

Holy Family
Regional School



Welcome Book

A tool for navigating daily school life

Welcome to Holy Family Regional School!

We are so happy that you are here!

We hope that this Welcome Book will serve as a quick-reference guide for questions that may arise about various daily events and terms that you may encounter at Holy Family. While the Parent-Student Handbook outlines the policies and procedures of the school, the Welcome Book is meant to be a resource for navigating daily school life.

Please know that this is one of many resources available to you. If you have questions that are not covered in this book, please contact your mentor family or the school office at either campus - they are excellent resources.

It is our hope that these resources will help your family feel welcomed by and knowledgeable about the Holy Family community!

****VO** signifies a volunteer opportunity.** Volunteers are the heart of Holy Family. Parental volunteerism is crucial to the success of our school and is welcomed and encouraged. We require that each family contribute at least 10 hours (5 operationally and 5 of leadership) of their time and talent throughout our school each year. If you would like assistance choosing a volunteer opportunity that meets your needs, please contact the PTG or school office.



HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

MISSION

Holy Family Regional School provides a Catholic education fostering spiritual and religious formation, academic excellence, and service to others.

PHILOSOPHY

As a Catholic school community guided by the Holy Spirit, and inspired by the Holy Family,

we are committed to...

PRAY to strengthen our faith and follow God's call;

RESPECT and **EMBRACE** each person's unique gifts;

TEACH to meet the needs of the whole child;

SERVE those in need; and

NURTURE a life-long love for learning, service, and discipleship.



JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL

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Access and Need to Know Information

FACTS FAMILY PORTAL

Accessed online at www.factsmgmt.com provides real-time access to grades, report cards, tuition, hot lunch, incidental expenses, and attendance. Our District Code is HFR-MI.

FLIP GRID

This social learning platform helps facilitate student-led video responses to a topic or question posed by the teacher. Students access Flip Grid on Chromebooks in the classroom and during remote learning experiences

GOOGLE CLASSROOM (Grades 3-8)

Daily assignments, homework, important updates, and much more are posted on Google Classroom. During the first week of school, students will receive a code enabling them to subscribe to each teacher's Google Classroom page. If parents are interested in receiving weekly Google summaries of their child's progress, missing assignments, upcoming work, and new posts, request that from the teacher directly.

GOOGLE DOCS

Google documents are used by students for assignments and are similar to Microsoft Office. For example, Google Docs is similar to Microsoft Word, Google Sheets is similar to Microsoft Excel, etc. Students can access their saved work from school and from home by signing into their Google Classroom account.

RENAISSANCE FRECKLE (Grades K-8)

Renaissance Freckle is an online learning platform used by students to complete Math, English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science objectives. Freckle continuously adapts and differentiates to meet students' needs using data from Renaissance Star Assessments. Students access Freckle on Chromebooks in the classroom and during remote learning experiences.

RENAISSANCE myON READER (Grades K-8)

This student-centered, personalized digital library provides students with access to thousands of digital books that are matched to his or her interests and Lexile reading level using data from Renaissance Star Assessments. Students access the myON Reader digital library on Chromebooks in the classroom and during remote learning experiences.

SIGNUP GENIUS **VO**

Holy Family uses a free online tool in many areas of the school to plan events, schedule conferences, and organize volunteers. An account must be created to use this tool.

Locations/Where is....?

MONSIGNOR RAYMOND KUZAVA GARDEN **VO**

Created in memory of one of the founders of Holy Family, this garden is located near the main entrance of at the North Campus. Volunteer families and scout troops maintain the garden.

ANNE WHEDON MEMORIAL GARDEN **VO**

Created in memory of a Holy Family staff member and mother of three alumnae, this garden is located behind the library of the North Campus. Volunteer families and scout troops maintain the garden.

JONATHAN POTTER MEMORIAL GARDEN **VO**

Created in memory of a Holy Family student, this garden is located on the south side of South Campus across from the library. Volunteer families and scout troops maintain the garden.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM (MPR)

Each campus has an MPR that is used for small meetings and gatherings. At North Campus, the MPR is accessible from the Kindergarten/Grade 2 hallway or from the parking lot behind the school. At South Campus, the MPR is next to the cafeteria, across from the main entrance.

PARISH CENTER

The Parish Center is located just east of the North Campus School Building. Music classes and Talent Development classes are held in the Upper Parish Center. Small meetings and gatherings take place in the Lower Parish Center. The Atrium is also located in the Parish Center, which is where Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) classes are held.

ST. ANDREW ACTIVITIES BUILDING (AB)

This building is used for physical education classes, programs, enrichments, and other school related functions at the North Campus.

Advancement and Fundraising

ADVANCEMENT

The Advancement Department raises funds in an effort to maintain the long-term viability of the school. The major fund-raisers include:

ANNUAL FUND

This is our largest fundraiser of the year through our Families of Parishes. All contributions are 100% tax-deductible and all money raised through the fund help to bridge the gap between the cost of educating a student and the cost of tuition.

BENEFIT EVENING **VO**

Typically held in February, this adult night out includes cocktails, dinner, dancing, and a silent auction of gift baskets and unique experiences. Sponsorships are available.

GOLF OUTING **VO**

This event consists of a 9-hole scramble in the morning followed by lunch or a full round in the afternoon followed by dinner. Sponsorships are available.

PTG (PARENT TEACHER GROUP) FUND-RAISING

Fund-raising efforts benefit various areas of Holy Family and are easy to do. A little effort makes a BIG difference.

AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way to shop and support Holy Family at no additional cost. Log on to www.smile.amazon.com, find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as

www.amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Holy Family.

How to register for Amazon Smile:

1. Visit www.smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Search for and select Holy Family Regional School
4. Start shopping!
5. Add a bookmark for www.smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start shopping at Amazon Smile.

Please note: You must go to www.smile.amazon.com every time you shop to get the donation. Thank you!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

When students bring in Box Tops for Education logos or scan store receipts with General Mills and Betty Crocker products, the PTG receives funds that support ongoing programs. For more information, please contact your classroom Box Tops for Education representative or Room Parent.

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT **VO**

Held periodically at local restaurants, Family Dinner Nights are great for getting to know other families. A portion of the proceeds of the evening is donated back to Holy Family.

SCRIP **VO**

By purchasing gift cards to local restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, and retail stores, parents can earn tuition credit and the Parent/Teacher Guild earns money for school programs. For more information, please check www.holyfam.org.

Awards and Achievements

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month two students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grade are chosen by mutual selection of teachers and meet overall school goals of academic excellence, strong character and consistent effort. Selected students receive a certificate and are acknowledged on the morning announcements, social media and church bulletins.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Each season, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) recognizes an eighth-grade boy and an eighth-grade girl from each sport who demonstrates strong leadership qualities in the classroom and on the field.

Birthdays

Students are welcome to share a birthday treat with classmates and their teachers. Summer birthdays may be celebrated on students' half-birthday. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please plan with your child's teacher in advance.

Catholic Schools Week

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to celebrate and honor Catholic School education. The Student Council sponsors many activities to generate school spirit including the following: contests, BINGO, non-uniform/theme dressing, theme days, etc. The week's festivities culminate with a pep assembly at South Campus and hallway cheers at North Campus.

Class Parties **VO**

Students in Y5-Grade 5 have class parties to celebrate various holidays. Please check with your child's teacher or Room Parent for guidelines, volunteer requirements, and opportunities.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY

As with all parties, please check with your student's teacher for party specifics.

Students in Y5 through Grade 5 participate in the Halloween parade. Students should bring their non-violent costume to school in a bag. In the afternoon, they change into their costume to participate in the Halloween parade at their campus. Parents are welcome to line the parade route. Parade times are staggered so that parents have the opportunity to attend parades at both campuses.

Communications

CLASSROOM PLACEMENT LISTS

Class lists are emailed to the parent's email address on file a week before classes begin.

CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences are held in early November after the first marking period. Appointments for Y5 through fifth grade teachers and all specials classes can be scheduled via Signup Genius. Appointments for middle school teachers are on a first-come, first-served basis during posted hours. All parents are encouraged to attend conferences.

DADS' CLUB MEETINGS **VO**

General business meetings are held monthly and are open to all dads. Meetings cover Dads' Club sponsored events. Please see the Dads' Club page on www.holyfam.org to be added to their distribution list.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHTS

These adult-only evenings are scheduled at the beginning of the school year. They begin with a welcome from the Principal followed by a summary of the curriculum and introduction of the teachers. Afterward, you will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher(s). Parents of middle school students will have the opportunity to follow their student's schedule, visiting each class for a short time.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The school day begins with an all-school prayer over the PA, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and news for the day. Children may submit their prayer intentions to be included with announcements.

PTG MEETINGS (Parent Teacher Guild) **VO**

General business meetings are held monthly and are open to all parents. Meetings cover all PTG-sponsored school events. The PTG sponsors many events throughout the school year. Please visit their page at www.holyfam.org to get involved.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL **VO**

General business meetings are held monthly; all parents and staff members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meetings cover school business and the current financial standing.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Holy Family enjoys keeping families engaged in our school community. We are active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Please visit www.holyfam.org for links to our page on each media. All grades have grade-specific Facebook pages that have a private security setting. If a parent would like to be added to the page for a specific student's grade, please contact the Room Parent for information.

Please note that the main sources of daily information are teacher updates and the Weekly Wrap. Most reminders will not be published on social media.

TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Teachers will notify parents regarding their preferred method of updating families about classroom news, i.e., FACTS, or email updates. Please check with your teacher for details.

TUESDAY TIDBITS

If necessary, a mid-week email reminder of important dates for the week will be sent to parents.

WEEKLY WRAP

This weekly newsletter is emailed on the last day of the school week and is also available at www.holyfam.org. It contains information about current and future events.

Anyone wishing to submit school-related items may do so in writing no later than three days prior to publication. Information should be sent to the office at either campus.

Counseling/Peace Talk

The Holy Family school counselor is available for students and their families if the need arises. Strict confidentiality is upheld as issues of death, grief, illness, conflict resolutions, and discipline (to name a few) are discussed.

Holy Family's school counselor will introduce students to a program called Peace Talk. By following a template, students learn how to advocate for themselves and how to resolve conflicts between classmates by actively listening and creating fair solutions.

Enrichments

On-site grade-appropriate educational presentations are held as assemblies during the school year. Topics may include: conflict resolution, science, biology/animal, or physical and mental health.

Extra-Curricular Activities

ALTAR SERVERS

Students age 8 and older, may serve at school masses after completing the required training in their own parish.

ATHLETICS (CYO) Catholic Youth Organization **VO******

Boys and girls in Grades 4-8 can play for the Catholic Youth Organization in a full range of sports. Online registration is available prior to each season. Please visit www.holyfam.org for athletic seasons and eligibility information.

BAND

The Holy Family Band Program is offered to students in Grades 4-8. Weekly lessons are held before school or during recess. Students participate in Christmas and spring concerts. There is no fee; however, students must supply their own instrument (which can be rented from a local music store).

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination is a hands-on learning STEAM opportunity for children in kindergarten through 8th grade inspiring the next generation of innovators, leaders and creative problem solvers. The children create a STEAM project according to DI guidelines without adult intervention that they present along with a skit at a local competition which then can lead to state and international DI competitions for those students in Grades 3 and above.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)

Students meeting the required criteria are invited to apply for membership. NJHS leads the school in various fund-raising and service projects.

ROBOTICS

FIRST® LEGO® League (Grades 4-5) introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Participants gain real-world problem-solving experience through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together. The program inspires youth to experiment and grow their critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics.

FIRST Technical Challenge (Grades 6-8) are challenged to head-to-head challenge in an alliance format. Guided by adult coaches and mentors, students develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles, while realizing the value of hard work, innovation, and working as a team.

SCOUTS

Scouting is offered to boys in K-8 and girls in Y5-8 who wish to participate. Enrollment information will be available at the beginning of the school year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council provides students in Grades 4-8 with leadership opportunities. Students elect two representatives from each homeroom. Representatives work to build school spirit, to reach out in service, to set a good example, and to plan activities for the entire student body including Catholic Schools Week activities and Grandparents' Day.

TALENT SHOW

Once a year, students have an opportunity to participate in a school-wide program that showcases talents in music, dance, gymnastics, etc.

USPBL READING PROGRAM (JIMMY JOHN'S FIELD)

The United Shore Professional Baseball League (USPBL) partners with schools to offer a free, incentive driven reading program designed to encourage students to read more. The objective for each student is to "hit a home run" by meeting certain goals or requirements during the month of March.

Every student that "hits a home run" receives a free ticket to attend a baseball game at Jimmy John's Field where they will be honored on the field with all the students who completed the reading program. Family members of students are offered discounted ticket options.

Faith Formation and Sacraments

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This 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.

Our Atrium is in the Parish Center at the North Campus. This sacred space is an important element that helps the relationship between God and the child flourish. After the catechist 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.

RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION

Although preparations take place in the classroom during religion class, students complete these programs and receive these sacraments through their home parish. Students must be registered at a parish to participate in these programs.

RECONCILIATION

Students in Grades 3-8 receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the school day during Advent and Lent.

Family Fun Night **VO**

This school-wide event features roller-skating and bounce houses at The New Rink, in Shelby Township. Family Fun Nights provide an opportunity for families to get acquainted. Registration is not required and a fee is paid at the door. Dress is casual.

Field Day **VO**

Held during the last week of school, Field Day gives students in Grades Y5-7 an opportunity to spend the day outside enjoying obstacle courses, a dance tent, and much more. This is a great parent volunteer opportunity.

Grandparents' Day

North Campus

North Campus activities take place in the morning with grandparents joining students in their class for morning announcements, visiting the Book Fair if desired, and then attending a special grandparent's Mass.

South Campus

South Campus activities begin at lunchtime when grandparents join their student for lunch at school, attend a musical presentation, and participate in the May Crowning.

Lunch for students and grandparents may be ordered during the hot lunch ordering period, students may bring lunch for themselves and their grandparent, or grandparents may choose to bring lunch for themselves and their grandchild.

High School Night

Catholic high school representatives set up tables at South Campus one evening in the fall to meet interested students and provide information about their school. Students visit tables at their leisure. This event is open to middle school students.

Holiday Gift Shop ****VO****

Each December, students have the opportunity to shop at our Holiday Gift Shop. Volunteer 'elves' help students choose the perfect gift for family members and friends. Information will come home prior to the event. This is an optional event; students bring cash or a check and a list indicating who they are shopping for.

Masses and Prayer Services

WEEKLY MASSES

Students immerse themselves in Catholic rituals by leading Mass. They are responsible as a class for the components of Mass including reading the Prayers of the Faithful, presenting communion, and singing in the choir.

The North Campus celebrates Mass every Friday at St. Andrew Church throughout the school year.*

The South Campus celebrates Mass every Thursday at St. Mary of the Hills Church throughout the school year.*

*There may be adjustments to the schedule based on holidays or Holy Days.

ALL-SCHOOL MASSES

Please see the Weekly Wrap and teacher communications prior to the Mass for location, pick-up and drop-off times and instructions. Our four all-school Masses/Prayer Services are:

- Opening Liturgy
- Thanksgiving Mass
- Christmas Prayer Service
- Closing Liturgy

Families are welcome to attend all school Masses and Prayer Services.

EIGHTH GRADE BLESSING MASS AND GRADUATION

In May, the Eighth Grade is honored at their final weekly school Mass. The students process in one by one as their names are read. The entire class assembles at the altar and sings their class song. This is just weeks before the Eighth Grade Mass at St. Andrew Church. After Mass students receive diplomas and special award recipients are recognized. There is a short reception following the Mass.

MAY CROWNING

Held outdoors in May (weather permitting), the students honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with a crowning and recitation of the rosary. This annual event is held at South Campus during Grandparent's Day and in early May at North Campus.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS **VO**

Parents and teachers are invited to administer the Eucharist at Masses during the school year. Those who are interested and have completed the required training may sign up in church at the beginning of each Mass.

Media Center

LIBRARY DAY **VO**

Students in Grades Y5-5 visit the school library weekly. During the visit, students listen to a story, learn about the library, and check out books (which are to be returned the following week). Middle school students visit the library as needed for research projects.

ADOPT-A-BOOK

This program promotes reading, honors a special person or occasion, and helps increase Holy Family's library collection. Parents can donate \$12 toward a pre-selected book of their child's choice, which will then be added to the school library. A personalized bookplate is placed inside the book and the child can be the first to check out the book.

AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS **VO**

Nationally known authors and illustrators visit Holy Family each year to share their craft with students. Parents are welcome to enjoy these presentations. Authors' books are available for purchase prior to this event and can be autographed by the author and/or illustrator upon request.

BOOK FAIR **VO**

Two book fairs are held each year: one in November during conferences, and one in May during Grandparents' Day. Book fairs offer children and parents a chance to select and purchase books; the funds raised provide an opportunity for the library to expand the collection available to students.

Mentors

MENTORING PROGRAM **VO**

This program offers a friendly and informative way to welcome new families by pairing them with a "veteran" family. Those interested in being a mentor or being matched with a mentor family should contact either school office.

Non-Uniform Days: Certificates, Jean Day, \$1 Jean Day

Non-uniform certificates that have been earned may be used on any non-Mass Monday during the time period indicated on the certificate. Athletic clothing (in accordance with the Uniform Policy) is also appropriate on these days. Please see the Parent/Student Handbook for Uniform Policy).

Parent Teacher Guild (PTG) **VO**

The PTG provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to work together creating a variety of programs and events that will enhance the spiritual, academic, and social growth of the students.

Parent volunteers are elected to the Board to serve two-year terms as Co-Presidents, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. General meetings are held monthly; all parents are invited to attend. Pertinent information is displayed on the bulletin boards at both campuses.

Volunteers are crucial to the success of the many school events that the PTG organizes. To volunteer to serve on a committee or on the board, please visit the PTG page on www.holyfam.org.

Picture Day

Y5-Grade 7

Picture Day is a non-uniform day that takes place in mid-September. The picture will be printed in the school yearbook and is available for purchase. Order forms will be sent home in advance and should be returned on Picture Day or ordered online ahead of time.

Eighth Grade Photographs

Students will have their pictures taken in mid-September on the Picture Day for their official file; it is a non-uniform day. Typically, these pictures are not purchased by parents – although they can be if desired.

Formal pictures will be taken in early January; this picture will be printed in the school yearbook and is available for purchase. Order forms will be sent home with the picture proof. *Note – boys typically wear a jacket and tie and girls typically wear a sweater or dress.

Picture Retake Day

If a student missed picture day or requires a retake, another day is scheduled for later in the year. If unsatisfactory pictures were received from the first picture day, they must be returned on retake day with a written note from a parent requesting a retake. The retake picture will be printed in the yearbook.

Room Parent **VO******

Two volunteer room parents are assigned to each classroom. Room parents work with the teacher to organize parties, secure volunteers, and more.

School Supplies

School supply lists for the upcoming school year are published on www.holyfam.org in early summer.

Another way to purchase school supplies is to order a pre-packaged school supply box through an outside vendor. The box will include everything on the list for the appropriate grade. Orders are placed over the summer for home delivery or for pick up at school. Holy Family will send an email with the information and link to order in May.

Service Opportunities

GRADE LEVEL SERVICE

Students in individual grades unite to focus their efforts on a specific service project. Projects range from assisting the Humane Society to yard cleanup for Angels' Place residents.

FOOD DRIVE

Holy Family participates in two food drives per year, which benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank and Lighthouse of Oakland County.

Smencils

Smencils are scented pencils that are made from recycled newspapers. They are sold at both campuses for \$2 in celebration of Earth Day. Participation is voluntary.

Social Events

GRADE 7 & 8 DANCES **VO**

Evening dances are held at the South Campus a few times each year. They are chaperoned by faculty and volunteer parents. Participation is optional; there is a small fee to attend which covers a DJ and refreshments. Non-uniform dress code.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE **VO**

This special evening allows our young ladies to join a significant man in her life for dinner and dancing. It is typically held in March at a local hall. This dress-up event is optional; you must pre-register and there is a cost to attend.

FALL FESTIVAL **VO**

This all-school event which takes place in late September at South Campus features inflatables, carnival-style games, food, and more. It is a social, relaxed evening with casual dress. Discounted tickets are available in advance; tickets are available at the door for an additional cost.

GOLF OUTING **VO**

This annual fund-raising event is usually held at Great Oaks Country Club. An 18-hole scramble starts mid-day and is followed by dinner. This event is optional; you must pre-register and there is a cost to attend. Golf attire is required; jeans are not permitted.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND OPEN HOUSE (MEET NEXT YEAR'S TEACHERS)

In the spring, each campus hosts an Ice Cream Social and Open House in the evening. This event is an opportunity for current and incoming families to visit Holy Family and meet those who teach in the next year's grade level (and, of course, enjoy fellowship over ice cream!).

NEW FAMILY WELCOME PICNIC

The week before school begins, we welcome families who are new to Holy Family and introduce them to their mentor families at a New Family picnic outside at the St. Andrew Parish Center.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL – NORTH CAMPUS

This spring evening event includes student art displays in the school building hallways as well as a musical presentation in St. Andrew Church.

MOTHER-SON EVENT **VO**

This special afternoon allows our young gentlemen to join a significant lady in his life for bowling or Top-Golf. Typically held in January, this casual event includes lunch and an activity. This event is optional; you must pre-register and there is a cost to attend.

MOTHERS' DINNER AND FASHION SHOW **VO**

This evening in May is a highlight for Holy Family moms and special adult women in their lives. The evening includes dinner, followed by a fashion show, which highlights our own eighth grade students, and ends with a raffle loaded with incredible prizes. Cocktail attire.

Specials Classes

Students in all grades attend specials classes. Teachers will share their schedule. Specials classes include:

- Art
- Computers
- Library
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish

Spirit Wear

A selection of spirit wear is in stock and available for purchase at both campuses through the Athletic Department. An opportunity to order spirit wear online, featuring the upcoming season's sports as well as the Wildcat mascot or the HFRS cross, occurs approximately three times each year. Spirit wear can be worn on spirit days and non-uniform days.

Talent Development

The Talent Development Department provides enrichment programs for students identified as gifted and talented. Students are eligible to participate in the program based on standardized achievement test scores, grades, and teacher recommendations.

Opportunities vary by grade and may include: Future Problem Solving Program, Student Ideas for a Better America, WordMasters (Analogies), a polar animal research report, 24 Math, Rubber Band Contest, Debate, and Speech.

Teacher Appreciation Week ****VO****

Teachers and staff are celebrated during a week in May. There are many opportunities to volunteer and children are asked to write notes or make small crafts for teachers and staff during this week. This week is organized by the PTG; a calendar of events will be communicated in advance.

Teacher/Staff Christmas Gifts

A portion of tuition dollars are allocated toward faculty and staff Christmas bonuses. Therefore, classroom collection of money for teacher gifts is not necessary. If you would like to give an additional gift on your own, you may do so.

Used Uniform Sale **VO**

USED UNIFORM SALE

Gently used uniforms, scouting uniforms, Communionwear, and third grade pioneer costumes are sold or purchased in the sale. All items must be stain-free, in good condition, and meet uniform policy requirements.

Virtuous Living/Random Act of Kindness

When a staff member witnesses a student display a virtue or Random Act of Kindness, the student's action is "written up" and submitted to the office. Students are recognized on the morning announcements and their actions are shared with the school community.

Volunteering ****VO****

VOLUNTEERISM... INVOLVEMENT... PARTICIPATION (VIP)

Volunteers are the heart of Holy Family. Parental volunteerism is crucial to the success of our school and is welcomed and encouraged. We require that each family contribute at least ten hours (5 in operations and 5 in leadership) of their time and talent throughout our school each year. There are many volunteer opportunities available through the PTG events, teacher offerings, and school operations. Please see www.holyfam.org for Volunteer Opportunities. Throughout this document, volunteer opportunities are indicated by this designation: ****VO****.

Please note:

The 10 hour commitment does not include hours required by the Athletic Department, if participating in CYO Sports.