

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.

December 2, 2022

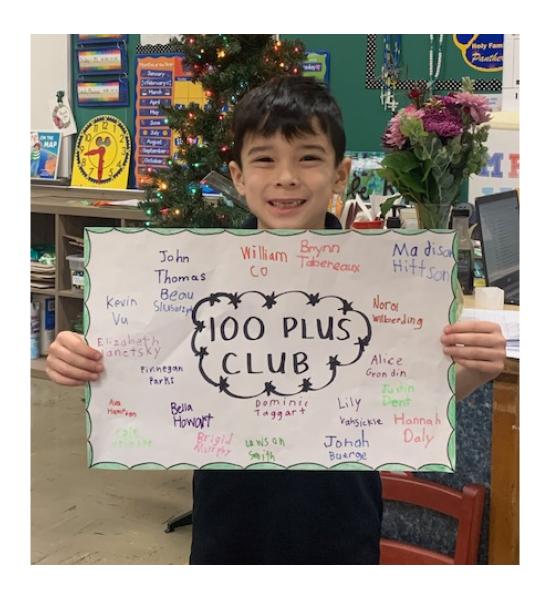
### Dear Parent/Guardian,

It was a very busy first week of Advent. As we put our time into waiting for Jesus, we look to find joy and beauty every day. Our students make experiencing joy easy. Beginning our week praying together at Assembly, to playing outside at recess, to talking about great books we've read, to reaching AR goals, to having our choirs lead us in song at Mass, to Friday's first Class of 2019 Reunion, to chaperoning at the GCCS dance this evening brightened my days this week!

Each year we celebrate our senior alumni from all of the area high schools. Three high schools were represented at our gathering Friday night. Seniors from Powers Catholic, Grand Blanc, and Hartland were present. We had a wonderful time reminiscing. A lot of laughter with memories that began with "Do you remember when...?" We were also blessed with the presence of Fr. Dan Westermann! It was so fun to catch up with these former students and learn about their future plans, which included heading to college, cosmetology school, and welding school, to name a few. Please keep these students in your prayers.



HFS Class of 2019





Second Grade 100 Plus Club continues to grow!

Congratulations to Cole and Ava!

# **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

- October 31st was the end of our shorts season until spring. We strongly encourage our female students to wear leggings if they plan on wearing skirts. A reminder that leggings/sweatpants under skirts must be worn during recess for students in Grades 5-8 who wear skirts.
- Students are to wear uniform tops with uniform bottoms unless a special dress day is announced. Spiritwear is reserved for Friday "Spirit Days". Leggings are not to be worn unless under skirts/jumpers.
- Students in Grades K-4 must have snow gear to wear for recess, which includes snow pants and boots. Students wearing skirts in Grades 5-8 must wear leggings,

sweatpants, or snow pants during the winter season for recesses and they must also wear coats.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ATTIRE

- All students in Grades PS Grade 7 and Grade 8 Band should wear Christmas attire, which includes Christmas dresses, sweaters, ties, etc. Jeans are not permitted.
  Please note: Band students will need a white shirt and black pants for "The Living Stations" performance during Lent.
- Grade 8 Choir: White shirts with black pants are required for all students. They will wear these clothes for their performance of "The Living Stations" during Lent.

## **Upcoming events include:**

- PTO Santa's Workshop, Dec. 5 Dec. 8
  Watch for an email tomorrow morning for photos of items for sale!
- Immaculate Conception, Thursday, Dec. 8

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us for Mass at 8am.

• Christmas SCRIP Gift Card Sales! Great Stocking Stuffers and Teacher Gifts!

When? Thursday, December 8th after 8am Mass in the School Lobby

Gift cards will be on sale while supplies last.

Purchases can be made with cash or check only.

The last day to place an order for SCRIP is Monday, December 12, 2022.

Christmas Program, Friday, Dec. 16th at 1:15pm in the church
 With the performance in the church, it is very important that all family members and
 friends arrive early and are seated. The students will be using the all aisles throughout
 the performances. This performance will be recorded. Copies will be available for sale.
 Class pictures will be taken and emailed to our families.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Traveling Prayer Chalice is Back!

We have been praying especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are continuing our efforts by introducing to you our Traveling Prayer Chalice for Vocations. This is a special ministry that invites you to reserve a time to take home this special chalice, along with daily short prayers that will be prayed over the course of a week.

For more information, please contact Genevieve Psenski at gpsenskiehfgb.org / 810-694-4891 or Rob Toth at 810-965-7239.

#### Funeral Luncheon Volunteers

We are very blessed to be able to host funeral luncheons for our families following their loved ones funeral Mass. This is an important opportunity for friends and extended family to support and share with our bereaved. We are looking for volunteers to grow this ministry. Please consider joining this wonderful group which sets up or serves the luncheons. Each luncheon will take approximately 1 to 2 hours of your time. For more information, please contact Genevieve in the parish office at <a href="mailto:gpsenski@hfgb.org">gpsenski@hfgb.org</a> or 810 694-4891.

### 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 or (810) 694-4891, ext. 2252.

#### THE POSITIVITY PROJECT

Parent Connection Link: <a href="https://posproject.org/p2-for-families/">https://posproject.org/p2-for-families/</a>

This week's virtue/characteristic: Kindness/Cheerfulness/Charity

Role Models (Saints known for this virtue.): St. Vincent de Paul and Ven. Laura Vicuna

Why does kindness matter?

Kind people think about the needs and feelings of other people and then act to help those people. An individual with the strength of Kindness helps others because it's the right thing to do, not because they are trying to look good or because they expect anything in return.

### SPORTS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Girls Volleyball

Girls Competitive Cheer

Boys Basketball will start the first week of January.

Go Blue!

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

## **DECEMBER**

- 3, Saturday 7th/8th GCCS Dance @ Powers Catholic 6pm 8pm \$5/person
- 5 8 PTO Santa's Workshop SJC
- 5, Monday Student Council Mtg. 3pm

POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

Powers Registration for 8th Grade SJC

- 8, Thursday Mass Immaculate Conception @ 8am
- 9, Friday CASUAL PANTHER (Courtesy of Auction '22 The Drainville Family)
- 12, Monday NJHS Mtg. at 3pm

POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

- 13, Tuesday Athletic Boosters Mtg. @ 8pm
- 14, Wednesday All School Mass @ 8am
- 16, Friday Christmas Concert @ 1:15pm NEW LOCATION: Church

Aisles will be used for performances. Please be sure to arrive early to get a seat.

19, Monday - NO GB BUSES

POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

20, Tuesday - Back up Christmas Concert FBPC - Large Hall

NO GB BUSES

21, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

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