



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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### FROM THE DESK OF

*Principal Galati*

And with the end of the Thanksgiving weekend comes the Christmas season.... shopping.... trees... lights... family.... food... and, maybe, a little stress!

In the middle of all the magic and wonder, I hope that you remember the 'reason for the season'. With the beginning of Advent, we begin our time of waiting.

We wait for the birth of our King and our Savior.

We wait to spend time with those dearest to our hearts. We wait to celebrate the hope that the birth of one tiny child brought to this world. We wait... in the firm conviction that we are all redeemed by that same tiny child.

Unfortunately, I will not be here to celebrate this most holy time with all of you. As many of you know, my wife has been ill for an extended period of time and we have been offered time at the Mayo clinic beginning this coming Monday. (a most welcome Christmas gift for our whole family.)



While I am away, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Mrs. Wolf** with any concerns.

She will be ably filling my shoes in my absence. And, if it is not too much to ask, please hold my family in your prayers during this time. We all know that prayers are the most powerful healing we can receive.

joe

the LORD  
is near  
ALL WHO  
call out  
TO HIM.



Surround me with Your presence,  
Lord, I long to hear your voice.

Clear my mind of concerns  
and all the holiday noise.

Slow me down this Christmas,  
Lord, let me not be in a rush.

In the midst of parties and planning,  
I want to feel Your hush.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

*Cup of Joe with Joe*

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Cup of Joe with Joe is this Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Come share your thoughts, learn more about our school and enjoy a Cup of Joe. We begin at 8:15AM in Celebration Hall and we will always end by 9AM.

DECEMBER  
SLE and Virtue of the Month

*Holy Family Catholic  
School students are*

**FAITH-FILLED  
LEARNERS**

*who model*

**PATIENCE**

# ST. NICHOLAS FREE DRESS DAY!

Mr. Galati declared  
school-wide  
free dress on  
Wednesday Dec. 6  
because we filled  
our K-8 Cardinal  
Card Jar!



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
*Advent Program*

Our Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be performing at our annual Advent Program on **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6PM in the Church. Church doors will open at 5:30PM. Students are asked to wear their holiday best. We look forward to seeing you there.

## HOLIDAY DRESS UP DAY!

Wear your sweaters,  
holiday onesies,  
accessories, and/or red,  
green, and white!

**THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 14**

GREETINGS FROM PTO!

# Holiday Giving

for our treasured staff

Your Parent-Teacher Organization annually collects funds to give all staff members a gift at Christmastime.

**PTO suggests a \$15 donation/family**

Thank you for your continued support!

Donate now through Dec. 13th

Find us using [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=U9WEVNAFPYP4](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=U9WEVNAFPYP4)



# Meet & Mingle SOCIAL!

The December PTO Parent Social is on  
**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** from **7-9PM** at  
**Maeve Winebar** in Sellwood. All Holy Family parents are welcome to join in fellowship and  
good conversation! Drinks and snack will be available for purchase.  
Please RSVP to [pto@holyfamilypdx.net](mailto:pto@holyfamilypdx.net) or just come!



Email [pto@holyfamilypdx.net](mailto:pto@holyfamilypdx.net)

## Holiday **BottleDrop** GIVE

It's time for **BottleDrop** Holiday Give! **BottleDrop** will give  
Holy Family an **EXTRA 20%** on all Holy Family tagged bags  
deposited from **November 15<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
To help take advantage of this we have a class competition for which  
class drops the most bags **TODAY Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**.  
The winning class will win a **FREE DRESS** Day!



**Wreath Pick-Up is this TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>,**  
**from 3-6pm** in Celebration Hall.  
Thank you in advance for your support!



## NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023



Picture Retake Day has been  
scheduled for Wednesday,  
December 6<sup>th</sup>.  
For students who wish to get  
retakes, they are allowed to wear  
"Nice Free Dress" that day."



Registration for **Basketball** ([Here](#)) and **Hot Shots** ([Here](#)),  
will close **November 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight**.

### GO CARDINALS!

Please reach out with any questions:  
[cyoholyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cyoholyfamily@gmail.com)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
27	28	29 <b>9:05AM</b> Late Start <b>9:15AM</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Leads</b> Student Mass <i>Holiday</i> <b>BottleDrop</b> <b>BAG DROP</b>	30	1  <b>8:15AM</b> <b>CUP OF JOE</b> with Joe <i>End of Trimester I</i>
4 <i>Start of Trimester II</i>	5 <b>3-6PM</b> Wreath and Greenery Pick-Up <b>7-9PM</b> PTO PARENT SOCIAL Maeve Winebar	6 <b>9:05AM</b> Late Start <b>St. Nicholas</b> <b>FREE DRESS DAY</b> <b>10:30AM</b> School Picture Retakes <b>3:15-4:15PM</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade OBOB Meeting	7	8 <b>9:15AM</b> Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Leads</b> <i>Report Cards</i> <i>distributed</i> <i>via Jupiter Ed</i>
11	12 <b>6PM</b> ADVENT PROGRAM	13 <b>9:05AM</b> Late Start <b>9:15AM</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Leads</b> Student Mass	14 <b>2:30PM</b> PBIS ASSEMBLY <b>HOLIDAY</b> <b>DRESS UP DAY</b>	15 <b>NOON DISMISSAL</b> <b>*FREE DRESS*</b> <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b> <b>BEGINS</b>
18				JANUARY 2  <b>SCHOOL</b> <b>RESUMES</b>

Our Mission Statement: Holy Family Catholic School is a community of learners: Students, staff, parents and parish engaged in the life long process of learning. Our commitment, rooted in the Gospel values is to pursue together creativity and excellence in all areas of spiritual, academic, and personal growth.

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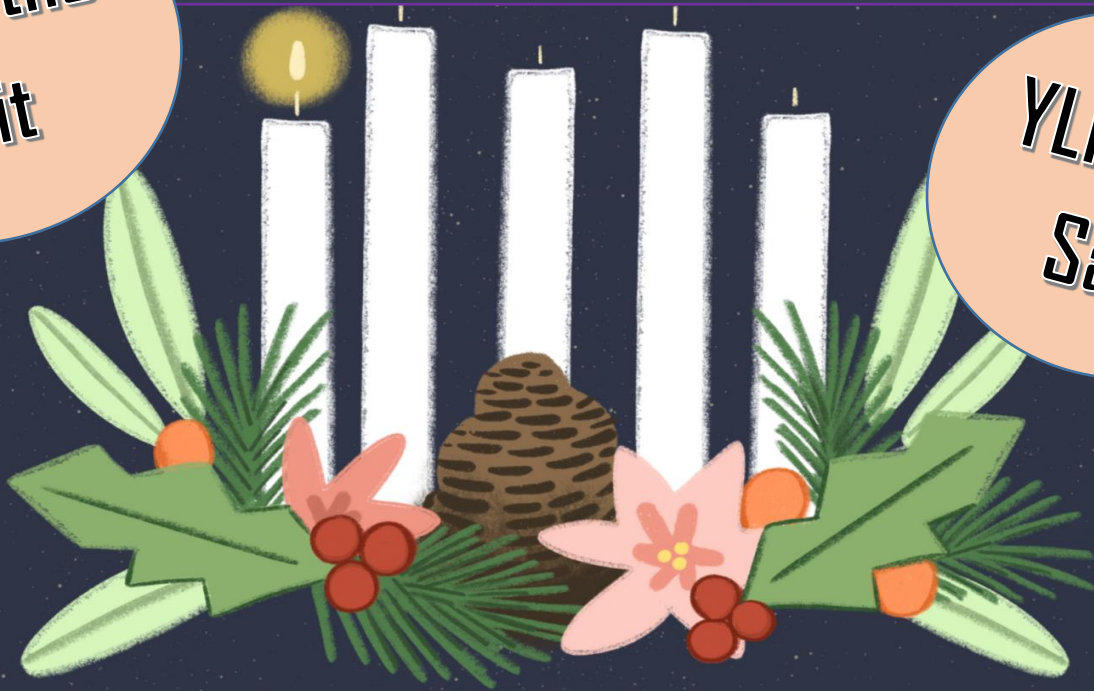
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# PARISH NEWS

## ADVENT FESTIVAL

**Gifts of the  
Spirit**

**YLI Bake  
Sale**



Come join us in making an Advent wreath,  
activities for the kids, fellowship, food, vendors,  
and everything you need to kick off your best  
Advent Season ever!

After all Masses December 2nd and 3rd

**Hair Tinsel  
by Kathy**

**Glass  
Artwork**

# Children's Living Nativity

December 17  
5-7pm



Seeking student actors,  
guides, and adult volunteers!

To Sign Up  
click here



Contact Krisi at  
[pastoralministry@holyfamilyportland.com](mailto:pastoralministry@holyfamilyportland.com)

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS BOXES

**Help us to feed hungry people in our community!**

Once again, we are asking you to fill one box with the list of food items contained in each box. The list is also included on the parish's on-line bulletins.

1. Starting 11/25 or 11/26, please take a box with the shopping list home from church or Celebration Hall. Fill the box yourself or ask friends, neighbors or relatives to help you fill it. It is OK to use shopping bags in place of filling the box if necessary.
2. Bring the box (or bags) to the church or Celebration Hall by December 10 (preferably earlier if possible). If you are not attending mass, please notify us and we will arrange to have the box (or bags) picked up. We will have people to assist you in unloading or carrying the boxes to Celebration Hall - please do not hesitate to ask us if you need help.
3. On Saturday, December 16th, come to Celebration Hall at 9:00AM with your family or friends and take filled boxes to those who are in need. If you are by yourself, we will try to pair you up with someone else. This is exactly how we have done this program in the past and it is an excellent way to start your holiday gift giving!!

Questions? Feel free to contact Roberta Gamache, Dan Hoffa or Don Wolkerstorfer- our numbers are in the printed and on-line bulletins.

God bless you for all you do for others!!



Donations benefit Catholic Charities and Mother and Child Center

# CHRISTMAS GIVING

PLEASE BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED ITEMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR TO THE BACK OF THE CHURCH UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE BY

## December 10

FOR A LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED SCAN THE QR CODE



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses

Friday, December 8th

9:15am with HFCS  
7:00pm with Parish