

# HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL

Friday, December 9, 2022

Issue 16

## HFRS Weekly Wrap

Dear Parents,

When we think of New Year's celebrations, we usually think of party time. It's time to let the old year go. We anticipate the new year by making resolutions and promising changes in behavior.

As Christians, we celebrate the arrival of a new liturgical year differently. The new year that began on the first Sunday of Advent is a quiet one. In the readings during the four Sundays of Advent, we remember the time when people waited in anticipation for the coming of the Messiah.

What is great about celebrating the coming of Jesus with children is that they help us approach the season with fresh eyes and insight. They present us with a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge they present is the way they soak up the values of the culture that has had them anticipating Christmas since the beginning of November. The opportunity they present is that we can introduce them to the timeless rituals celebrating the coming of the Messiah that will add depth to their spiritual lives.

During this Advent season, let's provide our children with a sense of hope and optimism. Let's take advantage of family time this year to strengthen their faith by sharing the gospel readings and reflecting on the coming of Christ.

### ***This Week's Happenings:***

- Thank you to the PTG for sponsoring the Christmas Shop at our North Campus. Students have enjoyed selecting the perfect gifts for everyone at home. Special thanks to all the parent volunteers who are made this possible. The South Campus Christmas Shop will be open for business on Wednesday– Friday this upcoming week.
- St. Nick visited our school on Tuesday and left a candy cane treat for our children. Students learned about this Catholic saint and how he became well known for his generosity and compassion for the poor.
- This past week we began to honor and show appreciation for our faculty and staff by celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas with gift deliveries at the end of the day. Be sure to join us live on our Facebook site between 2:50pm and 3:00pm each day as we surprise our faculty and staff.

Once again, let us thank God for the many blessings in our lives. Let us continue to pray for the children of our school, that they be drawn to Christ, and know that they are children of God, and are loved.

Yours in Christ,



Mr. Myers  
Principal

***Looking Ahead:***

**Sunday, December 11**

9:00am Winter Sports Mass at St. Mary of the Hills

**Monday, December 12**

6pm December School Advisory Meeting                      MPR (SC)

**Wednesday, December 14**

South Campus Gift Shop

**Thursday, December 15**

9:00am School Mass (4-8)    St. Mary of the Hills

**Friday, December 16**

9:00am School Mass (Y5-3)    St. Andrew Church

***Announcements:***

Students go outside for recess every day that conditions and temperatures allow. Please see that your student brings a snow bag every day to be sure he/she is ready for recess weather conditions. Hats, boots, snowpants, jackets, gloves, and scarves are needed from now until spring.

Please call the office to report your child's absence. Use the absence line if there is no answer.



# This Week in our Faith

## News from Campus Ministry

### Mary Conceived Without Sin

God needed a pure vessel to enter the world and so planned to use this special young girl named Mary. Yesterday, **Thursday, December 8th we remembered Mary's Immaculate Conception.** This is often misunderstood, the **Immaculate Conception is when Mary was naturally conceived in her mother Anne's womb, but God kept her soul pure and free from sin.** The celebration of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of Obligation.

This liturgy of the Mass on this day celebrates that Mary was full of grace from the very beginning of her existence. This special grace prepared her to be the Mother of God. Because of the saving work of her Son, Mary was totally preserved from the stain of original sin all personal sin. Neither did Mary commit any sin throughout her entire life. Pope Pius IX proclaimed this infallible dogma in 1854. Mary is the patron saint of the United States. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate is located in Washington, D.C. The beautiful prayer we pray below is derived from the words Angel Gabriel said to Mary at the *Annunciation* and the words Elizabeth spoke to her at the *Visitation*...at the end we ask our Blessed Mother to pray for us!

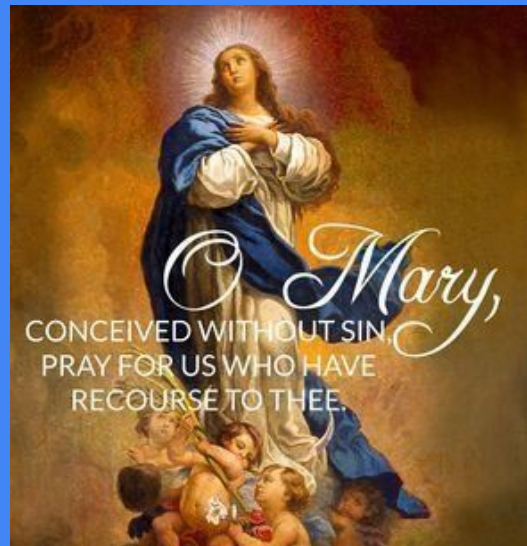
*Hail Mary full of Grace,  
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now and at the time of  
our death.  
Amen*

### Upcoming Events and Mass Leadership

- December 15- 9:00AM **Mass** (South Campus) St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. Pipas 7th
- December 16- 9:00AM **Mass** (North Campus) St. Andrew. Leadership: Mrs. Younan
- December 22- 10:30 AM (All School) **Christmas Prayer Service.** St. Andrew.
- January 12- 9:00 AM **Mass** (South Campus) St. Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. Lewinski
- January 13- 9:00 AM **Mass** (North Campus) St. Andrew Leadership: Mrs. Withrow



### Patroness of the United States

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is located in Washington, D.C. To take a virtual tour of this beautiful Basilica, [Click Here](#)

## 4 WAYS TO SAVOR ADVENT

**Seek reconciliation**

Go to Confession and invite your friends and family to go as well during the Advent season.

**Volunteer your time**

Serve lunch at a local soup kitchen before you head to your family celebration.

**Make homemade presents**

Invite your friends and family to make home-made gifts. It can be a nice, personal gesture with your loved ones.

**Don't use up all your Christmas spirit**

For Catholics, Christmas begins (it doesn't end) on December 25. Keep your sense of expectation alive for the "Octave of Christmas".

SOURCES: Our Sunday Visitor (www.osv.com) • "How to savor Advent" Perpetual Learner (www.adventus.wordpress.com) • "5 Tips for Living Advent" CatholicLink

### Parenting Tips for Middle School Parents

- Raising Teens in the Catholic Faith isn't always easy, check out this [Unleash the Gospel Article](#) for some very helpful tips.
- Need a Compass to help guide you through tough issues? [Click Here](#)

## Christmas Mass Times in our Family of Parishes

### St. Andrew

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 11:00 PM  
 Christmas Day: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

### St. Irenaeus

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM, 10:00 PM  
 Christmas Day: 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM

### St. Mary of the Hills

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM, 6:00PM, 10:00PM  
 Christmas Day: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM



### Coming Up in our Family of Parishes

- December 9- **Our Lady of Guadalupe** 7:00 PM. St. Andrew Church
- December 9 - **Cocoa, Carols and Blessing Baby Jesus** 7:00 PM St. Irenaeus
- December 13- **Advent Communal Reconciliation Family of Parishes** 7:00PM St. Andrew Church
- December 14- **Communal Anointing of the Sick** 9:00AM St. Irenaeus.
- December 17- **The Nativity** Presented by the Youth Group. 6:00PM St. Andrew Church
- December 20- **Taize Prayer Service.** 7:00PM Chapel St. Mary of the Hills.

How can we  
**PRAY**  
 for you  
 today?

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.

## Catholic Trivia

Do you know the difference between doctrine and dogma? Doctrine is all Church teaching in matters of faith and morals. Dogma is irrevocable, it is teachings defined by the Magisterium of the Church as truths that have been divinely revealed. (See CCC 88)

# Advancement News

December 9, 2022

## FUNDRAISINGEVENTS

### Annual Fund

Donate Now [HERE](#)

As of today, the Annual Fund has raised

**\$121,835**

### Benefit Evening - February 11, 2023



**OVER 200 Tickets have been sold, don't miss out, purchase your tickets today!**

***TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW.*** Come celebrate with our school community at the Palazzo Grande. Purchase your tickets before **DECEMBER 16th** to be put in another drawing for a chance to win an overnight stay at the Cambria hotel sponsored by ***DiNello Team Real Estate (DiNello Family)***. Purchase your tickets [HERE](#)

**Sponsorships** are still available for the event If you would like to be a sponsor, please click [HERE](#).

**SEATING** - Tables of 10 - Please email seating requests to [schmitz.jennifer@holyfam.org](mailto:schmitz.jennifer@holyfam.org), we will do our best to honor all requests.

**Interested in Donating a product or Service** Please fill out [THIS FORM](#) and one of our committee members will be in contact with you to discuss Options.





## **Benefit Evening Details**

**Why:** Major School Fundraiser & Parent Fellowship

**When:** Saturday, February 11, 2023

**Where:** The Palazzo Grande, Shelby Township

**Attire:** Dressy Cocktail

**Begins:** 6:00 pm - Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

6:50 pm - Welcome and Blessing

7:00 pm - Plated Dinner Service

Premium Open Bar-Entire Evening

**Live Auction:** 8:00 pm - must be at the event to participate

**Entertainment:** 8:30 pm - Live Band (Your Generation) and  
Dancing

**Silent Auction Closes:** 10:00 pm

**Last Year's Funds Raised Went to  
Upgrade School Security & Operating Expenses**

**Exclusive Jewelry & Bourbon Event Raffles**

**Complimentary Valet & More!**

**\*\* Just by purchasing tickets to  
the event you are already  
donating to the school\*\***

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## BENEFIT EVENING

### THANK YOU TO OUR BENEFIT EVENING SPONSORS!

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## **\*\*PlayStation 5\*\***

### **One-Day Online Auction!**



The Benefit Evening is kicking off with our first auction item. Just in time for Christmas. Need a gift? Having trouble finding the PlayStation 5 that your child wants? Look no further, we have an auction for you!

Generously Donated by the Garofalo Family

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**When: Sunday, December 18**

**Bidding Opens: 1:00 pm**

**Bidding Closes: 4:00 pm**

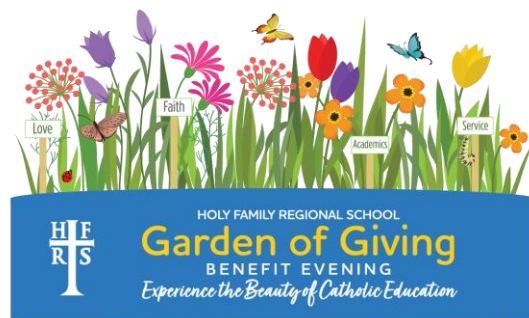
The winner will be announced on Facebook Live on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> during the 12 days of Christmas

\*Option not to have your child's name announced live

Click Below to Register & Bid  
<https://hfrs2022playstation5.ggo.bid>



# SOCIAL SCENE Host FORM



**What are Social Scene Parties?** The Social Scene consists of a variety of parties for adults, children, and/or families intended to promote a sense of community. One or more families volunteer to host/donate a party. Tickets to the parties are purchased through the online Silent Auction, and 100% of the money raised through ticket sales is donated to the school, and the guests enjoy the parties! Grade-level parties are open to everyone in the grade and are a great way for children to meet new friends. Adult parties are usually themed and are a way for new and old friends to connect.

**Family Party Ideas** – Halloween party, Jimmy Johns Baseball Field party, movie night, mother/daughter tea party, Escape Room party, father/son football or basketball tournament, bowling party, and a cooking party

**Adult Party Ideas** – ugly sweater party, Punchbowl Social, sushi & sake party, Painting with a Twist, Kentucky Derby party, mani & mimosa, happy hour party, grade level cocktail party, cooking party, Rochester Pedal Ride party, and spa day

**Kids Party Ideas** – Robot Garage, Pump It Up, Airtime, The HUB in Auburn Hills, Painted Pot party, bowling parties, and movie screenings

*If you are interested in donating a Social Scene, please feel free to contact our Acquisitions Team Members with any questions:*

**Domenica DiNello (ddinello@vanguardregroup.com)**

**Matt Floore (matt.floore@lancetools.com)**

*Please complete the form and return it to either the North or South Campus front office.*

Name of Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Tentative Date of Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Hosts/Co-Hosts: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Price: \_\_\_\_\_

# PTG Connection

Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students



## Quick Links

[About Us](#)  
[Volunteer](#)  
[Events](#)  
[Contact Us](#)

## BRRR!

It was a cold, windy week. Good thing we have love in our hearts to keep us warm!!

## Family Skate Night

Fri Dec 2nd

We appreciate everyone who came to The New Rink last Friday to show off their skills. Between the adults and kids, we're not sure who had more fun! Thank you to Melissa Keen for getting this event *rolling*. (See what we did there?) The next skate night will be in February.

## Family Dinner Night

Wed Dec 7th

Family Dinner Night took place Wednesday at City Tavern. Special thanks to Cheryl Moscato and everyone who came and filled their bellies!

## Next PTG Membership Meeting

12/13 - 9:15 am - North Campus

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## Christmas Gift Shop

*North Campus - Dec 6th-8th*

*South Campus - Dec 14th-16th*

The Christmas Gift Shop was held this week at North Campus. Thank you to Melissa Akash, Christine Hurst, Renee Sorgi, and Tara Tuttle for planning the shop. Next week South Campus students will be making a list and checking it twice.

## Ornament Sales

*Pre-Order (gold w/theme)*

All “Footsteps” gold ornaments were delivered this week. We hope they add a little bit of glitter and a whole lot of faith to your trees! Thank you to Jessica Cossette for coordinating the sale.

*At the Christmas Shop (blue w/logo)*

A traditional [blue ornament with the HFRS logo](#) is available at the Christmas Gift Shop for \$10. Any remaining bulbs may be available online at the conclusion of the South Campus gift shop. Check back next week for the purchase link.

## Staff Appreciation

*December*

The “12 Days of Christmas” staff giveaways are still going strong. Congrats to all the winning staff members so far. More Christmas cheer is on its way!

## PTG Executive Board

### **Presidents:**

Lauren Kochenderfer  
Kristen Baradihi

### **Vice Presidents:**

Jamie Corsetti  
Christina Scollin

### **Secretary:**

Christina Matway

### **Treasurer:**

Julie Gagliardi

## Mother/Son Event

*Sun, Jan 22nd*

Save the date for an afternoon of laser tag, bowling and MORE! The best part? *Mom will be there.* See attached flyer...

## Used Uniform Sale

*Wed, Jan 25th - South Campus*

Are your child’s pants looking like floods? Save the date for our second Used Uniform Sale. More info to come.

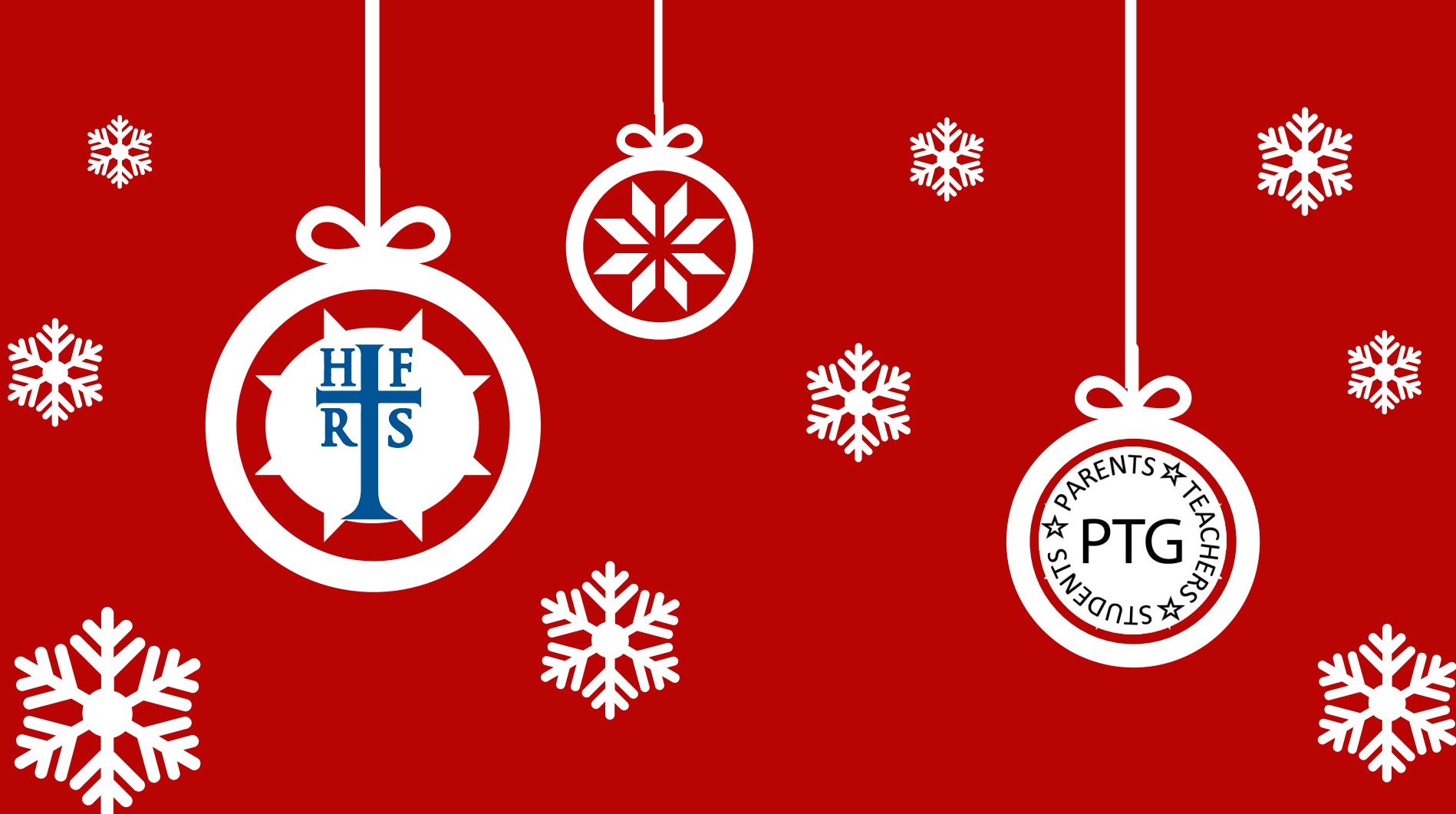
## Retail Fundraisers

*Toyology Spotlight*

*Turn Christmas gift buying into fundraising dollars for HFRS. See attached flyer for more info. It’s so easy!*

Click links for more info on our other programs:  
[Amazon Smile](#), [Box Tops](#), [Kroger](#), [RaiseRight](#)

*“Teamwork makes the DREAM work.”*



# Holy Family Christmas Gift Shop

**North Campus – December 6th - 8th**  
**South Campus – December 14th - 16th**

Use the envelope to create a budget and list who your child is shopping for (*suggested max of 8 recipients*). Gifts, including the [blue HFRS Christmas ornament](#), will be priced from \$0.50 - \$11.50 at South Campus and from \$0.50 - \$6.50 at North Campus.



Checks and cash are accepted. Checks should be made out to “Holy Family PTG” and the amount may be left blank. Our volunteers will return the envelope with the total amount spent written on it. If you prefer to send in cash, please do not send in bills larger than \$20. Bulk change will not be accepted.

If you prefer your child to refrain from shopping, please inform your child’s teacher.



The Christmas Gift Shop is a child centered environment where the children can experience the joy of giving this holiday season. It is not a school fundraiser.

# Holy Family Regional School PTG Mother/Son Bowling Event



**Date:** January 22, 2023

**Location:** Escape in Troy

**Cost:** \$29 per person

- Price Includes bowling, one game of laser tag, 2 slices of pizza and unlimited soda! The arcade is an additional cost so plan to bring money, if your son wants to play there.

**Time:** 11:00am – 1:00pm or 1:30pm – 3:30pm

- New! There are 2 time slots this year to allow more people to participate. Simply select the time slot you want to attend!  
(Please note: each time slot will be limited to 240 people.)

Look for registration information in the  
PTG Connection, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Have questions? Please email Joanna Collins, [joannaRCollins@yahoo.com](mailto:joannaRCollins@yahoo.com)

or Kristen Faure, [KLFaure@gmail.com](mailto:KLFaure@gmail.com)

**If you are interested in volunteering  
or donating an item for this event,**

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP.](#)**





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# Toyology + SCHOOL KICKBACK PROGRAM

When you shop at Toyology  
and mention HFRS at checkout...

**10%**  
*of your purchase*

**GOES RIGHT BACK  
TO OUR SCHOOL!**

Cannot be combined with any other offers.

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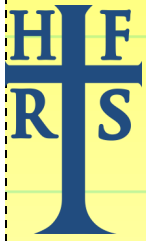
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6558 Telegraph Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301  
(248) 579-5110

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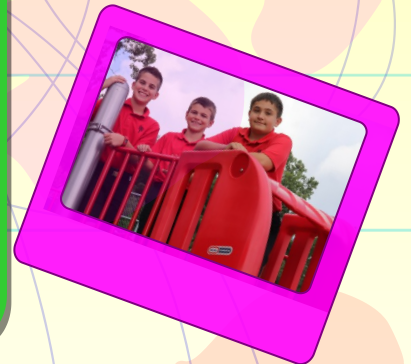


# Help Us Design Our Yearbook Cover!



YEAR  
BOOK

YEAR  
BOOK



## Contest rules

- The school name must be included
- This year's school theme must be included
- The school year (2022-2023) must be included
- Hard copy drawing must be submitted on plain white (no lines), 8.5 x 11 paper—portrait orientation
- Please keep a border of 1/2 inch to ensure that nothing is cut off (coloring can go to the edges, but designs may get cut off)
- Submit to either school office to Mrs. Fernandez by January 15, 2023.



*Hit the Slopes with your Holy Family Friends*

# PINE KNOB

# SKI & SNOWBOARD SCHOOL

## STUDENT PATCH PROGRAM

### TUESDAY EVENINGS STARTING JANUARY 3RD

- 6 consecutive weeks of group lessons.
- 6 consecutive weeks of lift tickets and rentals
- Must be at least 7 years old to participate.
- 1 instructor with the same lesson group all season providing a better learning environment.

Pay and register one time for the entire season

\$30 per student membership

\$180 per student lift ticket

\$180 for 6 one-hour group lessons

\$180 for rentals (optional)

Flexibility to buy just the lift or lift and rental.

Discounted (\$20 off) on private lessons.

Parents can participate in the discounted skiing or riding program on their student club night.

**PINE KNOB**

**7778 SASHABAW RD., CLARKSTON, MI 48348**

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER](#)**

**DEADLINE  
EXTENDED  
DEC. 15TH.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT MELISSA DEMSKI AT [MELISSADEMSKI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MELISSADEMSKI@GMAIL.COM)**



# ***IT'S GAME TIME***



**WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE**

***ATHLETIC NEWS FOR THE WEEK***

## **BASKETBALL GAMES**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Saturday, December 10th @ AWAY:**

9:00am: Boys 5/6 #4-5th @ St. Lawrence #3  
10:05am: Girls 5/6 #2-5th @ St. Lawrence #2  
11:15am: Boys 5/6 #2-5th @ St. Lawrence #2  
12:30pm: Girls 5/6 #1-6th @ St. Lawrence #1  
1:45pm: Boys 5/6 #1-6th @ St. Lawrence #1  
2:00pm: Boys 5/6 #6-5th @ OLG-C-Plymouth  
2:25pm: Boys 7/8 #3-8th @ OL Refuge #3  
2:30pm: Boys 5/6 #3-6th @ St. Paul #2  
3:00pm: Boys 7/8 #2-7th @ St. Lawrence #2  
3:40pm: Boys 7/8 #4-7th @ OL Refuge #4  
4:15pm: Girls Varsity #1 @ St. Lawrence #1  
5:30pm: Boys 7/8 #1-8th vs. St. Regis #1  
6:15pm: Boys 5/6 #5-6th @ St. Paul #3

**\*\*ATTENTION – URGENT NEED\*\***

We are urgently in need of several volunteers at our games in order to have a successful running of all things involved. Please take a look at the sign up and consider volunteering your time.

We truly appreciate all of your help and hope you consider volunteering at our upcoming home games in the coming weeks, many hands make light work!

[2022-2023 Winter Sports Volunteers Link](#)

## **WINTER SPORTS MASS**

Please join us for our Winter Sports Mass this Sunday, December 11th at 9:00am.

St. Mary of the Hills Church.





Join us for <sup>66</sup>“A Night Like No Other”<sup>99</sup>

December 17th - An Advent reflection  
at St. Andrew following the 5 pm Mass  
in the gathering space

All are welcome for refreshments, crafts,  
games & an Advent reflection