



Thursday, August 31, 2023

Issue 3

HFRS Weekly Wrap

Dear Parents,

Thank you to so many of you who attended our Meet the Teacher nights at both campuses. It was great to meet many of you, and hear our teachers share the exciting things they have planned for this year. We are grateful for the collaboration.

This week we also successfully started bus transportation and hot lunch. Durham transportation is still working on some details, and each school day the buses are arriving earlier to each campus. Thank you for your patience as we fall back into a routine.

Raffle tickets are coming back into the school. Thank you to the many families who have already sold, and especially to those who are requesting more tickets to sell. The profits from this raffle are directly applied to our debt. As Mr. Myers referenced during his address, we will be able to close this debt by December 2024. This will allow us to begin making exciting plans for the future of Holy Family Regional School.

This weekend many of us will gather with family and friends to celebrate Labor Day. This holiday is more than hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, and fireworks. Although, we love all those things! This holiday began in the late 19th century to celebrate the social and economic achievements of American workers. We are celebrating the contributions made by early Americans who helped establish labor laws, especially regarding the safety of workers. Take some time with your family to honor those who worked in unsafe conditions, and then chose to stand up for people they didn't even know. I wonder if I would have done the same, or if I would have accepted it as status quo.

We also celebrate the twenty-second Sunday of ordinary time, but our message in this week's gospel is definitely not ordinary! We will hear in Matthew 16 about Jesus preparing his disciples for the passion. He is hinting at what will come, and his disciples do not want to believe what he is saying.

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16: 21-27) I have always found hope in this gospel. If I lay down my life for our Lord, I find peace, I find love, I find joy, I find mercy, I find Jesus.

I pray you take time with your families this weekend to lay down parts of your lives for Him. You will find everything He promises and more than you ever expected.

Your disciple in Christ,

Mrs. Hondzinski

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday September 1– Monday September 4

No School

September 5

Return to School

Star Testing begins

September 6

Friendzy Assessments begin

September 8

Blessed Mother's Birthday

September 11

Patriot Day

Picture Day

6pm School Advisory at North Campus

September 12

9:20am PTG at South Campus

September 15

10am Opening Mass at St. Andrew

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fund Our Future Raffle

Raffle tickets were distributed the first day of school. If you have not received your packet, or need more tickets, please contact Lisa Davis, in the Business Office.

Davis.lisa@holyfam.org or 248-218-4552.

Hot Lunch Ordering for October

Opens September 1st at 8:00am

Closes September 7th at noon.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED



A Parent's Guide to STAR Assessments – Frequently Asked Questions - September 2023

At Holy Family Regional School students in grades K-8 will take the STAR Assessments at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year, September, January, and May respectively. Depending on a student's grade level, tests will be administered in Early Literacy, Reading, and Math. During testing intervals, answers to frequently asked questions about the assessments, scoring of assessments, and interpretation of scores, will be shared with you via the Weekly Wrap. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher(s) or building Assistant Principals if you have any questions throughout the year.

What are STAR Assessments?

STAR assessments are short computer-adaptive tests (CATs) that provide teachers with learning data. Computer adaptive tests continually adjust the difficulty of each student's test by choosing test questions based on the student's previous response. If the student answers a question correctly, the difficulty level of the next item is increased. If the student misses a question, the difficulty level is decreased. CATs save testing time and spare your student the frustration of items that are too difficult and the boredom of items that are too easy. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time (about one-third of the time other tests take).

What do Teachers do with STAR Assessments?

Teachers analyze the data they receive from STAR assessments to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional support. STAR assessments are heavily researched and scientifically proven to help teachers guide each student on his or her unique path to mastery. By pinpointing what your child knows, teachers can personalize his or her practice to perpetuate growth and inform you of ways to support learning.

Can we use STAR Assessments at home?

STAR Assessments are only used at school by teachers to gain insight to guide instruction. However, your child's teacher will share reports of your student's STAR results and growth during Parent-Teacher Conferences. In future installments, you will learn of support resources that differentiate for every student based on individual assessment results.

How can I help my child prepare for their STAR Assessments?

The best way to help your student with STAR Assessments is to help them understand they are taking the test so that their teacher knows exactly how to help them learn. The teacher who gives the test uses pre-test instructions to explain the test to students. It is important for you to encourage your student to try to do his or her best on the assessment. Since STAR is a general measure of student ability in math and reading, students perform best on the assessment in the same way they perform best in school – when they have had plenty of rest, attend school regularly, and have been nourished.

Campus Ministry



Welcome, to all our new children and their families, and welcome back to all who continue to be with us! We are blessed to have you and pray that you feel God's love!

Our theme this year, is meant to draw your child (and all of us) into an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. It is meant to help your child understand who she/he is, as a child of God in this royal, holy family. We will continue to focus on prayer, the sacraments and what it means to truly participate in Holy Mass.

We will help your child understand the *kerygma*, which is a Greek word, meaning to proclaim the Gospel through your own experiences and journey. It means, to tell your story of faith, while spreading the Good News of Jesus' death, and resurrection, to save us!

We are honored to be partnering with you in forming your child in the faith. We ask that while *Holy Family Regional School* becomes your home, and beloved community, please also stay connected, and active, in your home parish. It should be your first home of faith, and a place where your child continues to celebrate even after his/her days with us at Holy Family School.

May God bless you, as together we begin this year in Jesus' name. As a school enthroned to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary*, we hold onto our oath of surrendering ourselves to the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

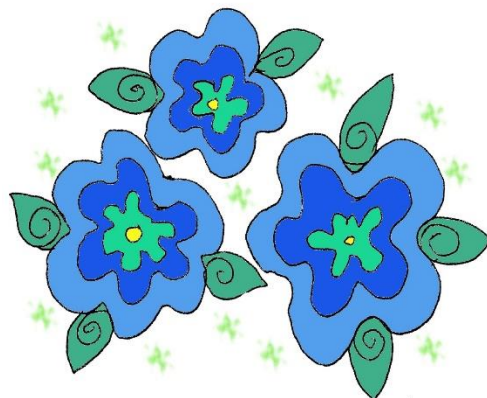
In Christ's Love and Peace, Kim Myers

Kimberly Myers

HFRS Director of Campus Ministry

"We Were Made for So much more..."

We were made to THRIVE"



KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



Protecting God's Children Workshops
(for all who have not attended)

Online Option (Register at virtus.org as First Time Registrant)

- August 24 at 1:00 pm
- August 30 at 5:30 pm
- September 5 at 5:30 pm

In-person: (Register at virtus.org as First Time Registrant)

- August 23 at 6:00 pm – St. Patrick, White Lake
- August 26 at 9:00 am – St. John Vianney, Shelby Twp.

Recertification Process

As the AOD Office of Child and Youth Protection will rely on the Virtus platform for their communication needs, all users should ensure their account information in the Virtus platform is accurate. Individuals can update their information by logging into their accounts at virtus.org

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at protectchildren@aod.org or 313-237-5826.



The United States Association of
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a religious experience for children and adults focused on contemplation and enjoyment of God. This experience is shared in a prepared environment, using the Montessori philosophy, called the *Atrium*.

This sacred space is an important element that helps the relationship between God and the child flourish. After the catechist/teacher presents a theme, the child is encouraged to choose an activity/work that fosters an inner dialogue with the “Interior Teacher.” The Atrium nourishes this relationship like a retreat house facilitates recollection and silence. The Atrium is a place of meaningful work where the child can have a conversation with God. In the early church, an atrium was a place where catechumens were prepared to enter the church. The Atrium in the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* offers the child a place to prepare for involvement in the larger worship community. www.cgsusa.org

This special ministry was started by a woman named Sofia Cavalletti. She, a theologian in Rome, was asked to prepare a friend’s child for Holy First Communion. She said no, she had no experience in forming a child. She finally gave in and was amazed at the deep interest and understanding of the divine, by such a young child. Through a friend, Sofia met and began to work with Gianna Gobbi who was an experienced Montessori Directress. Together they formed this amazing space and way to bring children close to God.

Our North Campus Atrium, for K-3rd graders, is in the *Parish Center* across the parking lot from the Second Grade/Kindergarten entrance and exit. Our South Campus Atrium will be in the *Multipurpose Room* at South, every Mondays for 4th graders.

We continue to add one more grade each year. Mrs. Norma Palero and Mrs. Maria Gomez work with the children at North in Level I and II. Mrs. Palero and I will be working with the 4th graders in Level III this year. We will share moments of grace with you as we go. Please pray for us and all our children that they feel God’s presence in their lives and respond with exuberant gratitude!

Sofia Cavalletti is quoted saying, “*If we want the child to grow near to God we should, with patience and courage...seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The child himself will be our teacher if we know how to observe him.*”

Peace in The Lord, our Good Shepherd, Kim Myers

HFRS Director of Campus Ministry, “*We Were Made for So much More...We Were Made to THRIVE!*”

Domestic Church

What is it and How to Be one

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2223



Watch for information on how you can be sure to foster a *Domestic Church* in your home. Join Mrs. Myers for sharing on Pope John Paul II's letter on families, entitled *Familiaris Consortio* (The fellowship of the family).

It subtitled *On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*.

She will be creating videos that you may watch with your family (activities included).

PTG Connection

Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students



Quick Links

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Next PTG Membership Meeting

9/12 - 9:20 am - South Campus

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And just like that...

August is over. Our kids have made it through two (almost full) weeks *and WE made it through an entire summer.* Before you leave for the long weekend, read up on our Fall events.

Fall Flower Sale

Aug 30th-Sept 13th

MUM'S the word. The annual Fall Flower Sale opened yesterday. Same great bloomers...*but with a festive pot twist this year.* Check your child's folder for a catalog and [ordering instructions.](#)

Fall Festival

Sat, Sept 23rd

Our annual Fall Festival is quickly approaching. [Purchase your wristbands early*](#) so you can get to the important stuff...*mentally preparing for the donut-eating contest. Mind. Over. Matter.*

Speaking of early, [volunteer to work the festival](#) and you could be one of the first parents to get volunteer hours on the board...*ooh your friends will be so jelly!* Do it.

*Wristbands are required and will cover all activities.

Co-Chair Orientation

Wed, Sept 6th

The annual co-chair orientation will be held **Wednesday, Sept 6th, 2 pm, at North Campus (MPR)**. This meeting is for both new and former PTG chairpersons. [Please use this link to RSVP](#). Virtual options may be available for those who cannot attend.

Trunk or Treat

Fri, Oct 20th

Save the date for a SPOOKtacular event! The annual HFRS Trunk or Treat is back and you won't want to miss it. Start planning those trunks. More info to come...

PTG Executive Board

Presidents:

Lauren Kochenderfer

Kristen Baradihi

Vice Presidents:

Christina Scollin

Chelsea George

Secretary:

Christina Matway

Treasurer:

Dena Premo

Join the PTG Board!

Our PTG Executive Board is looking for a Vice President and Secretary to join our team. Ideal candidates are assertive, organized and have strong leadership skills. *Software savvy?* Always a plus! [Contact us](#) to request an application.

Retail Fundraisers

[Box Tops](#), [Busch's](#), [Kroger](#), [RaiseRight](#), [Toyology](#)
All year, we participate in retail fundraisers that benefit HFRS. These are easy ways to contribute. By simply continuing to shop as normal, but attaching a link or scanning the top of a box. Click on the links above for more info! *Sound interesting to you?* **We are currently looking for 2 co-chairs to run these programs.**

"Teamwork makes the DREAM work."

MUMKINS! & MUMSTERS

PLUS OUR HAIR CLUB FOR MUMKINS



We are excited to bring you a NEW Fall Mum Sale this year.

Introducing MUMKINS and MUMSTERS by Foertmeyer and Sons Greenhouses. In addition to the above Mumkins and Mumsters, traditional potted mums are also available in 5 colors.

Mumkin sales will begin on Wednesday, August 30 and run through Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Students will bring a flyer home with online ordering instructions. As always, a portion of each sale will go back to the Holy Family Regional School PTG.

Mumkin pickup will take place on Monday, September 25.

Questions may be directed to wilson.megan@holyfam.org.



HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL



HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL'S



FALL FESTIVAL



Saturday, September 23

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SOUTH CAMPUS

2633 JOHN R RD - ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48307

WRISTBAND INCLUDES ALL ACTIVITIES!

\$18 PRESALE (UNTIL SEPT. 19) / \$20 AT DOOR

(Wristbands required for entry. Ages 2 & under are free.)

CARNIVAL GAMES - PRIZES - FACEPAINTING

LIVE MUSIC - DONUT EATING CONTEST

ENTERTAINMENT - BALLOON TWISTERS & MORE!

BRING CASH FOR FOOD / DESSERT TRUCKS / BEER TENT

BUY WRISTBANDS HERE

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP HERE

[Questions? susanleroy9@gmail.com](mailto:susanleroy9@gmail.com)



IT'S GAME TIME



WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE

ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SOCCER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

9:00am - Girls JV @ St. Hugo #2

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

5:00pm - Girls JV vs. St. Mary MC @ HOME

6:15pm - Girls V vs. Shrine #2 @ HOME

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

5:00pm - Boys JV vs. St. Lawrence @ HOME

6:15pm - Boys V vs. St. Lawrence @ HOME

Holy Family soccer teams play home games @ Holy Family South: 2633 John R Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

5th: 9:00am @ NDP Marist 5/6

7th: 10:45am @ NDP Marist 7/8

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

4th: 10:00am vs. St. Lawrence @ Swinehart

6th: 2:00 pm vs. St. Lawrence @ Swinehart

8th: 4:00pm vs. St. Lawrence @ Swinehart

GO

WILDCATS!



VOLLEYBALL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

4:45pm - JV#2 @ Holy Name #2





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WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE

ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

VOLUNTEER SIGN - UP

Volunteer opportunities have been added for ALL Fall sports.
Reminder: 2 hours per students athlete during their season is required.

[Fall Sports Volunteer Link](#)

SIDELINE STORE

SHOP OUR SIDELINE STORE YEAR ROUND. SHOP FOR MORE STYLES AND DESIGNS
[HERE](#)

We also have Wildcat hoodies (pink, gray, & navy) and t-shirts (lime green, pink, gray, & navy) available for purchase.

T-Shirts = \$15

Hoodies = \$30

Contact Melissa Morpew for purchase: morpew.melissa@holyfam.org





Your Year of

Fun

- ✓ Make s'mores around a campfire.
- ✓ Explore a state park with your troop.
- ✓ Bring a smile to someone's face.

Now's the perfect time to start your Girl Scout journey. Get ready to go on epic adventures, try new things, and have a blast! Discover a world of excitement with your Girl Scout friends by your side.

Be a Girl Scout



www.gssem.org/join

Meet your new forever friends at our **Family Information Meeting**

Free! Bring your grown-up(s) along.
9/7/23 3:45 pm
Holy Family Regional School-1240
Inglewood Ave, Rochester, MI 48307
Please contact Bailey Talaska at 3135809795
for questions

girl scouts
of southeastern
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Join Us

for a

BBQ

You & your teen are invited

**For a Meet and Greet
with The Youth Ministry Team!**

September
10th
2022

St. Andrew
Activities Building
& Patio

6:00 p.m.
to
8:00 p.m.

Kindly RSVP by
September 7th
Scan the QR Code
to add your name
& total number attending



tinyurl.com/mr2xrw9a



The **5** Love Languages

Want to improve your relationship with your partner? Would you like to improve your communication? Would you like to get "closer" to your partner? Come join us at St Mary of the Hills to learn the 5 love languages of your partner. This session is for married couples, engaged couples, or dating couples.

When: 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Cost: \$50 per couple (Dinner for couples).

Pay via cash or check (payable to St. Mary of the Hills) and drop off or mail to the parish office (by 9-17).

(Memo mentioning 5 love languages)

Babysitting is available at no additional cost. Please register how many children you will be needing the babysitting facility for.

Babysitting will be done by trained staff.



walking with purpose

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

***It's the more you've
been longing for...***

TUE 9/19

Special event at St. John's Resort in Plymouth with
Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of Walking with Purpose

TUE 9/26

Two new Bible studies begin

1

Opening Your Heart: *The Starting Point*

Dive into the core questions we need to wrestle
with to experience all God has for us



2

Discovering Our Dignity: *Women of the Bible*

Use the past to connect our "present" in a tender,
honest, and loving way, with ancient wisdom & insights

**Registration
Now Open!**



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