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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.

November 19, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy Friday! What a pleasure it was to learn about the things our beginning band musicians are learning and how they're growing in their musical skills. Mr. Smith held an informal band concert for the friends and family of our 5th and 6th grade students. During this demonstration, we learned that playing in a band is more than just reading music. As Mr. Smith said, "Musicians have to be multitaskers. They watch the conductor, hold proper posture, regulate their breathing, read notes, remember the fingering of how to play the notes on their instrument, listen to each other, and more." We enjoyed listening to a few folk tunes and look forward to more music filling our hall later this year!



Just as music filled our halls this week, the delicious aroma from the kitchen filled our school on Thursday. The stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, turkey, roll and pumpkin pie filled our bellies! Thank you so much to all of our staff and volunteers (Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Buerge, Mrs. Carmode, Mrs. Dixner, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Buell, Mrs. Wehner and Mrs. Hager) who helped prepare this meal and deliver it to our hungry students and staff!



The Genesee County Health Department announced this week that the mask mandate for students in Grades K-12 will be lifted on December 22, 2021. In my GCCS meeting yesterday, the GCHD informed the area superintendents that they would be making changes to the School Toolkit, including quarantine guidelines, and release those the first week in December. What we do know is that the mask mandate remains effective through our December 2021 school days. I will share more information as it becomes available to us.

Congratulations to Jack R., our first 3rd grade reader to reach ONE MILLION words! Using the Accelerated Reader Program, students have access to the growing table that records the number of words they have accumulated with each book read. In Third Grade, students earn Panther medals (made from our HFS 3D printer) for every 100,000 words they read.



COMING NEXT WEEK:

Student Council School Store

This will take place during the lunch hours on Monday and Tuesday. Items will range from pencils for 25¢ for pencils to \$3.00 for a Pura Vida Holy Family bracelet. Sales are cash only. If your child forgets his/her money on Monday, there will be an opportunity to purchase on Tuesday. Thank you for your support!

HF Saturday Basketball League

Our HF Saturday Basketball League is off to a great start! This program supports our HFS Athletic Boosters. Help is needed to keep up with this amazing program! Scorekeepers and adult managers are needed. If you or your child(ren) are able to help, please sign up using the link below. Thank you!

Signup Genius Link:

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

Holy Family Grounds Clean Up

If you are available to help with the fall grounds clean up this Saturday, November 20th from 10am - noon, please join me in the upper parking lot near the recycling bins and shed. Thank you, in advance, for helping to keep our grounds beautiful!

Altar Servers (Grade 4-8)

If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, see the information below. If you are not Holy Family parishioners, but your child(ren) would like to serve during our All School Masses, please contact Mrs. Psenski. This is a unique ministry for your child(ren) to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist at Mass!

ATTN: All 4th-8th graders in the parish!

Would you like to be an Altar Server ?

It is a very special and important ministry to serve the Lord and his Priests at the Eucharistic Table....the altar. Training will begin as soon as possible.



Please contact:
Genevieve Psenski,
Volunteer Coordinator
810-694-4891, ext. 2252
gpsenski@hfgb.org

HOT LUNCH MENU

Nov. 22 - Pizza, buttered carrots, fruit, salad

Nov. 23 - Chicken fries, potato triangles, fruit, salad

Nov. 24 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day, no lunch

Nov. 25 - NO SCHOOL, Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 26 - NO SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR UPDATE

We had our most successful book fair EVER at HFS!!! If you were unable to visit during conferences, the online shopping is still open.

Shopping Days: **11/8 - 11/21** | **STILL open!**

Book Fair Homepage: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyfamilychool4> to "Shop the Store" for over 5,000 products!

ART CLUB FOR DECEMBER

Here is what's ahead for Art Club artists in December! A Jotform will go out on Monday, November 22nd for you to register your child(ren). This class will be \$20. If your child would like to complete two paintings, the charge will be \$30. Only one painting will be completed each time. The classes will be held the following dates from 3:00pm - 4:15pm:

Thursday, December 2 - tree/stocking

Friday, December 3 - angel/nativity

Thursday, December 9 - angel/nativity

Friday, December 10 - tree/stocking

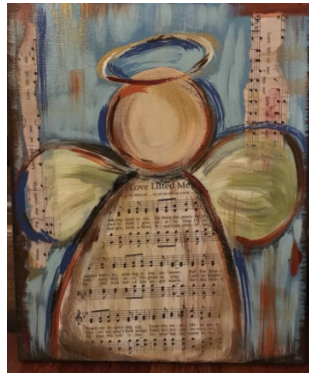
Based on the number of students attending, an email will be sent confirming your child's registration and date.



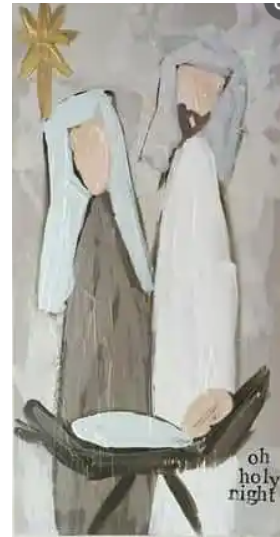
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Have a blessed weekend!

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

2021-2022 HFS Calendar

November

- 19 - Casual Panther (courtesy of The Hagopian Family and HFS Auction 2021)
- 23 - Friendship Feast (K)
 - Powers Parent Information Night (8th Grade) at 6PM in the Powers Auditorium
- 24 - ½ day, Dismissal @ 11:20am
 - All School Mass @ 8am
 - NO Preschool or KP
- 25 - No School, Thanksgiving
- 26 - No School
- 28 - Advent Begins

December

- 1 - No MORNING buses (GB Late start)
- 2 - PTO Shop-n-Sip in FBPC small and large halls - Please join us!
 - Art Club 3:00pm - 4:15pm (limited - please check your email for your child's date)
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- 6 - 10 Santa's Workshop; SJC
 - Powers Registration (8th Grade) will begin at 7:40am in the SJH
- 8 - Immaculate Conception
- 9 - Art Club 3:00pm - 4:15pm (limited - please check your email for your child's date)
- 10 - Christmas Program at 1:15pm in the Father Bush Parish Hall (Parking available in the upper lot or K of C parking lot - corner of Perry and S. Saginaw and for 2nd Grade families ONLY in the St. Joseph Parking lot.)
 - Art Club 3:00pm - 4:15pm (limited - please check your email for your child's date)
- 13 - NJHS Mtg. 3pm - 3:45pm
- 14 - Boosters @ 8:00pm
- 15 - Back-up Christmas Program
- 17 - full day of school - parties & Christmas shirts
- 18 - Jan. 2 - Christmas Break