

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 27, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been a fabulous end to our First Quarter, beginning with an extraordinary start on Monday with the "Dollars to Decide" Fundraiser for our 8th Grade trip to Washington DC! This competition was a lot of fun, but our students will have to wait to see me ride my unicycle and Fr. Joe dressed in maize and blue. The winner of this contest was the 8th Grade students with \$960.01 going to their DC Fund and Mr. Q getting a new haircut! You can watch the 8th Grade stylists assist with Mr. Q's new hairdo on our Facebook page. Thank you, Mr. Q and Fr. Joe for joining us in this very spirited competition!





Next up was the GCCS All Schools Mass at Powers Catholic. Our Fourth Graders were in attendance. It was beautiful to be a part of all of our area Catholic schools coming together in prayer and thanksgiving. It was also a great time to see some of our alumni living their faith in high school as altar servers and music ministers. It was also great for our Fourth Graders to get hugs from siblings!









Then came our All School Mass. This week there was no saint dedicated to this day. When this happens, we honor St. Joseph, and what a great saint to honor and model. St. Joseph always listened to God and tried to get to know Him better. That worked out really well for all of us, as Fr. Joe pointed out in his homily. Three things we can do to try and know Jesus better are to listen, honor, and obey our parents, to read about Him, and to receive Jesus in the Euharist. Come to God whenever we need help. God is always there with us.

Wednesday was also our Panther "PINK OUT" for Breast Cancer. Students added names to our chalkboard to support the fighters, admire the survivors, and honor the taken. Our pink theme carried over into our clothing and our hot lunch on this day. Our Wellness Committee sponsored our monthly "Taste Test" with pink grapefruit. The results showed more students in favor of the taste of grapefruit. We did receive some interesting/funny comments like, "Eeeew! This tastes like my socks!" and "This is GREAT! It's just what I needed." from a couple of our Fourth Grade testers.









Today, 62 active Panthers joined in this morning's "Fall Color Run" sponsored by our HFS Wellness Committee. It was a bit dark to see those fall colors, but the addition of tea lights on the trail as well as runners donned with glow sticks gave us a lot of bright colors! Thank you to everyone who came out to join us, including parents and teachers, and those who brought in the food and drink donations. It was a Boo-tiful fall fun run with added treats. Our next morning run

will take place in the spring. Keep up the healthy habits of getting enough sleep every night, eating healthy, drinking water, putting down the electronics, and exercising!

Congratulations to our academic achievers! Brynn and Finnegan joined the Second Grade AR 100 Plus Club and Addam and Owen joined the Fourth Grade Multiplication Wall of Fame! Keep up the GREAT work!









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 if they are tired or hot from wearing their costume.

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 Kindergarten M 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.

DRAMA NEWS

Letter to parents of students in K-3: Suess K-3 - Google Docs.pdf

A JotForm will go out next week for K-3 students. Please watch for it.

NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

Menu: Lunch Menu_November 2022.pdf

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

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.
- "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

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

Questions? Contact Rob Toth at 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 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 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

623 - 538

Michigan

Michigan State

The winner this year is...MICHIGAN!!

Thank you so much for your donations! Our HF Outreach is so grateful and will share this abundance with the needs in our community.

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

EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISING FOR DC TRIP

Wrapping Paper and More!

Flyer: 8th Grade Charleston Wrap Letter.pdf

THE POSITIVITY PROJECT

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

This 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.

Next week's virtue/characteristic: Justice; Knowing my words and actions affect others

Role Models (Saints known for this virtue.): St. Anthony of Padua

Why does justice matter? Our words and actions impact our relationships with other people. They have the power to lift others up or tear them down. But, our words and actions also impact ourselves. If I am speaking or acting with a mean attitude, I'm going to find it hard to demonstrate the character strengths of gratitude, humility, and kindness.

What does it look like? Everything you say and do can affect others – and your relationships with them. This means that everything we do, say, text, tweet, snap, or post can positively or negatively impact other people.

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!

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/

SPORTS

Girls Volleyball Season begins on November 7th.

- Nov. 7: 8th Volleyball 4:30 6pm
- Nov. 8: 8th Volleyball 3 4:30pm; 7th Volleyball 4:30 6pm
- Nov. 9: 7th Volleyball 4 5:30pm
- Nov. 10: 8th Volleyball 4:30 6pm
- Nov. 11: 7th Volleyball 11:20* 1:30pm (*1/2 day; Please bring a sack lunch. Girls will eat first.)
- Nov. 12: Volleyball games at Powers

7th/8th Cheer

Nov. 7 - 3-4:30pm

**Nov. 11: PEP RALLY (Further details will be shared next week)

Have a fabulous weekend!

Go Blue!

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

OCTOBER

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 4 - Book Fair ARC

Students will preview books on Oct. 31

Nov. 1: Book Fair opened from 8:30am - 10:30am & 4pm - 7pm

Nov. 2: Book Fair hours noon - 7:30pm

Online open from Oct. 31 - Nov. 4

Link: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyfamilyschool29

NOVEMBER

1, Tuesday - P/T Conferences 4pm - 7pm

Mass - All Saints Day @ 8am

2nd Grade All Saints Day Play 9:15am & 1:30pm

FBPC - Large Hall/stage

2, Wednesday - 1/2 Day; Dismissal at 11:20am

P/T Conferences 12pm - 7pm (Break 3:30 - 4:00pm)

3-4, Thursday-Friday - NO SCHOOL

MANS PD for all teachers held in Lansing

7, Monday - HFS Re-Registration Opens

POSITIVITY SHIRT + uniform bottoms

Student Council Mtg. 3pm

8, Tuesday - NO GB BUSES

Athletic Boosters Mtg. @ 8pm

- 9, Wednesday All School Mass @ 8am
- 10, Thursday Powers Cookie Day
- 11, Friday ¹/₂ Day (Dismissal at 11:20am)

SPIRIT DAY

NO afternoon GB BUSES (11:20am dismissal)