" bars during recess on Wednesdays! If you would like to buy some or even take a box home to sell to your friends and coworkers, please let us know. Each candy bar is only \$1 and there are lots of flavors to choose from!

### **We Still Need YOU!**

We know there are a lot of creative and talented parents and Grandparents in our community who would be awesome leaders for the Auction! The procurement process has begun with some great donations. The date has been set, Hallen Hall has been reserved, there are lots of decorations here, we are just needing a leader who can help put it all together. If you are interested or need more information, please contact the office.

### **Se habla Espanol?**

We have a parent who would like to start Spanish classes after school on Fridays from 3:30-4:30 and she wants to know how much interest there is. The classes would begin in January and go through the end of the school year and would be FREE! If you are interested, please let the office know.

### **Skateland!**

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## Faith in Action....Thanksgiving!

**Gratitude** is definitely starting to show here at Holy Family! The “**Stuff the Baggies**” with hygiene products & socks for the homeless has begun! Students are writing “I am thankful” on leaves for our “**Thanksgiving Tree**” to be displayed during our **Heritage Feast Potluck** and our **Thanksgiving Communion Prayer Service**. Felt fabric is being prepped for our **Scarf-making project**. Bulletins are being decorated with Thanksgiving themes. It is definitely a caring time of year!

*May we never forget the virtue of sharing & giving!!!!*

### **Upcoming Events:**

- *Thursday the 16th.....Mass @ 11:00 with Fr. Tim presiding*
- *Now through 11/28.....Stuff the Baggie Community Service Project*
- *Wednesday the 22nd.....Scarf making Project in the morning followed by our Heritage Feast Potluck @ 10:30am*
- *Tuesday, the 28th.....Communion Prayer Service with Deacon Terry @ 8:30*

### **Preparation for Christmas Program**

*Please note that our Christmas program will be on Dec. 14th @ 6:00 @ Hallen Hall at Sacred Heart Church. Students need to arrive at Hallen Hall at 5:30pm. Mrs. Lee and I will be sending out information on our plans for rehearsal in the afternoon at the hall within the next week. Christmas & the Advent Season is soon upon us.*

*As we prepare for the holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to share my GRATITUDE to all of you for your support and encouragement during this exciting new school year. It is so rewarding to have the love & support from parents, staff, & students. I am even more excited for the steps that are in progress to make Holy Family a parish school under Sacred Heart Church. The future of our school is BRIGHT!*

*God is Good! All the time!!!!*

*Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving! May you enjoy time with Family & Friends. May God Bless You on this day of thanks with Love, Faith, & Grace.*

*Ms. Ann Saunders*

*Liturgical Coordinator*