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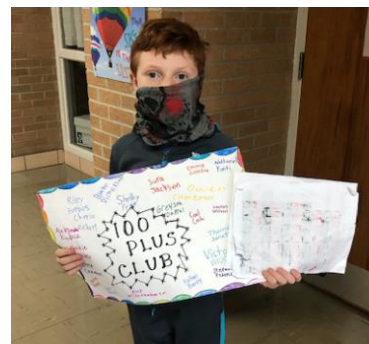
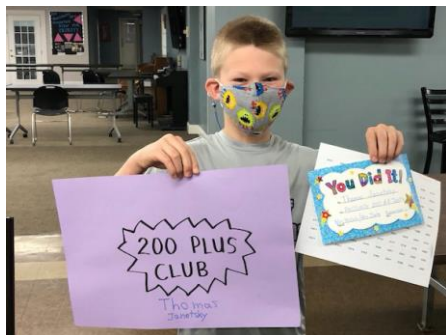
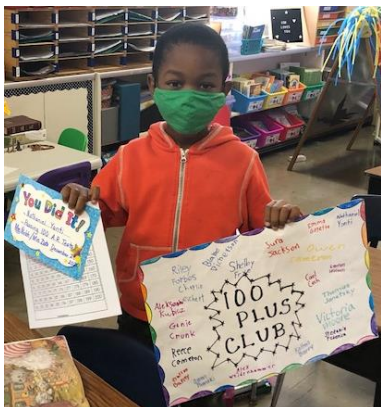
to achieve academic excellence and to make a difference in the world.

December 4, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy first week of Advent! What a great way to begin our time back together! We focused on the virtues of cheerfulness and charity and the character trait of kindness. As you celebrate this Advent season with your family, continue to spend time in prayer, growing your relationship with God and getting ready for His greatest gift! Check out the Family Advent Activities on our parish website: www.hfcb.org.

On the academic front, we have our latest additions to our 100 and 200 PLUS Clubs! (see pictures below) Thank you for helping our students reach their full potential! Please continue to help us strengthen math skills - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts through 12 by the end of fourth grade. Please check with your child's PS-4 teacher to learn your child's latest goal.



We have had over 250 responses to our HFS Wellness Survey, which is a little over 60% participation. We'd like to hear from everyone. If you have not filled out the survey, please click here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9nw6wxBzLdlZXef8clbtiCjvqjwZpcpc3WetTbfUdQOv9Hw/viewform?usp=sf_link It is with this feedback that we can measure our students' mental health during these strange times and help the teachers to best meet the students' learning needs. I will add feedback results in next week's newsletter. Thank you!

The feast of St. Nicholas is Sunday, December 6th. For some of our students, St. Nicholas stopped in today! Our Kindergarten Prep Class were thrilled with the small treats that were left for them in their shoes. They also had a bearded man visit their room. They thought St. Nicholas came to see them in person! Close! It was our very own Fr. Joe! Next Friday, December 11th, we will find out if his long, St. Nicholas' beard gets saved or shaved! Stay tuned to HF Facebook or our parish website to learn of the beard's fate!

The excitement continues to grow as our church renovation comes to a near end! A few of our students were invited to take a quick peek on the inside this week. We can't wait to go and celebrate Mass in the church! Masses will continue to be held in the Father Bush Parish Hall through December 12th. Students continue to celebrate virtual All School Masses on Thursdays. Next Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join in celebrating either in person at the hall or virtually. O Holy Mother of God, Pray for us!

PTO UPDATE

Santa's Workshop is all set for our happy shoppers! Today your child brought home a note filled with details about how to shop and acquire the items. Here is a list of items being sold with photos: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FJNU8GcQ-qTILRWIGXPJuHD6nMxJQf1lg6aLBufLomg/edit?usp=sharing> and below is the list of classroom visits:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec
All 7th Grade		K - Mrs. Wolfram	2 - Mrs. Welch
K - Mrs. Bradburn	3 - Mrs. Gilbert	4 - Ms. Mazur	2 - Mrs. Zloto
1 - Mrs. Boggan	3 - Mrs. King	1 - Ms. Bluhm	All 6th Grade
All 5th Grade	4 - Ms. Elmer		KP - Mrs. McNally

* 8th Grade will visit on one of the days next week.

Also, SCRIP is a great way to earn money OFF your 2020-2021 tuition. Here is a list of our local vendor participants: [SCRIP Christmas Promo.pdf](#) . Please check our website, www.hfsgb.org, for more information on the SCRIP Program.

AUCTION UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents who have donated to the individual classroom projects for our school auction set for May 22, 2021. In the New Year, watch for more detailed information coming to you! If you have not had the opportunity to look over the class wish list for your child (ren)'s baskets, please reach out to their homeroom teacher. The teacher can resend the sign up document. We have some fun baskets being auctioned! Thank you for all you do for our school!

HFS SPORTS UPDATE

Volleyball practice will resume December 9th. Current guidelines from MHSAA: Games will resume in January (unless MHSAA's meeting today states otherwise). Watch for an email from our AD, Mrs. Tenerelli.

Positivity Project

Virtue/Character Trait of the Week: Justice and Friendship; Other People Matter - Knowing My Words and Actions Affect Others

P2 for Families: [P2 for Families](#) (password: P2)

Saints: St. Anthony of Padua, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Thomas More, Sts. Benedict and Scholastica, Sts. Basil and Gregory and Bl. Pier Biorgio Frassati

God Bless,
Mrs. Theresa Purcell
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

4 - SPIRIT DAY! Wear HFS spirit wear tops with jeans (free of rips or tears)

7 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

eLearner Exchange: Drop off YELLOW envelopes, pick up BLUE envelopes

PTO's Santa's Workshop

8 - Immaculate Conception-All School Virtual Mass @ 8am

Athletic Boosters Virtual Meeting @ 8pm Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99903569650>

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9 - PTO's Santa's Workshop

10 - PTO's Santa's Workshop

11 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

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14 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn

eLearner Exchange: Drop off BLUE envelopes, pick up YELLOW envelopes

17 - All School Virtual Mass at 8am

Christmas best attire may be worn

18 - Christmas tops with uniform bottoms may be worn

Christmas break begins at 2:35pm

Christmas Mass Schedule at Holy Family Church: [Christmas Schedule 2020.pdf](#)

25 - Merry Christmas!