



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEDNESDAY WORD

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FROM THE DESK OF *Principal Galati*

I can't wait! The weather forecast says it'll be 80 degrees this week! I'm digging out my shorts and my slides (with socks...it's Oregon after all:)

I have to admit that this anticipation feels a little like waiting for Christmas or Summer Vacation. A little excitement, a little apprehension (cause weather forecasts never go wrong here), and a little thrill at planning what to do OUTSIDE!!!!

Whether we reach 80 or not, I am grateful.

Grateful for the reminder that things will always get better.

Grateful for the opportunity to 'feel all the feels'.

Grateful for the memories of a walk with my wife, a baseball game on the outside TV with my bestie, or even the brief blooming of the flowers on my azalea.

In our lives, it is easy to only notice what goes wrong or what makes us unhappy. This week's weather, I think, is God's way of poking us and encouraging us to look for the joy and be grateful for those very gifts we're given. Let's face it.... a blessed life is built in the small moments, not in Oscars or MVP trophies.

Go out this week and find your own blessed moment.

Don't look for me too late in the afternoons this week – I'll be home looking for my own:)

SO VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed



Believe is less than a week away! This event raises funds that are vital to the financial health of our school. This year we have set a **goal of \$100,000 and 100% participation.**

We ask that every family attend "Believe" and make a contribution to support the success of our school. Gifts of any amount are appreciated.

Here is our [Believe Event giving link](#)

This event is also a "community builder" in every sense of the term. We celebrate our students, their families, our faculty/staff, and the many parishioners and friends who make up our community. Having everyone come together will strengthen our parish/school connection. Don't forget to invite friends and family to join you for this night! Our students, your children, have been working diligently on art projects and practicing for the concert. Celebration Hall will be transformed into an art gallery featuring artwork from Preschool through 8th Grade. Each grade (PreK through 8th) will create a one-of-a-kind, priceless piece that will be presented for auction at the event. Following the Social and auction, students will showcase their musical talents at a concert in Holy Family Church.

All in all, this will be an evening to remember! We look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday!

*Childcare is available for non-school aged children; you can sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_p37d_uVChT3QIISJ6qjSNyQVNBBy3-c8Cde2kPuvC78sprw/viewform

Believe...
IN HOLY FAMILY

MAY 2, 2023 | 6 PM

CELEBRATION HALL

Join us for an
**ART AUCTION
& CONCERT**



The temperature is heating up and PTO is ready!
We will be selling popsicles for **\$1 each** this Friday right after school in front of the playground!
Come enjoy a cool treat! All proceeds go to support PTO!



Email pto@holyfamilypdx.net

THE UNIFORM Exchange

The Uniform Exchange is filled to the brim! Get a head-start on your back-to-school shopping! The best time to visit the Exchange is right after school, check-in with Mrs. Wojnar before heading downstairs. Also, don't forget to swing by the Uniform Exchange during Coffee and Donuts after Mass on Sundays!



As you know, Holy Family Catholic School is committed to providing a faith-based education that helps our students grow academically, spiritually, and socially. Our School Advisory Council plays a vital role in achieving this mission, and we are currently looking for new members to join us. If you have an interest in this opportunity, please follow this link:

<https://files.ecatholic.com/2346/documents/SAC/SAC%20Candidate%20Application.pdf?t=1416323755000>

for the application and **submit it to Mr. Galati by May 14th**.

I am writing to encourage you to consider becoming a member of the SAC. As a current member of the council, I can honestly say that being a part of this group has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Not only have I been able to contribute to the success of our school, but I have also had the opportunity to work with other dedicated parents and staff members who share a common goal of providing the best possible education for our children.

As a member of the SAC you would have the opportunity to provide input on a wide range of topics, including curriculum development, school policies, budgets and strategic planning. You would also have the chance to serve as an advocate for our school within the broader community and to help ensure that our school remains a vibrant and thriving institution.

Of course, serving on the School Advisory Council does require some commitment. Council members are expected to attend monthly meetings, to actively participate in discussions and decision-making, and to serve on various committees and task forces as needed. But I can assure you that the rewards of this commitment are worth it. If you are interested in learning more about the SAC and how you can become a member, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any other current board members:

FR. Rodel de Mesa, Pastor, Joe Galati, Principal, Mary Vic, Finance, Tony Morse, Miki Ford, Todd Cahill Tyler Johnson, Amanda Owings, Bethzaida Yarbrough, Chuck Sparks, Randall Ferris and Andrea Bachhuber.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with more information about the role and responsibilities of committee membership. For any of you looking to fulfill your volunteer hours, this is also a great way to do just that!

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Family Catholic School. I look forward to the possibility of working alongside you as a member of the SAC!

Sincerely, Mackenzie Nuss

APRIL – MAY 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
24	25	26 9:05AM Late Start 9:15AM 5 th Grade Leads Student Mass	27	28 2:30PM PBIS ASSEMBLY FREE DRESS DAY
1	2 6PM Believe Event	3 9:05AM Late Start 9:15AM 4 th Grade Leads Student Mass BottleDrop BAG DROP	4	5 CUP OF JOE 8:15AM Cup of JOE with Joe Progress Reports Distributed



The 3rd track meet will be at Liberty HS on April 29th.
Please see attached the information for our 8th grade Athlete of Character scholarship application

GO CARDINALS!

Please reach out with any questions:

cyoholyfamily@gmail.com

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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Send newsletter submissions to wedsword@holyfamilypdx.net Submissions due by NOON ON MONDAY prior to publication

PARISH NEWS



Join us for Confirmation Mass on Wednesday,
April 26th @ 6:30pm - all are invited! Come
celebrate with us as these young people
receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Cailyn Clark	Emma Luong
Malia K-D	Aiden McEnery
Noa K-D	Hayden McGowan
Quinn Duffy	Paley McGowan
Aengus Fedeli	Kiera Olson
Cal Gwyn	Henry Perrin
Emery Harman	Dominic Pienovi
Adele Hermes	John Rask
Jack Kiesel	Roland Zuments





Holy Family CYO Club Athlete of Character Award for 8th Grade Students

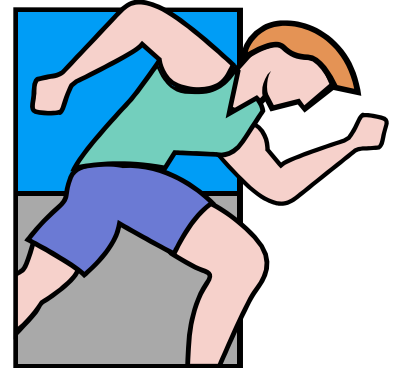
CYO Athletics strives to provide young people an opportunity to experience spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional growth through participation in a variety of sports. When done with effective leadership, it is a learning experience that allows young people to build character and acquire information about themselves and others. Just as athletic directors, commissioners, coaches, and parents serve as role models for our children, so too, do our children serve as witnesses to others.



To recognize student athletes who consistently demonstrate the Catholic values of spirituality, dignity, inclusiveness, and service, Holy Family CYO will award one male and one female student-athlete in 8th grade the Athlete of Character Award. Of course, because of COVID, the availability of CYO sports has been limited in the last year+. Please include criteria from prior to the COVID pandemic that pertains to the following guidelines.

To receive this award and accompanying \$500 tuition scholarship, the recipient must:

- Be an 8th grade student at Holy Family Catholic School or member of Holy Family Parish and be attending a Catholic High School next fall.
- Have participated in at least one CYO-sponsored sport for a minimum of 2 years. Again, this can be prior to the COVID pandemic.
- Complete the Holy Family CYO Scholarship Award Application Form by May 24, 2023.
- Have exhibited strong leadership and character skills in athletics, in the classroom, and in the parish community.
- Have exhibited outstanding sportsmanship toward game opponents and officials.
- Be a "team player."
- Be someone who serves as a role model for younger CYO participants because of actions both on and off the field or court.
- Have worked to develop his/her potential in academics and athletics.
- Demonstrate strong Catholic Values and Christ-like behavior.



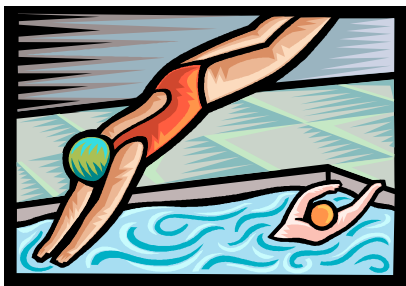
Award Notes

The award will be presented at the Holy Family graduation paraliturgy.

The award shall be presented to one female and one male student who choose to participate.

Holy Family CYO Board will review applications (with names redacted) and choose the scholarship recipients.

The athletic director and either the parish pastor or principal, must sign the award form.



Applications for this award must be submitted to either the Holy Family School Office or Parish Office by May 24, 2023.

Winners will have the scholarship checks delivered to the Catholic high school of choice.

Holy Family Parish CYO Athlete of Character Award



All applications should be returned to the Holy Family Parish Center Office or School Office, attn: CY

Application due May 24, 2023

Contact Information

Name of 8th grade student: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Parent Contact Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____ Female: _____ Male: _____

Student at Holy Family School: Y / N Parishioner: Y / N School you attend currently: _____

Name of Catholic high school you will attend in 2023/24:

Participant Information

Check all that apply	what grade(s) were you in
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What CYO sports did you play?: Sport: Swimming

Volleyball

Basketball

Track & Field

Football

Lacrosse

Please describe here or on an attached sheet how playing CYO sports has helped develop your personal character, and provide examples of how you have exhibited the values outlined in the award description.

Please use a second sheet if you would like additional space

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Please provide the names of **two** coaches who influenced you as a player and could provide a reference regarding your eligibility for this award. Please include phone numbers and email contact information.

Thank you for playing with CYO, and good luck!

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½ day 1 pm- 4 pm

\$250.00

Full day: 9 am- 4pm

\$375.00

*Lunch and snacks not provided.

*Based on 10 students minimum. Camps are subject to cancellation or prorated for low enrollment.

**Location: Saint Agatha Catholic School
7960 SE 15th Ave
Portland, OR 97202**



DATES

Spanish: June 26th – 30th

July 24th - 28th

August 14th – 18th

French: July 10th – 14th

July 31st – August 4th

Mandarin: July 17th – 21st

August 7th – 11th



Registration is simple and fast. Please fill out the form below and make check payable to "Kids Like Languages". Mail your registration form and check **by JUNE 12th to Kids Like Languages, PO Box 33080 Portland, OR 97292. or email to office@kidslikelanguages.com**

St. Agatha Catholic School

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Language Camp: _____ Dates of Camp: _____

Additional Student: _____ Grade: _____ Language Camp: _____ Dates of Camp: _____

Does your child have any learning, health, or diet issues we need to be aware of?: _____

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Parents Signature: _____ Date: _____

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