



Friday December 15, 2023

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HFRS Weekly Wrap

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the volunteers who decorated both campuses so well over the weekend. It was nice to enter the campuses Monday morning surrounded by the Candy Land theme. We are blessed to have so many committed families, and an outstanding commitment from our PTG to make the magic happen. I am grateful for each of you.

Likewise, the staff are in love with the HFRS large tumblers. We love anything with our logo on it, and it will help keep us hydrated all day. Thank you PTG for the beautiful gifts!

Over Christmas vacation the lockers at the south campus will be worked on by a locker company. All students will need to empty everything from their lockers prior to December 21st. I would recommend taking a little home each day until there is one manageable backpack for Thursday. We appreciate your assistance with this. There are several lockers in need of some type of repair. This will give us a nice fresh look when we return in January.

Thank you for your support of our half day Friday plan for this school year. Our teachers have been using the time for professional development, expanding their differentiation skills, and learning more about progress monitoring. This week I have met with several teams and parents, and I'm excited to see the data of our student growth. We are developing a plan for January testing at the south campus, more details will come in January. Please make sure to have your students to school in the morning for the weeks of both January 16th and January 22nd.

Along the lines of calendars, I would like to share a simple google form regarding spring break 2024-2025. We understand many families have students in local Catholic high schools who have spring vacation the week after Easter. Please use this [link](#) to place your vote.

Also, at the beginning of the year we told everyone you would need to re-certify Protecting God's Children or complete it if you've never taken it, if you wanted to volunteer in the classroom, on campus, or have any interaction with the students. You were also notified of completing a background check prior as well. This is an Archdiocese wide policy for school's, churches, and other Catholic organizations to protect our vulnerable children. Your compliance with this is mandatory, as I am sure you would expect us to follow every possible policy to protect your child(ren). Thank you to those who have completed. If you have not, but intend to volunteer at any time, I would recommend completing these items immediately. We are unable to make any exceptions.

Your disciple in Christ,
Bridget Hondzinski

Looking Ahead:

If your student(s) will be absent for an extended Christmas break, please let the school office know. Please leave a message on the Absence line if there is no answer. Thank you.

Thursday, December 22

All students (Y5-8) report to North Campus
10:30am Christmas Program at St. Andrew Church
Christmas Break begins at conclusion of program.

Monday, January 1

Hot Lunch Ordering for February opens at 8am

Sunday, January 7

Hot Lunch Ordering for February closes at noon
No late orders can be accepted.

Monday, January 8

Classes Resume



Friendzy Forecast:

We have completed the second week of our theme of "You First." Don't be selfish, don't try to impress others, be humble, look out for the interests of others, have the same attitude that Jesus Christ has, are messages from the two Biblical quotes of the month. You might locate the two verses, Philippians 2:2-5 and Matthew 20:16, with your children and review them together. Next week, on December 19th, we will feature a "You First" day. Students will be guided by the morning announcement on their part in creating a mindful moment with another student. These moments can be simple and quiet gestures, with the recipient possibly not even aware.

Have a wonderful weekend! Our 3rd Sunday of Advent is coming up. Be mindful.

Anne McClain
HFRS Friendzy Facilitator

Announcements:

North Campus Parents

A table of lost items will be on the front porch next week. Please check to see if anything belongs to your child(ren). Unclaimed items will be donated. Thank you!

South Campus Parents

Please review school day volunteer opportunities available through January. We greatly appreciate your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA9AC2AA4FA7-44549100-scmorning#/>

Volunteer Opportunities

The sign up for the January North Campus Food Service will open at 9am on Monday, December 18th at 9am. Please use the link below to sign up.

[January NC Food Service](#)

Parish Verification

An important part of registering for the next school year is to confirm that you meet the criteria for the supporting tuition rate. Now is a good time to review the below criteria and make sure you meet the requirements.

Registered: Families must be registered at one of our 3 supporting parishes (St. Andrew, St. Mary of the Hills, or St. Irenaeus).

Supporting: Families are expected to support monetarily each year. In order to receive in-parish tuition rates for 24-25, contributions must be made to your home parish prior to December 31, 2023. It is important that your parish records your contribution. Make sure you are using your offertory envelopes or enroll in your parishes online giving program.

Annual Fund Update

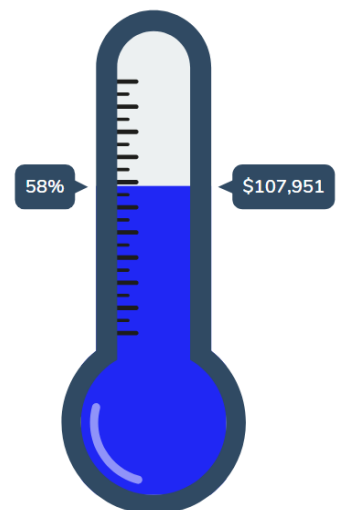
We are moving towards our goal with 20% of our own HFRS families participating.

We encourage **every** family to make a donation **in any amount** to help us meet our goal. Donations can be made on our website or by clicking the link to the [Annual Fund](#).

	Number of Donors	Amount
HFRS Families	117	\$50,450
Other Donors	228	\$57,501
TOTAL	345	\$107,951

* Donations received as of 12.14.23

GOAL: \$185,000





CAMPUS MINISTRY

DECEMBER

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A NOTE FROM MRS. MYERS:

How are you doing this Advent?

The late Thanksgiving has, for me, put a rush in what should be a beautiful journey to the manger. Slowing down and taking time to be still, and know that God is present, has helped me refocus when needed.

I have spoken to many of you in the last few days and noticed a range of emotions in our families. Some are baking cookies and already joyfully passing out gifts, some are excited while getting ready for a long travel to be with family, some are saddened by the serious illness of a loved one, some are remembering those who have passed and won't be present this year at Christmas.

Every moment of every day is important and should be regarded as a gift from God. We are gifted with seasons like Advent, Lent, Christmas and Easter while preparing and celebrating our relationship with God. The most powerful things, inside of us and around us, often happen in what may seem insignificant. Many times, we are too busy to notice. We must just slow down, take a breath and recognize God in our midst, and in one another.

May you feel the breath of the Holy Spirit as you wait, prepare and open your heart to Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Help your child learn to be still, be quiet, to wait and to be patient. Contemplation is vital in our relationship with the Divine.

Peace in Christ,

Kim Myers

HFRS Director of Campus Ministry

SERVICE HOURS NEEDED?

Service Opportunities in January. Contact Margaret K. at St. Andrew Catholic Church [HERE](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

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 a prayer intention [CLICK HERE](#).

We would love to pray with you.



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

- Currently forming Children's Choir. See information.

ST. ANDREW

- Advent Nights . Please join us for Adoration and Reconciliation.

ST. IRENAEUS

- Youth Mass
Sunday December 17,
11:30 AM

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

MARCH 8, 2024 25TH ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENING



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Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students



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Next PTG Membership Meeting

1/9/24 - 9:15 am - South Campus

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Season's Greetings!

Keep calm and jingle all the way.

Christmas Gift Shop

A HUGE, merry thank you to the Christmas Gift Shop chairs for making this event such a sparkling success: Tara Tuttle, Michelle Smith, Maria Randazzo, and Rebecca Turner.

REMINDER Protecting God's Children Training

Parents, please remember that you **MUST** have completed a background check and Protecting God's Children training in order to volunteer in the school or to be a field trip chaperone/driver. If you completed the Protecting God's Children training prior to 2020, you must renew your certificate. Please [click here](#) to access your Virtus account and renew your training.

Countdown to Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who was able to lend their time and talent to decorating both campuses this past weekend. You all helped make HFRS a truly magical wonderland for our students! We look forward to lots of fun treats and surprises this week and next as we...
COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS!!!

SEEKING: Communication Chair

The PTG is looking for a Communication Chair! If you're organized, have a way with words, and want to get involved, please apply for this new position. You'll be working alongside our secretary to help craft Tuesday Tidbits and Weekly Wraps. Knowledge of Pages, creating flyers, and Dropbox is a plus, but not required. If you've been wanting to learn something new, get involved, AND earn volunteer hours, this is your opportunity! Please send an email to hfrsptgpres@gmail.com. We will review the applications and get back to you at the beginning of the year.

Retail Fundraisers

Kroger Spotlight

It's December and that means time to stock up on holiday groceries. Why not head to [Kroger](#) and take advantage of our HFRS fundraising partnership?

[Box Tops](#), [Busch's](#), [Kroger](#), [RaiseRight](#), [Toyology](#)

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

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FACTS Payments

PTG Events

Remember that time you made a FACTS payment with your bank account so there were no credit card fees charged to the PTG? That was so thoughtful and clever of you. Do it again for all PTG events! *We'll add you to the nice list.*

"Teamwork makes the DREAM work."



HOLY FAMILY
REGIONAL SCHOOL



COVER DESIGN CONTEST

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Contest Rules

- The school name must be included
- This year's school theme must be included
- The school year (2023-2024) 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 16, 2024





IT'S GAME TIME



WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE

ATHLETIC NEWS FOR THE WEEK

BASKETBALL GAMES

SPIRIT WEAR!

Friday, December 15th (AWAY):

5:45pm: Boys 7th - Lambert @ OLQM #2

Saturday, December 16th (AWAY):

9:00am: Boys 7th - Lambert @ UDJ Academy #3

10:00am: Girls 6th - Carrillo @ St Kieran #1

10:10am: Boys 5th - Helms @ St. Joseph, LO #3

11:00am: Boys 6th - Looney @ St. Paul #3

11:10am: Boys 5th - Dimambro @ OL Refuge #4

11:15am: Boys 6th - Fabian @ St. Kieran #1

11:30am: Boys 8th - Kejbou @ UDJ Academy #1

12:30pm: Girls 5th - Isho @ St. Kieran #2

12:45pm: Boys 6th - Page @ St. Thecla

1:45pm: Boys 6th - Knight @ St. Kieran #2

2:00pm: Boys 7th - Olijnyk @ St. Isaac Jogues

2:30pm: Girls 7/8 - Ballor @ OLQM #1

2:30pm: Boys 7th - Schmidt @ St. Pius

3:15pm: Boys 8th - Jesue @ St. Thecla

3:45pm: Girls 5th - Olender @ St. Joseph, LO #3

SHOP OUR SIDELINE STORE

YEAR ROUND, ALL ITEMS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME: SHOP [HERE](#)



**The Athletic Department
wishes you and your families
a very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**



...Additional Information from our Family of Parishes!

St. Mary of the Hills

Children's Choir

Does your 6 to 11 year old enjoy singing? Would they love to sing praise to the Lord in a fun and friendly group? Sign them up for the Sing Praise Children's Choir! Mrs. Sheldrick will lead singing games, warm-ups, and songs for worship. Rehearsals will be Thursdays, January 11-May 30, from 4:15-5:00 PM in the East Overflow Room. We will sing during Mass 3 or 4 times. Register by calling or texting Mrs. Barb Sheldrick at 248-310-8672 or by emailing her at barbsheld@ameritech.net. You may also talk with Dan Greig.

St. Andrew



The poster features a purple background with four lit candles in the top half. The candles are labeled 'Hope', 'Peace', 'Joy', and 'Love' from left to right. The word 'Advent' is written in a cursive font to the right of the candles. Below the candles, the text reads: 'ADVENT NIGHTS', 'ADORATION WITH RECONCILIATION', 'December 5 & December 12', '6:00 pm - 7:30 pm', 'at St Andrew'. At the bottom left, it says 'Sponsored by Rochester Area Catholic Family of Parishes'. At the bottom right, it says '*December 19*', '7:00 pm', and 'Communal Reconciliation'.

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ADORATION WITH RECONCILIATION
December 5 & December 12
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
at St Andrew

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December 19
7:00 pm
Communal Reconciliation

St. Ireneaus