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Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message, to achieve academic excellence and to make a difference in the world.

January 8, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our new year has begun with a few new members to our HFS family. Please join me in welcoming Brennan (7th) and Emmie (4th) Jacobs, Eli Sturgess (6th) Cullen Freel (6th) and Allison Woyjehowski (K) and their families. We are excited to grow in our faith and academics with you!

2021-2022 Registration is now open for everyone. Please be sure to re-register your current child(ren). Re-registration Applications can be found under the "Current Families" tab on our website. If you have a child(ren) that will be NEW to our school (Preschool/Kindergarten), you will need to fill out the Registration Application under the "Admissions" tab on our website. We have students on waiting lists now. Also, please take some time to look at and apply for some of the scholarships offered here at Holy Family. Please go to our website: hfsgb.org for further details. We have three different scholarships at this time: The Fr. Bush Scholarship, Sr. Sharon Scholarship, The Holy Family Scholarship. In the past three years, 15 students and their families have benefited from these scholarships. Scholarship dollar awards vary based on donations throughout the year. Scholarships awards in the past 3 years have been \$500-\$1500. All scholarship entries are due March 1st, 2021.

Please remember to also check scholarships offered by the Diocese of Lansing (dioceseoflansing.org). The FACTS Grant and Aid form must be filled out for all scholarships. By completing the FACTS application, you are applying for all grants available through the Diocese of Lansing. There is no need to complete an application for each grant. Diocese of Lansing Grants: \$750/student in Grades K-8 and \$1000/student in Grades 9-12, The Venerable Augustus Tolkin Scholarship: \$500/student in Grades K-12.

2021 has had a GREAT start at Holy Family School! We are excited to announce this year's winners of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Award. This contest is entered every year by our 8th Grade students. This year the students had to write an essay to discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find strength to endure it. Our 2021 winners are: Joey H., Emily M. and Elise T. These students won a beautiful certificate and a \$50 Amazon gift card. Congratulations!



Our Second Graders continue to reach for the books and earn their way to the "100 Plus Club". Congratulations!



We received a call from the Grand Blanc Bus Garage this week. Grand Blanc School will resume their hybrid schedule soon. Currently, Grand Blanc has bus service 2 days a week for A-L and two days a week for M-Z and no busing services on Wednesdays during their hybrid schedule. Grand Blanc's school day ends at 1:30pm. The disruption this would cause our morning drop off and giving up an additional hour of instruction will not work for Holy Family School. I have declined service until a more normal schedule is created.

Visitors from the East arrived at Holy Family School on Thursday this week. The Magi and Fr. Le and Dcn. Dan went to every entry door, blessed each and talked to the students.



O Holy Magi, who offered to Jesus Christ gold, frankincense and myrrh, thereby recognizing Him to be King, God, and Man; obtain from the Lord for me the grace never to present myself before Him with empty hands; but that I may continually offer to Him the gold of charity, the incense of prayer, and the myrrh of penance.

God bless,
Mrs. Theresa Purcell
Principal
Holy Family School

NWEA Testing

NWEA Testing will begin next week for all students in Grades 3-6. **Our eLearners need to plan to come to school at 3pm on Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday, January 21st.** Please have your child enter through the Orchard Street doors. A staff member will direct your child to the appropriate room. Please have your child bring his/her chromebook. Typically these tests run about an hour. If more time is needed, we will contact you.

HFS PTO Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:30pm

Virtual meeting

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82517995982?pwd=ZE9nRjY0LzY2VUIETXMxd1dybkR2QT09>

Agenda: [January 2021 PTO Meeting .pdf](#)

HFS Catholic Schools Week - January 31 - February 6, 2021

Calendar: [CSW Student Agenda - Google Docs.pdf](#)

Talent Show Details and Entry Form: [Virtual Talent Show Students - Google Docs.pdf](#)

HFS DRAMA CLUB

We are pleased to announce that the production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Coat" will resume! Currently, a schedule is being created for practices. Practices will be held in small groups and masks will be worn. Students new to Holy Family this year and are in 4th - 8th Grade are invited to try out for parts currently open due to students who have graduated. We are expecting all former cast members and chorus members to participate. Please contact Mrs. Jones (ljones@hfsqb.org) for any questions.

HFS SPORTS UPDATE

Volleyball will resume the week of January 18th. Currently, MHSAA rules will not allow spectators. Despite this ruling, the GCCS schools will hold a season for our 7th/8th Grade girls. However, parents will not be allowed to watch the games. Please watch for further details to come out next week. This will be a 4 week season. Following volleyball, the GCCS plan is to hold boys basketball for 5th - 8th grades. Stay tuned!

Positivity Project

Virtue/Character Trait of the Week: Prudence

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

Saints: St. Junipero Serra, St. John Neumann, and St. John XXIII

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- 11 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn
eLearner Exchange: Drop off BLUE envelopes, pick up YELLOW envelopes
- 12 - Athletic Boosters Virtual Meeting at 8pm
- 13 - PTO Virtual Meeting at 6:30pm
- 14 - All School Mass at 8am
- 15 - 2nd Quarter Ends
Talent Show Entry Form DUE
- 18 - NO SCHOOL
- 19 - eLearner Exchange: Drop off YELLOW envelopes, pick up Blue envelopes
- 21 - All School Mass at 8am
- 22 - Talent Show videos DUE (by noon sent to: Craig@vidcamproductions.com)
- 25 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn
eLearner Exchange: Drop off BLUE envelopes, pick up YELLOW envelopes
- 29 - PTO Family Contest Entry is DUE (more details to follow next week)
- 31 - Catholic Schools Week kick off Masses

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 - P2 shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn
eLearner Exchange: Drop off YELLOW envelopes, pick up Blue envelopes