



# PANTHER PRESS



*Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message*

*through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence and to grow as saints.*

October 21, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It's been a week filled with awesome experiences for our students! Our Sixth Grade classes celebrated Mass with Bishop Boyea in Lansing this week followed by a Q & A with men and women in religious orders as an annual trip to learn about vocations. Our First Grade classes enjoyed part of their day at ForMar Nature Preserve learning about a variety of animals, including owls, snakes, and more! Fourth Grade students had their science class at Roll Haven, where they experienced reverse engineering skills! Our Kindergarten classes enjoyed a morning with our Grand Blanc fire fighters at the Fire Station, and our Seventh Grade classes spent three days out at Camp Tamarack, challenging themselves, encouraging one another, giving thanks to God for their many blessings, and enjoying the fellowship of one another. We are so grateful to once again enjoy our off campus learning excursions! We are also thankful for the in school learning as well. Preschool students were very interested to see the inner workings of an upright grand piano. Don't be surprised if your child is inquiring about piano lessons in the near future!

















We had Dental Hygiene student from the University of Michigan and HFS alum, Natalie Purcell, stop by this week to teach us about dental health, which included healthy eating and brushing habits, as well as careers in this field. She will be back in November to visit the rest of the classes.







Winners of HFS Student Council Halloween Estimation Boxes

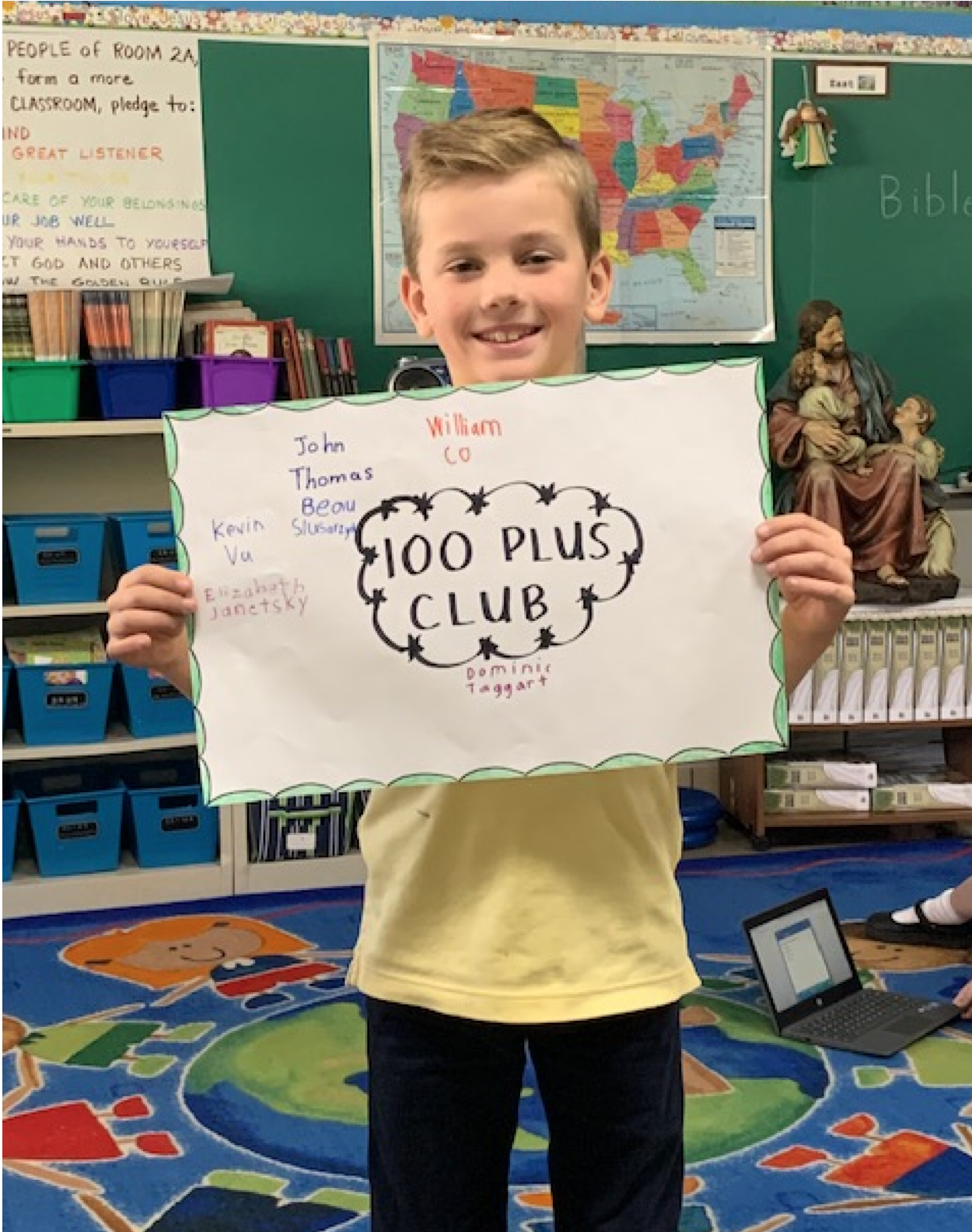
K-2 winner: Nora W.

3-5 winner: Noah O.

6-8 winner: Helaina B.

Our First Quarter wraps up on Thursday, October 27th. A SignUp Genius was sent to each family by your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher for Parent/Teacher Conferences for November 1st or 2nd. If you did not receive the email, please contact your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher. If you would like to meet with any of our specials' teachers, please reach out to them by email to

arrange a time to meet. Report cards will be available through PowerSchool on Monday, October 31 after 3pm.



Congratulations, Beau! He joins the Second Grade AR 100 Plus Club!



Look what else Third Grade discovered trying to get into our school! This praying mantis must have seen all the fun and learning going on and wanted to take part! What's really interesting is that Third Grade students study the life cycle of these insects and watch as they emerge from their egg case. This may be one of the ones released last spring! It's hard to believe this insect was only about a centimeter long when released and now is easily 4 inches long!

On October 26th we are having a “PINK OUT” to support, admire, honor, and never give up hope for those who have battled or are battling breast cancer. We have also adjusted our lunch menu to coincide with our pink theme. Ham with mashed potatoes and strawberry yogurt with granola will be served.. Grapefruit will be offered for those participating in our monthly taste test!

Thank you for all the love, support, and prayers you have given to Ms. Gonzalez and her family this week. Her father's Funeral Mass has been scheduled for Saturday, November 12th at 10am at Holy Family Church. Cremation has taken place. Mrs. Gonzalez has asked for our Children's Choir to sing for this service. Further details will be shared to the families of our choir members next week.

## Special Dress Days

- Wednesday, October 26: PANTHER PINK OUT Students are encouraged to wear pink tops, socks, shoes with uniform bottoms for October's Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Thursday, October 27: HFS Wellness Committee's "Fall Color Run" at 7am. Please join us for a brisk morning run and enjoy the fall colors along Jewitt Trail. We will meet at 7:00am in the St. Joseph parking lot and walk to the sidewalk where students/families are invited to run 1 mile for health & happy living! After, students will join in the St. Joseph Hall for a morning snack before school. Students may wear their running attire or change into approved clothing for "Casual Panther". A SignUp Genius was shared to register and to donate food items. The link is below.

Link: <http://signupgenius.com/go/70A0F49ABAA2BA13-fall>

- Monday, October 31: Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school. Students will wear their costumes throughout the morning and change after going to the PTO Trunk-or-Treat. (Times are listed below.) Students should bring their school uniform or a Halloween top and jeans to change into once they have gone Trunk-or-treating.

## Trunk-or-Treat Class Times

8:00 AM      2nd Grade

8:15 AM      5th Grade

8:30 AM      6th Grade

8:45 AM 7th Grade

9:00 AM 8th Grade

9:15 AM 1st Grade - 1A

9:30 AM 1st Grade - 1B

Break

10:00 AM Kindergarten

10:15 AM 4th Grade

10:30 AM 3rd Grade

10:45 AM Preschool 4's

Break

12:00P M Kindergarten  
Prep

- Tuesday, November 1: All Saints Day



We will begin our day celebrating Mass. Students are encouraged to dress as their favorite saint. Saint costumes may be worn all day. If not in costume, students should wear their uniform.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

- **NEW!! Altar Server Training for students in Grades 4th - 8th**

PDF: [HF Altar Server Training.pdf](#)

- Women's Gospel Reflection is held on Thursday mornings in the St. Joseph Hall. This is a Bible study focusing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. All are welcome to attend. No need to sign up or commit. For more information contact Cathy Szczerba at 810-656-7752.
- Holy Family Parish Adult Choir is looking to add more members to its adult choir. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the church. This choir sings at the 10:00 am Sunday Masses. Please contact Dr. Simon Lee at [musicdirector@hfgb.org](mailto:musicdirector@hfgb.org).
- "I Thirst", A Weekend Encounter with Jesus; Men's Retreat, November 5th - 6th, 2022

Not an overnight

Open to all men 18 years and older

\$25 Registration fee; Register at [hfgb.org](http://hfgb.org)

Saturday 8:30am - 8:30pm      Sunday 7:30am - 12:30pm

Questions? Contact Rob Toth at [tothrob@hotmail.com](mailto:tothrob@hotmail.com)

- Noon Mass Ushers We are in need of some ushers for noon Mass. If you are interested, please contact Genevieve Psenski at [gpsenski@hfgb.org](mailto:gpsenski@hfgb.org) or (810) 694-4891, ext. 2252.
- We are looking for occasional help to substitute for our regularly scheduled volunteers in the parish office. For more information, please contact Genevieve Psenski at [gpsenski@hfgb.org](mailto:gpsenski@hfgb.org) or (810) 694-4891, ext. 2252.
- Advent by Candlelight      SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, December 1, 2022

## PTO NEWS

- UM/MSU Canned Food Drive coming soon! October 24 - 27, 2022

Please bring in your non-perishable items and place them into the cart of your favorite team. Go BLUE! On Thursday we will announce the winner of this annual contest and donate all items to our Holy Family Outreach. On Saturday, tune in to the football

game as the Michigan Wolverines take on the Michigan State Spartans!

- Don't forget to click on the link below to volunteer for other fun events hosted by our PTO, like the Shop-n-Sip coming on November 29th!

Link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0f4aa5a62aa2fccf8-20222023> (You may need to copy and paste the link into a new tab.)

## **EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISING FOR DC TRIP**

- “Donate Dollars to Decide” voting took place during lunch time this week. Will it be a unicycle ride for me, Fr. Joe dressed in maize and blue, or Mr. Q. getting a buzz cut? Join us on Monday in the gym for Assembly at 7:50am or watch our Facebook live stream to see who the winner is!
- Wrapping Paper and More!

Flyer: [8th Grade Charleston Wrap Letter.pdf](#)

## **THE POSITIVITY PROJECT**

Parent Connection Link: <https://posproject.org/p2-for-families/>

This week's virtue/characteristic: Honesty/Integrity

Role Models (Saints known for this virtue.): Bls. Jacinta & Francesco Marto, St. Kateri

Tekawitha, St. Athanasius

Challenge: : Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Some simple ways to demonstrate integrity are: walking in the halls, taking turns, and cleaning up after yourself even if no one is watching. Also, make sure to follow through when you make a promise!

Next week's virtue/characteristic: Creativity

Role Models (Saints known for this virtue.): St. Catherine of Bologna, Blsd. Pierre Giorgio

Why does creativity matter?

Creative people look at the world in original ways. They are open to new experiences and think imaginatively. They create lots of new and different ideas with energy and enthusiasm.

What does it look like?

Those with the strength of creativity want to create and build something new and original. Being creative makes them happy. Creativity helps us solve difficult problems, create something we never knew we wanted, or simply see the world in a new way.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

If you would like to volunteer to help in our cafeteria, or Technology classes or Art classes, please go to our website, click on the "Parent Involvement" tab, and then VIRTUS tab. All volunteers must take the VIRTUS online training, and sign a Code of Conduct Form and a Background Release Form. Please email Mrs. Cindy Jones at [cjones@hfs.gb.org](mailto:cjones@hfs.gb.org) and let her know where you can help. With our volunteers we are able to offer and do so much more!

## **AFTER SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Grades 3 - 8)**

Choir practices will be on Mondays after school until 4pm in the Music Room beginning.

Please park in the Father Bush Parish Lot. Students will exit by the Music Room door.

## **ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**\*\*JOIN NOW ... Membership Opportunity Ends: October 30th, 2022\*\***

Our HFS Athletic Boosters provide:

- The opportunity to offer a no cut, no fee Athletic Program for our HFS students!
- Playground equipment and maintenance for all grades Preschool – 8th.
- Physical Education equipment for students in all grades Preschool – 8th.
- 11 different athletic opportunities for students in grades 4th – 8th.
- A fall & winter Basketball program for students in grade Kindergarten – 4th (team entry fees support our school).

<https://hfsboosters.pushpayevents.com/>

## **SEASON WRAP UPS/PIZZA PARTY FOR FALL SPORTS**

Monday, Oct. 24th: Cheerleaders from 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the gym

Tuesday, Oct. 25th: ALL 5th/6th Girls Basketball Teams from 4:30pm - 6pm in the gym.

Wednesday, Oct. 26th: ALL 7th/8th Girls Basketball Teams from 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 27th: ALL Cross Country Runners from 3:00pm - 4:30pm at Physician's Park. Pick up will be at Physician's Park at 4:30pm

Sunday, Oct. 30th: Flag Football teams tailgating at noon before 1:30pm game at Powers Catholic.

*Girls Volleyball Season will begin soon! More information to come out in next week's Panther Press.*

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

## **OCTOBER**

22, Saturday - Powers Trunk or Treat for all GCCS families 4pm - 6pm, Powers HS

24 - 27 - UM/MSU Canned Food Competition for HF Outreach

24, Monday - POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

8th Grade "Donate Dollars to Decide" Fundraising RESULTS!

26, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

Wellness Committee's PINK OUT; Dress in pink shirt, hat, shoes, or socks with uniform bottoms to support Breast Cancer Awareness. Donations of small hand lotions will be accepted and be distributed to local cancer institutes.

27, Thursday - CASUAL PANTHER

(Courtesy of Auction '22-The Psenski Family)

First Quarter Ends (10 weeks)

Wellness Committee - Fall Color Run at 7am (Meet in SJC parking lot; run Jewitt Trail; healthy snacks in SJC before school bell rings)

28, Friday - Records' Day; NO SCHOOL

29, Saturday - UM/MSU Football Game

30, Sunday - Powers Catholic Open House 12:00pm - 3:00pm

31, Monday - ALL Halloween parties/PTO Trunk-or-Treat FBPC Parking Lot

Report cards posted at 3pm

NO GB BUSES

31 - Nov 2 - Book Fair ARC