

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL

Friday, October 28, 2022

Issue 11

HFRS Weekly Wrap

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already entered the second quarter of the school year and we are moving into the month of November. It has been a great year and I am grateful and proud of the faculty, staff and students in our school. We have accomplished so much over the past three months and I am continually amazed by the high-level of energy and commitment that makes Holy Family an outstanding and vibrant school.

I am thankful to see our students' commitment to prayer, faith and service. Every morning our day begins in prayer. The students start their day with God's blessing and a prayerful reminder to treat one another with love and compassion. This past week we collected many boxes of food for Lighthouse of Oakland County. This food will be distributed to families in our local community, providing them with the essentials for a Thanksgiving Dinner. The Boxes of Joy continue to fill the tables at both campuses. As of today we have collected 90 boxes. It is our hope to collect over 600 boxes to be shared with children overseas. The final day of the collection is November 10. I am proud of the way our children and families embrace these initiatives. The children are always excited to contribute to the collections and share what they have brought.

Our students also continue to excel academically! As I walk around our school and visit the classrooms, I see fun and engaging lessons. Our children are challenged—often working in cooperative groups, analyzing, creating, performing, and having fun. During parent-teacher conferences, make sure to take time to look at the student work displayed in our hallways.

Finally, I cannot say enough about the parent volunteers that are committed to providing the very best for our children. Many of you are contributing in so many different ways. Whether it is playground/lunch supervision, coach, room parent, or member of a committee; there is a genuine passion for making Holy Family Regional School an outstanding school for our children. Thank you!

This Week's Happenings:

- Report Cards will be available for review at 4pm today in the FACTS Family Portal. Report card envelopes that contain the STAR parent report and non-uniform passes will be distributed on Monday.

The month of November provides an opportunity to express gratitude. Teaching children to give thanks from the heart means exploring their blessings and how it impacts their lives. Thank you for sharing your children with us! You and your family are a blessing to our school community. You will continue to be in my prayers of gratitude throughout this month.

Wishing you many blessings,



Mr. Jon Myers
Principal

Looking Ahead:

Monday, October 31

Non-Uniform Day

1:15pm Halloween Parade (Gr. 4-5) at South Campus

2:45pm Halloween Parade (Y5-3) at North Campus

Report Card Envelopes Sent Home

Tuesday, November 1

Feast of All Saints

9:00am School Mass (Gr. 4-8)

St. Mary of the Hills

2:00pm School Mass (Y5-3)

St. Andrew Church

Tuesday, November 8

NO SCHOOL for all students

Daytime Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 10

NO SCHOOL for Middle School Students

Day and Evening Conferences for Middle School

Evening Conferences for Y5-5

Friday, November 11

NO SCHOOL

Enjoy the long weekend with your family

Announcements:

Lost and Found-

The lost and found will be on display for the students in the upcoming week. Students are asked to check this out and claim items. All items left unclaimed on November 10 will be donated to charity.

Treats for Troops-

The National Junior Honor Society is collecting unopened, unwanted or extra Halloween candy for the 13th Annual 'Treats for Troops' organization of Oakland County. Please support this great cause and bring in your unopened extra candy next Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you for your support!

HFRS Family Directory

Attached to this email is the 2022-2023 Family Directory.

The personal information contained in the directory will be used for school purposes only.

This information may not be used for any purpose unrelated to school activities

(or school communications needs) such as soliciting for political, charitable, or business ventures.

Announcements, cont'd:

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to both campuses!

Both sales will include open hours to browse and shop during parent-teacher conferences as well as accessibility online.

More information can be found below. Please note that in person shopping will not be available at South Campus until Wednesday, November 2.

We look forward to seeing you!

North Campus Book Fair:

Oct. 31 - November 11 - Shop online and in person.

[CLICK to volunteer at North Campus](#)

[CLICK to shop our North Campus Fair](#) beginning Monday 10/31/2022.

Questions? Contact:

Michelle Staarmann - staarmann.michelle@holyfam.org

South Campus Book Fair:

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 - ONLINE ONLY

Nov. 2 - November 11 - Online and In Person

[CLICK to volunteer at South Campus](#)

[CLICK to shop our South Campus Book Fair](#) beginning Monday 10/31/2022.

Questions? Contact:

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Christina Scollin - christinascollin@gmail.com



St. Mary of the Hills is now hiring a part-time person for their Communications Department. Applicant must be creative with the ability to design fliers, slides, etc. to be used on our website and social media platforms. Ideally they would also have some website design experience. For more information, contact Arnie Vandercruyssen at 248-853-5390. To apply, email resume to businessmanager@smoth.org.



*Attention All Parents Of
Young 5 - 8th Grade Students*

DON'T MISS THIS PRESENTATION

THE DIGITAL CULTURE OF KIDS



**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 7TH
6:00- 7:30PM
SOUTH CAMPUS
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)**

**Learn how to create trust and
a safer digital space for children**

Michele is a mother of four children, ranging in age from early elementary to high school. She sees the digital demands that are placed on our children through social media and constant technology usage. Michele strives to connect with parents who may feel overwhelmed while parenting in this new digital age that is so different from the times many of us grew up in. She wants to give parents the knowledge and tools they need to help guide their children in making these online choices and to help them live their best life!



MICHELE LOTHSCHUTZ



This Week in our Faith

News from Campus Ministry

Fortitude both a Virtue and Gift of the Holy Spirit! It means courage.

Fortitude is strength ... strength in your mind and your conscience. It is often called courage. There are different types of courage...meaning you aren't afraid of things. Fortitude, though, means you have courage, but courage to make the right choices and to do the right thing. It is a shield from God to protect you from hurt feelings, and it helps you endure difficulties and pain ... for the sake of what is good. We know we have the mark of fortitude, when we are confident in our faith, and heroic in the things expected of us. We know, with God, we can do anything...we are not lazy, we are not reckless, and we don't do things that would hurt ourselves, or others. We can say no to things we know are wrong...even when saying no to friends...or saying no to a group of people who may make fun of us. That is true courage, true fortitude.

Having fortitude also means *saying yes* when you normally might not. You would say "yes" I will help because I know it is the right thing to do.

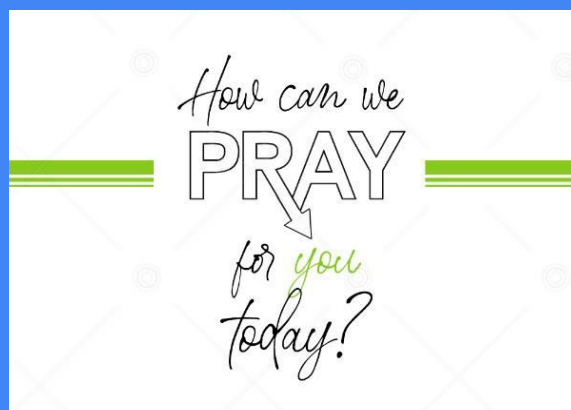
We must remember that when we are *doing good for God*, we should not seek praise. We should not muster up courage to do things just to get noticed. We, as God's people, should always be humble. If someone notices the good you have done (and you haven't told them) then, for sure, say thank you ... and then thank God for showing that *what you did* made a difference.

Think for a moment whether you know someone who has the mark of fortitude? Do you?



Upcoming Events and Mass Leadership

- November 1- **All Saints Day Mass**
 - 9:00 AM (South Campus) St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. Simonis
 - 2:00 PM (North Campus) St. Andrew. Leadership: Mrs. Bronikowski
- November 17 - 9:00 AM **Mass** (South Campus) St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. McLampy 8th
- November 18- 9:00 AM **Mass** (North Campus) St. Andrew Leadership: Mrs. Finn



Did you know that the HFRS website has a prayer button where families can submit prayer intentions? These intentions are brought to the Altar during our School Mass so that they can be prayed over. To submit an intention [Click Here](#) We would love to pray with you.

Our HFRS Family Prays Together

HFRS is known for becoming an extended family for all of our students; coming together when we need each other the most. The Akash Family is in need of our prayers. Their son Drew better known as “Super Drew” will be undergoing Surgery at Boston Children’s Hospital in Massachusetts to treat a Brain Tumor on November the 9th. We will be gathering as a school community to offer a Rosary for Drew, his parents, and our 2nd grade student Madelyn that morning. Please Join Us

Date: November 9th

Time: 8:30AM-9:00AM

Place: North Campus MPR (Please enter through the MPR door)



Celebrations This Week in our Faith

November 1st: All Saints Day (where we celebrate all of the Saints in Heaven)

November 2nd: All Souls Day (where we remember all the souls who have gone before us)

Coming Up in our Family of Parishes

- October 29- **Children’s Halloween Party** 12:00 PM-2:00 PM St. Irenaeus Parish Hall
- October 30- **Homeless to Housed Lunch and Learn.** 12:30PM-2:30PM. St Irenaeus. To RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/housing>
- November 3 - **Rosary** 8:30AM-9:00AM St. Mary of the Hills Chapel
- November 5 & 6- **Holy Face of Jesus Relic** for veneration. After all masses. St. Andrew Chapel
- November 19- **“Thankful” Family Event.** After 5PM Mass St. Andrew. Contact Margaret Kozak for more information at margaretkozakym@gmail.com

No on Proposal 3 Resources

Archbishop Vigneron has invited all of the Faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit to Pray, Vote and Give to defeat Proposal 3. The Archdiocese has compiled a list of very helpful resources to help the faithful educate themselves on the harm of this Proposal and also equip themselves to help defeat it. To visit these resources [Click Here.](#)

Catholic Trivia

Did you know.... Halloween has Catholic Roots? It began as the celebration of “All Hallows Eve” or as we would say today “All Saints Eve”. This celebration takes place on the eve of All Saints Day when we remember all those that have gone before us and live in the Heavenly Kingdom.



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

September 15, 2022

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are less than two months from the November 8 election, during which voters in Michigan will decide on an issue of paramount importance to protecting the inherent, God-given dignity of all people.

Abortion advocates under “Reproductive Freedom For All” seek to amend the state constitution to allow unregulated abortion on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy. This effort, primarily funded by out-of-state dollars, is spearheaded by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. It will appear on the ballot as Proposal 3.

The implications of this proposal are vast and extreme. If passed, the proposal’s vague wording would result in the elimination of dozens of Michigan laws relating to abortion, including: laws prohibiting partial-birth abortion and taxpayer-funded abortion; laws requiring parental consent and informed consent for abortion; laws protecting the conscience rights of persons who refuse to participate in abortion, and more. The proposal would prohibit lawsuits from being brought against any individual for performing an abortion, even when complications result from the procedure.

Proposal 3 is not about protecting existing rights, but rather about revoking the right to life for an untold number of human beings.

This is a grave offense to the dignity and sanctity of unborn, innocent human life. As people of faith who witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ and His teachings, we fervently oppose this deadly proposal and are taking action to defeat it. On behalf of the Catholic dioceses of Michigan, including the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Michigan Catholic Conference earlier this year partnered with Right to Life Michigan and other pro-life organizations to form a coalition called Citizens to Support MI Women and Children to oppose and, ultimately, to defeat this dangerous proposal.

In support of these efforts, I offer you three invitations to act:

PRAY: As advocates for the sanctity of life and truth, we always begin with prayer. Let us pray that our fellow Catholics and all people of goodwill will reject Proposal 3 in recognition of the danger it poses for women, children, and their families. To assist in our prayer, I will be celebrating Mass at 11 a.m. October 2 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in gratitude to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the gift of all human life. I hope to see you there.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

VOTE: As faithful citizens, we look forward to casting our votes on November 8. Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit are called to uphold the inherent dignity of all people by voting *against* Proposal 3, rejecting its “anything goes” approach to the destruction of human life. To vote in favor of this proposal would be to actively participate in the promotion and expansion of the intrinsic moral evil of abortion.

GIVE: As members of a family of faith, we can spread awareness among Catholics, practicing or otherwise, and others about the true nature of Proposal 3 and its consequences for life, women, families, and children. You can do this in part by discussing it with family, friends, and members of your community, but your reach will grow exponentially through your support of the statewide coalition dedicated to preventing this proposal from distorting our state constitution. **I invite you to visit supportmiwomenandchildren.org to learn more about the amendment, view a list of the dozens of laws it would impact, and consider a financial contribution to these efforts.**

As we protect and defend life from the moment of conception through natural death, we must at the same time accompany and support women experiencing difficult or unintended pregnancies. That is why the pro-life office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is working with our parishes and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, the charitable arm of the archdiocese, to redouble efforts to provide assistance and resources to women and families across the region, especially through initiatives like [*Walking With Moms in Need*](#). We cannot create a world where abortion is unthinkable without also creating a world in which all families receive the support they need. This work of mercy is critical and continuous. Together, we are building a culture of life where vulnerable families are given the help and support they need to choose and sustain life. For more information on these efforts, please visit aod.org/prolife.

Please join me in praying that this destructive proposal is defeated, and that Catholics and others use their votes to uphold the right to life and the inherent dignity of all people. Let us always have confidence in Jesus Christ, who has triumphed over death and invites us to this work of accomplishing God’s will in our midst.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Allen H. Vigneron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A".

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit



Fall 2022 Men's Challenge

On November 8 Michigan voters face a pivotal election for the protection of the unborn with Proposal 3 on the ballot. In the span of this election, Michigan could go from a state with laws protecting the unborn and vulnerable women from abortion to a state that permanently enshrines unlimited, unregulated abortion in the state constitution. Proposal 3 goes far beyond just keeping abortion legal or reinstating the now overturned Roe v. Wade decision. It would allow abortions to be performed by anyone, at any point in pregnancy, and for any reason. It would throw away state laws regulating quality, safety, and inspections for abortion clinics. It would remove parental consent requirement for teens seeking abortions, and teens seeking gender reassignment surgeries.

As Christian men, husbands, and fathers, we know that the battle for the family falls on us, it is our responsibility to protect and defend the family. Our unborn brothers and sisters are under assault. We know that the battle is not against flesh and blood but against the evil “principalities and powers” (Ephesians 6:12) that seek to destroy innocent life.

In a fraternal brotherhood with the men of Arizona, we are asking the men of Michigan to embark on the EXODUS 90 campaign of prayer and asceticism with the specific intention of defeating Proposal 3 and the similar initiative in Arizona. This fraternal effort of brotherhood, prayer and fasting is an outstanding example of friendship and sacrifice. All each man needs is a small band of brothers and to follow the prescribed prayers, scriptures and disciplines. Please see [the attached letter](#) for greater detail and information regarding this noble and fraternal challenge.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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ADVANCEMENT *"Fundraising"* News



Garden of Giving Benefit Evening!

"Experience the Beauty of Catholic Education"

February 11, 2023 - Palazzo Grande

Reminder!

***The Annual Fund
is underway.***

- **Holy Family's
Largest
Fundraiser**
- **Donations are
tax-deductible**

**[CLICK HERE TO
DONATE](#)**

Fun to expect at the Garden of Giving Benefit Evening:

- **Cambria Hotel
Partnership**
 - Discounted Rooms
 - Shuttle Service
- **Class Baskets**
- **Class Pottery**
- **Live Auction**
- **Silent Auction**

BENEFIT EVENING DONATIONS NEEDED

We have so many wonderful families within our school that are always willing to donate and contribute. Specifically, we are looking for families that are interested in sponsorship for the evening, or those interested in donating a product or service.

**[CLICK HERE TO
DONATE](#)**



HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

SAVE-THE-DATES

Annual Fund

Kick-off

October 8th & 9th

Families of Parishes

Benefit Evening

February 11, 2023

Palazzo Grande

Golf Outing

May 8, 2023

Great Oaks Country Club

Jennifer Schmitz

Director of Advancement

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PTG Connection

Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students



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Season of Events!

Get those calendars ready because we have months of fun coming your way...

Staff Appreciation

"Apple of Our Eye" Recap

Last week our Staff Appreciation Team, (*aka "The A-Team"*), hosted a yummy event for the HFRS staff with cider, donuts and giveaways! For those of you who suffer from FOMO, we attached a flyer to recap the fun...

The success of the day wouldn't have been possible without all who donated. We are still accepting gift cards to help with our upcoming events. [Sign up here](#). Please submit to either office by **November 4th**. (*Label the envelopes "SAW."*) See attached flyer for more info...

Next PTG Membership Meeting

11/15 - 9:15 am - North Campus

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Trunk or Treat

Fri, Oct 21nd

Trunk or treat was a wicked success thanks to Leza Aboona, Michell Campbell, Amy Hamama, Eva Samano and all the little ghouls who attended! It certainly didn't hurt to have such BOO-tiful weather that night. The trunk themes were *scary* good. (*The winners were too **Chicken** to watch **Hocus Pocus** at the **Circus**.*)

Staff Conference Meals

Tues, Nov 8th

On **Nov 8th**, the PTG will provide a delicious lunch for our amazing HFRS staff, in appreciation for their hard work. The main meal will be catered, but we are requesting donations for additional items. [Sign-up here](#) to donate and show your support for these fabulous individuals!

Family Skate Night

Fri Dec 2nd

Save the date for a night of rollerskating, **Dec 2nd at The New Rink** in Shelby Township. More details to come...

Christmas Gift Shop

North Campus - Dec 5th-9th,
South Campus - Dec 12th-16th

Yes, it's already time to start planning our annual Christmas Gift Shop and we need happy elves to help! Look for the sign up in next week's PTG Connection.

PTG Executive Board

President:

Lauren Kochenderfer

Vice Presidents:

Jamie Corsetti

Christina Scollin

Secretary:

Christina Matway

Treasurer:

Julie Gagliardi

Co-Chairs Wanted

Calling all DANCE MOMS! *Here's your chance to call the shots.* Join our team and co-chair the annual **Talent Show**. (*Okay, okay...we'll give you a spotlight, center stage.*)

[Contact us to volunteer!](#)

Retail Fundraisers

[Amazon Smile](#), [Box Tops](#), [Kroger](#), [Scrip](#), [Toyology](#)

All year, we participate in retail fundraisers that benefit HFRS. Click on the links above for more info on each program.

"Teamwork makes the DREAM work."



Staff Appreciation Call for Gift Cards



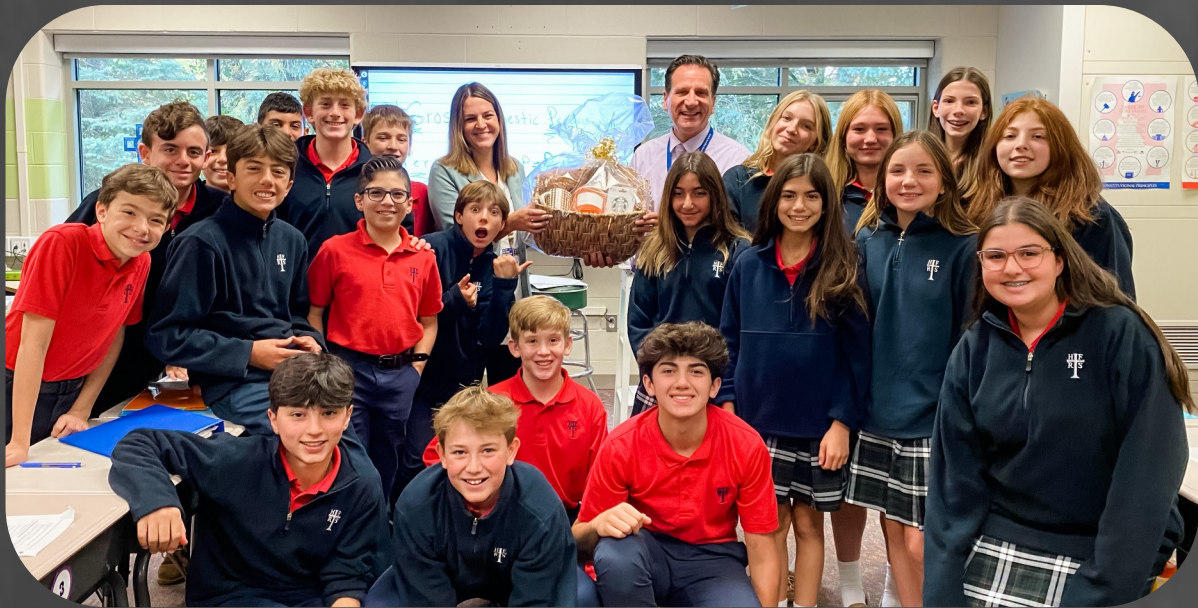
PTG Staff Appreciation needs your support to provide wonderful Staff Appreciation events this school year. Please consider donating one or more gift cards to fund the "12 Days" Giveaway in December, monthly events, and Staff Appreciation Week in May.

Gift card donations should be sent in to the school office by Friday, November 4th. Please label your envelope with your name and "PTG Staff Appreciation".

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP](#)

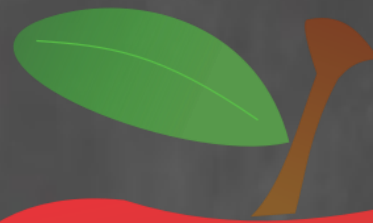
Please contact us if you have any questions.
Stephanie Estrellas, Nora Daut, Rachael DiMambro, Carmen Brigulio

Thank you for your support!



The PTG hosted a HFRS Staff Appreciation event with donuts, cider, apples, and giveaways.

THANK YOU
HFRS families for supporting Staff Appreciation events!



**you're the
apple
of our
eye!**





IT'S GAME TIME



WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE

ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

CHEER

UPCOMING EVENT:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th:

CYO Championship @ Holy Family

Regional School South Campus

Time: 10:00am

Fall Uniform

Return:

XC, Volleyball, Soccer & 4th Grade Cheer uniform return will take place on

Tuesday, November 1st from

8:00 am - 11:45 am @ Holy Family

Regional School South Campus Gym

XC, Volleyball, Soccer: Return washed shorts and jerseys in a Ziploc bag with your player's jersey #, size, and last name clearly labeled (Smith, XL, #8).

4th Grade Cheer: Return washed skirt and shell and place in a Ziploc bag with name and team labeled (Smith, 4th Cheer).

Anyone from any sport with lost or damaged uniforms will be required to pay a replacement fee

FALL SPORTS

Please find below our season ending survey. We would appreciate your honest feedback so that we can better serve you and your athlete. Please complete **1 survey per player**. Your answers will be anonymous and strictly confidential. The survey will remain open until **Friday, November 4th**.

COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY [HERE](#)

BASKETBALL ASSESSMENTS

Wednesday, 11/2: 5th Boys 6:00-7:15

6th Boys 7:15-8:30

Friday, 11/4: 5th Boys 5:00-6:30

6th Boys 6:30-8:00

Monday, 11/7: 7th Boys 6:00-7:15

8th Boys 7:15-8:30

Tuesday, 11/8: 7th & 8th Boys

6:00-8:00



5th Grade Safety Patrol Application



To the Parents or Guardian of Holy Family Fifth Graders,

Your child has the opportunity to join the 2022-2023 Safety Patrol. This is one of the highest honors a student can earn during the elementary school years. This honor carries privileges, as well as obligations and responsibilities. Each patrol member must maintain good citizenship and maintain a grade of "B" or higher in all subjects. Patrols must obey all school and safety rules. Patrols can be discharged at any time for misconduct.

Since this is a position of trust, responsibility and safety, a patrol member must be able to arrive at school each day by 7:55 am and stay on post until 8:15 am. Students that rely on school transportation will still be considered for a post that will accommodate their form of transportation. Unfortunately, students who ride late bus both to and from school cannot be utilized in the Safety Patrol Organization due to their inability to help with morning responsibilities.

As part of the process, your child will need to complete the [linked application](#). The chosen patrols will receive a notification letter that will have a signup genius link for them to sign up for morning duties.

Please return the application your child's homeroom teacher or Mrs. Ritchie.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Ritchie the Safety Patrol Leader

REGINA
Student Council

5K FOR BREAST CANCER

\$25

REGISTRATION
INCLUDES T-SHIRT
AND RACE FEE

Welcoming all ages to
come out and wear
pink for a 5K walk/run
to raise funds to
support young adults
fighting breast cancer

Enjoy pink baked
goods, cider, and
donuts!

October 29, 2022

Check in @ 9:30 AM

Race Begins @ 10:30 AM

River Bends Park

5700 22 Mile Rd.

Shelby Twp, 48317

SIGN UP TODAY AT [REGINAHS.COM/5K/](https://reginahs.com/5k/)