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# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEDNESDAY WORD

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## FROM THE DESK OF *Principal Galati*

I've been thinking a lot about sacrifice lately. I know... weird topic, right? Yet, as we sit firmly in the middle of Lent, it seems appropriate. In my musings I have realized that I have many feelings around this topic. I thought I might share a few with you.

First, probably obviously, I have considered the concept of 'giving things up' for Lent.

This is clearly a small way for each of us to walk with Christ on His way to Calvary. However, when I read the Gospels, even knowing what was to come, Christ didn't focus on Himself and His loss. He continued to reach out to others with comfort and healing. Through the weird weather of the last few weeks, I saw many of our neighbors suffering through houselessness, food shortages, and sickness.

I wonder if me giving up my favorite beverage is really the best way to walk with Christ? Is it really the sacrifice He is asking of me?

Second, my personal family has experienced a great deal of loss this year through death and illness. Sure, there's sorrow inherent in that, but I find myself also realizing that there is gratitude for the blessings found in loss. I am grateful for the strength and resilience of my family and the closeness we share. I am grateful for the support of friends, many of whom I didn't know I had until now.)

God shows love in our hardest moments.

Lastly, I have been inspired by the sacrifices of our community to provide this beautiful school and Catholic education for our children. Let there be no mistake, I am acutely aware that without the sacrifices of each of you, we would not exist as an institution. This knowledge rejuvenates my spirit and continues to encourage my dedication to Holy Family and our students.

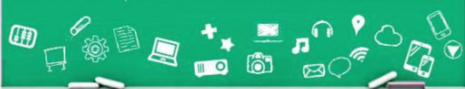
What we give to these children definitely is a gift for their futures.



Why we sacrifice for Lent



## EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY



Do you work with **technology**?

Do you need more service hours or are looking for ways to get involved?

HFCS is creating a **technology** committee that will advise on **technology** purchases and implementation in the school.

This committee would meet monthly after school hours with an option to join via Zoom, so this would be the perfect opportunity to get involved and earn some service hours while maintaining your other obligations.

If you enjoy working with **technology** and would like to share your experience or perspective, please let Mrs. Tuckness know!

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The Big Swim was epic! One third grader said, 'This is the best night of my life!'  
**A HUGE Thank you to Kristin Hawkins** for spearheading the Big Swim and for single-handedly taking care of all of the logistics! The night also would not have been possible without the parent volunteers who stepped-in to manage the door, and to serve pizza! It was a night our Holy Family community will never forget!



The Holy Family Knights of Columbus hosted the District 14 Free Throw Competition today.

We are very excited to share that **Luna Owings** and **Oliver Greenlee** won the opportunity to represent Holy Family and District 14 of the Knights of Columbus in the State Free Throw Championship on March 18. If you see them around the parish, feel free to congratulate them.

Holy Family is privileged to host the state competition in the gym starting on **March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.**



**Basketball** season has ended, congratulations to all participants!  
**Track** practice has started and registration is closed. Have a great season!  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to the **7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Boys** team!! They won their CYO final, City Tourney game – grabbing 1<sup>ST</sup> place!!



**GO CARDINALS!**

Please reach out with any questions:  
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PLEASE JOIN US for this month's PTO meeting:  
**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm in-person**  
**at Celebration Hall OR via Zoom**  
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)  
 Meeting ID: 854 0567 3172 Passcode: PTO  
 Remember PTO Meetings count towards Fair Share Hours.



To celebrate St Patrick's Day **FRIDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>** is **FREE DRESS** in **GREEN & GOLD**

## MARCH - APRIL 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
13	14 3:15-5PM Science Fair	15 9:05AM Late Start  9:15AM 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leads Student Mass	16 12:45-2PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Reconciliation Service	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 2:30PM STUDENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leads FREE DRESS Report Cards available
20	21 7PM PTO Meeting	22 9:05AM Late Start  9:15AM 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leads Student Mass	23 2:30PM PBIS ASSEMBLY	24 2:30PM STUDENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leads FREE DRESS DAY
HAPPY SPRING BREAK				
3	4	5 9:05AM Late Start  9:15AM 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leads Student Mass  BottleDrop BAG DROP	6	7 CUP OF JOE 8:15AM Cup of JOE with Joe  2PM LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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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## **WINNERS ANNOUNCED**



### **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**1st place- Luna Kirsten & Gracyn**

**2nd place- Eloise & James**

**3rd place- Bea, Eddie & Bryn**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**1st place- Coe, Lincoln & Mark**

**2nd place- Carson**

**3rd place (tie)- Olivia H**

**Cole, Jack & Jasper**

### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**1st place- Noah L**

**2nd place- Olivia, Milania & Lea**

**3rd place- Danny & Tim**

## **Overall Winners:**

**1st place- Coe, Lincoln & Mark**

**2nd place- Noah Lee**

**3rd place- Luna, Kirsten & Graycyn**

**Thank you! We had a lot of fun this morning!  
I am really proud of all of our young scientists!**