



# PANTHER PRESS



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.

December 5, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Words cannot adequately describe the sorrow we feel on behalf of the families, staff and students at Oxford High School. Providing a safe environment in which your children can learn and thrive is, above all else, our paramount goal for our school. The tragic event that occurred on Tuesday shocks us all, followed by the incident on Friday. We know that many are experiencing anxiety. Please know that we are here to help anyone in need.

Our staff is ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) trained and utilizes the tools learned to prepare students on what to do in case of these unforeseen events. During the 2019-2020 school year, the lockdown system, known as "The Boot" was installed to provide the safest possible classrooms for our students and staff. In addition, we have interior and exterior security cameras throughout the entire campus which are monitored daily by our office staff. You trust us with the most precious gift God has given you. Please be assured that our staff will do everything in our power to meet this expectation.

While we are confident in the safety measures we have in place, it takes our entire Holy Family community to protect our kids. Please take time to speak to your children and urge them to reach out to school officials directly if they hear of any potentially dangerous situations. Please monitor and check cell phones regularly. Additionally, if you become aware of a potential safety issue in our school, please contact me or any Holy Family staff member. United with Christ, we can make a difference.

We know that our children look to us (both parents and school staff) for guidance, but we may struggle with knowing how to address them. Fr. Joe put the following in his letter and I would like to reiterate it once again. "According to the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), who provides guidance for situations such as this, we should: 1) reaffirm safety, 2) make time to talk, 3) review safety procedures, 4) observe children's emotional state, and 5) maintain a normal routine." This is our intention and commitment as a school community.

Together, we pray for all of us. Through the intercession of St. Michael, we pray that the wickedness and snares of the devil cease. We also ask our Blessed Mother to protect us and wrap her loving arms around us.

In Christ,

Mrs. Theresa Purcell, Principal

## HOT LUNCH MENU

Dec. 6 - Hamburger/cheeseburger, spiral fries, salad, fruit  
Dec. 7 - Corn dogs, potato triangles, salad, fruit  
Dec. 8 - Turkey subs, chips, salad, fruit  
Dec. 9 - Chicken Parmasian, noodles, broccoli, salad, fruit  
Dec. 10 - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, carrots, salad, fruit

Dec. 13 - Sloppy joes, tater tots, salad, fruit  
Dec. 14 - Chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, salad, fruit  
Dec. 15 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, roll, salad, fruit  
Dec. 16 - Scrambled eggs, sausage, salad, fruit  
Dec. 17 - Cook's choice

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 1:00PM

**Please note the time change.** Our students have so much to show you, we needed the extra 15 minutes! Please park in the upper lot or the K of C parking lot located at the corner of Perry and Saginaw Street. Please do NOT park in the lower lot. Our program will wrap up at 2:30pm and the buses will be arriving in the lower lot. Second Grade parents are welcome to park in the St. Joseph Parking lot, as usual. We will have regular dismissal.

All students, Preschool - Grade 7, should dress in their Christmas best. We will have indoor recess.

Students in Grade 8 should dress in white tops and black bottoms. Red accents may be worn, such as a tie, bowties, or scarf. The black and white attire will be worn again for the Stations of the Cross performance during Lent.

**(Please check the Student/Parent Handbook for further details about Christmas attire.)**

## ART CLUB FOR DECEMBER

Registration is now closed.

Thursday, December 9 - angel/nativity

Friday, December 10 - tree/stocking

## 2021-2022 HFS Calendar

### December

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 **1:00pm** 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