

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.

September 9, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please join me in welcoming our Art teacher, Miss Kendra Jozwiak! Thank you for giving her a warm welcome during Curriculum Night! She is excited to introduce a variety of mediums to our students and spark creativity in them! We look forward to their creations!

Next week is our first FULL week of school! Next week also opens the window for NWEA testing. These assessments help to drive our curriculum and help us meet students where they are at in their learning. Students in Grades 2 - 8 will be assessed in Reading and Math between September 15 and October 15. Please watch for more information from your child's teacher on the specific dates of testing. Please help us by having your child get to bed on time and have a good breakfast before coming to school. These assessments are given in the winter and in the spring. Please see the attached to read our 2021-2022 NWEA Spring Data: <u>2021-2022 NWEA</u> <u>Spring MAP Growth - Google Docs.pdf</u>

THE POSITIVITY PROJECT

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

This week's virtue/characteristic: Teamwork/Justice

Role Models (Saints known for this virtue.): St. Anthony of Padua, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Thomas More

Goal: Remember that teamwork is demonstrating a willingness to work together for the good of the group. Look for ways that you can demonstrate teamwork, such as working with others to help clean up after an activity or a meal.

Next week's virtue/characteristic: Open-Mindedness

Role Models (Saints known for this virtue.): St. Isidore

Challenge: Open-minded people do not jump to conclusions. Instead, they look at all of the available facts before forming an opinion. Pay close attention to your own thinking. When you feel yourself jumping to conclusions, pause and ask yourself, what evidence leads me to think this way? Look for opportunities where you can demonstrate this character strength. Open-mindedness doesn't have to mean changing what you believe; it means considering the reasoning of others and all available facts before forming your own opinions.

8th Grade DC Parent Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: FBPC (Fr. Bush Parish Center) Large Hall Lower lot parking

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Please visit our website, <u>www.hfsgb.org</u>, and complete all the required "Back to School" forms.

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@hfsgb.org and let her know where you can help. With our volunteers we are able to offer and do so much more!

GRANDPARENTS DAY, SEPT. 26th

Invitations from students to grandparents were sent home today. Please watch for them. All grades, 4 Yr. PS through Grade 8 will have a presentation in the church that begins at 9am. Following the program, grandparents are invited into the school to have a snack and visit the classrooms from 10am - 11am. PS, Kindergarten and First Grade visits will need to end by 10:30am in order to get to lunch. We look forward to having these special people spend some time with us at school.

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

Choir practices will be on Mondays after school until 4pm in the Music Room beginning: SEPTEMBER 12TH

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

A Jotform was sent this morning for registration. Mr. Forsleff and Mrs. Holifield would like an idea of whom they will be expecting.

Jotform link: https://form.jotform.com/222495674985070

(You may need to copy and paste the link into a new tab.)

DRAMA CLUB

A Jotform will be sent on Monday, September 12th for all those planning to attend the workshops in order to have a count of how many packets needed to be prepared. A Jotform was sent for all those interested in being in the chorus today. (K-Grade 3)

Jotform link: https://form.jotform.com/222495210064044

(You may need to copy and paste the link into a new tab.)

Drama Workshops:

- 4th and 5th Graders: Wednesday, September 14, 3:00 4:00 Wednesday, September 21, 3:00 4:00
- 6th, 7th, 8th Grades: Thursday, September 15, 3:00 4:00 Thursday, September 22, 3:00 4:00

AUDITIONS

Auditions for Seussical Jr. will be held at the end of September. Again, please note the date for your child(ren)'s grade. Auditions will take place in the Music Room.

- 4th and 5th Grade Auditions: Wednesday, September 28, 3:00 4:30
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Auditions: Thursday, September 29, 3:00 4:30
- Callbacks will be held on Friday, September 30 from 3:00 4:30 (your student will be notified if they are needed to attend callbacks)

For more information:

K-3 Drama Letter: K-3 Drama Letter 2022-2023 - Google Docs.pdf

Grades 4-8 Drama Letter: Grades 4-8 Drama Letter 2022-2023 - Google Docs.pdf

SPORTS



GCCS Football (7th/8th Grade) Game Schedule:

- 9/14/22 5:30pm Powers Catholic HS
- 9/21/22 5:30pm Montrose Hill-McCloy HS, Field STADIUM
- 9/28/22 5:30pm Powers Catholic HS
- 10/5/22 5:30pm New Lothrop HS, Stadium 1
- 10/12/22 5:30pm Powers Catholic HS

Practices are every Monday - Thursday from 4:15pm - 6:00pm @ Powers Catholic HS.

GCCS Night at Powers Catholic Athletics

GCCS students wear a school shirt/jersey or Powers Catholic shirt/jersey to get into the events below for free!

9/22/22	Volleyball	6:15pm @ Powers HF
9/28/22	Soccer	6:00pm @ Atwood Stadium
10/7/22 Stadium	Football	(Homecoming Parade starts at 5:45pm) 7:00pm game @ Atwood

Next Week's Hot Lunch Menu

Monday - Turkey Sub, Chips, Salad Bar

Tuesday - Popcorn Chicken, Curly Fries, Salad Bar

Wednesday - Hotdog, Carrots, Salad Bar

Thursday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Salad Bar

Friday - Chicken Noodle Soup, Bosco Stick, Salad Bar

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

Holy Family School

SEPTEMBER

- 9, Friday SPIRIT DAY
- 12, Monday NJHS Mtg. 3pm

POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms OR red/white/blue tops & uniform

bottoms for Patriots' Day

13, Tuesday - Athletic Boosters Mtg. @ 8pm

School Pictures for PS3, KP-8 and staff SJC

14, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

Drama Workshop from 3pm - 4pm (4th/5th Grades only)

15, Thursday - Drama Workshop from 3pm - 4pm (6th-8th Grades only)

16, Friday - Constitution Day (actual day is Sept. 17th, Saturday) - wear red/white/blue tops with uniform bottoms

19, Monday - POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

All Catholic Schools Mass @ St. Mary's Cathedral, Lansing (5th Grade)

21, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

PTO @ 6:30pm

Drama Workshop from 3pm - 4pm (4th/5th Grades only)

Mandatory Confirmation Meeting (for all 8th Grade and their parents). You are invited to celebrate Mass at 6pm. The meeting will follow in the church.

22, Thursday - Drama Workshop from 3pm - 4pm (6th-8th Grades only) SJC

GCCS Night at Powers Catholic Athletics: Volleyball @ 6:15pm @ Powers HS

23, Friday - CASUAL PANTHER

(Courtesy of Auction '22-Mrs. Tenerelli)

NO GB BUSES

24, Saturday - PTO Family Event (partner with Boosters)

Scavenger Hunt around HF grounds

26, Monday - Grandparents Day

27, Tuesday - DC Parent Meeting (8th Grade) 6;00pm - 7:00pm in the FBPC Large Hall

28, Wednesday - All School Mass @ 8am

Mandatory First Communion/Reconciliation Mtg. @ 6:30pm (2nd Grade) You are invited to celebrate Mass at 6pm. The meeting will follow in the church.

Drama Call Backs from 3pm - 4pm (4th/5th Grades only) SJC

GCCS Night at Powers Catholic Athletics: Soccer @ 6pm @ Atwood Stadium

29, Thursday - Drama Call Backs from 3pm - 4pm (6th-8th Grades only) SJC