



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## WEDNESDAY WORD

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### FROM THE DESK OF

*Principal Galati*

Ah.... the first weekend of the school year. I know I spent it enjoying football ... Notre Dame, Oregon, the Philly Eagles... we watch long and passionately.)



Sorry if we offended the Beavers, Buckeyes, or Cowboy fans out there!

However, I also found myself reminiscing about 2006. Stephanie, my oldest daughter, was 4. It was the beginning of our introduction into youth sports. All my children played sports: soccer, basketball, volleyball, cheer, lacrosse, even a little football. But... oh... the early days. Practices that involved more picking of daisies than drills. Saturday mornings sacrificed to games at 8:30 because the 'youngest play first'. And, more often than not, the player was cranky, wanted to play at home, or needed a doughnut. We were caffeine starved and, needless to say, Notre Dame was kicking off at the same time.

The games ended scoreless, oftentimes, but the daisy chains were beautiful.

I want to leave you with this. I'd give anything to go back to that time. I thought I'd always have one more chance, but very quickly those opportunities are gone. I know you hear it a lot - enjoy it now, because time flies.

I'm here to assure you it does. Grab an extra cup of coffee and enjoy your chances, hug your kids, and cheer on the best teams you'll ever see!

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.  
- Dr. Seuss

## did you know?

**Holy Family does not have drinking fountains.**

During the COVID pandemic we replaced all of our fountains with water bottle fillers to reduce

the spread of germs. That means every student needs to have a water bottle at school. We are giving students the first 2 weeks to get into the habit of bringing one. Starting September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be sending emails to parents when students forget to bring theirs in hopes a parent can bring one to school and to help them get into the habit. Students are instructed to bring their water bottles to lunch if they don't have a drink packed in their lunchbox. Lunch duty teachers will refill water bottles from the kitchen as needed.



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY!

## September

*SLE and Virtue of the Month*

*Holy Family Catholic School students are*

## FAITH-FILLED LEARNERS

*who model*

## GENEROSITY

Christ-centered Outdoor Adventure for boys in grades K-12

Join us!  
Sunday, Sep. 17 at 6pm

Holy Family Catholic Church  
Celebration Hall

For more information:  
[TrailLife@HolyFamilyPortland.com](mailto:TrailLife@HolyFamilyPortland.com)



CONFIRMATION CLASS  
INFORMATION MEETING



**Holy Family Church Confirmation Orientation Meeting**

is September 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8PM in the Youth Room (above the gym).

*This is a makeup meeting for those who couldn't attend the meeting of September 10<sup>th</sup>*

Parents and Confirmation Candidates should attend.

The first Confirmation class is September 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we want to

be sure you have all the information needed for a good start and a great Confirmation experience.

### Holy Family Trail Life

Trail Life is a Christ-centered, outdoor adventure and character development program. It's open to boys from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Come learn outdoor skills, science & tech, health & fitness, heritage, values, and more. Our first troop meeting of the year is this Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Celebration Hall (school cafeteria).

For more information, contact us at [TrailLife@HolyFamilyPortland.com](mailto:TrailLife@HolyFamilyPortland.com).



Do you **BottleDrop**??? Holy Family does!

Holy Family has a **BottleDrop** fundraiser account and we need you to help us fill it up!

1. Grab a **BLUE BottleDrop** fundraiser bag from the box at the front of the school or the back of the church.
2. Fill it up with refundable cans or bottles.
3. Drop it off at any **BottleDrop** location using the exterior bag drop door by scanning the code on the bag to open the door and throw the whole bag in.
4. Visit <https://www.bottledropcenters.com/locations/> to find a location near you.

In addition, the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of every month will be a school **BottleDrop** bag drop day, just drop your filled **BLUE** bags at the entrance of the school by 3:15pm and PTO will bring them to **BottleDrop** for you.

Also, if you already have a **BottleDrop** account you can transfer funds from your account to the Holy Family account as a donation.

Questions? Email [joannamullett@comcast.net](mailto:joannamullett@comcast.net) or call or text JoAnna Mullett at 503-307-0561.



Oktoberfest is right around the corner on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** and PTO needs your help to make the carnival a success! Any adult or middle schooler can volunteer and earn fair share hours! **Middle schoolers earn a free dress pass and 3 free carnival tickets.** Adult volunteers receive a free beverage or pretzel! Since this is a community event volunteer requirements do not have to be completed prior to volunteering. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CAFA62BA13-oktoberfest2>



The first PTO Meeting of the year is next week!!

**All Holy Family parents are welcome to attend!**

Join us to discuss events for the year, get to know a few people, and earn a Fair Share Hour while you're at it!

If you want to be on the PTO Email List to receive meeting reminders and information about volunteer opportunities, email PTO President Katie Steipp at [pto@holyfamilypdx.net](mailto:pto@holyfamilypdx.net) to be added to the list. Stay connected with Holy Family parents through our Facebook Group: Holy Family PDX Parents.

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
**in Celebration Hall OR via Zoom**

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 854 0567 3172

Passcode: PTO



We still have room for **Hot Shots Basketball** (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>), we also still need coaches for this team! More info [Here](#).

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

**GO CARDINALS!**

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
11	12 <b>6 PM</b> PRE-K-5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS ONLY <b>BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT</b>	13 <b>9:05AM</b> Late Start <b>9:15AM</b> <u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leads</u> Student Mass	14	15
18	19 <b>7PM</b> PTO Meeting	20 <b>9:05AM</b> Late Start <b>9:15AM</b> <u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Leads</u> Student Mass <b>3:15-4:30PM</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade OBOB Meeting	21 <b>8:15AM</b> <b>OR</b> <b>7PM</b> C.A.S.E Training in Parish Center 3732 SE KNAPP STREET	22
25	26	27 <b>9:05AM</b> Late Start <b>9:15AM</b> <u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Leads</u> Student Mass <b>3:15-4:15PM</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade OBOB Meeting	28	29 <b>2:30PM</b> PBIS ASSEMBLY 
2	3	4 <b>9:05AM</b> Late Start <b>9:15AM</b> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Leads</u> Student Mass	5	6  <b>8:15AM</b> Cup of JOE with Joe

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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LA SALLE PRESENTS

# FUTURE FALCON NIGHTS



## **Fall Events:**

**Cheer:** September 22

**Football:** September 22

**Girls Soccer:** September 26

**Boys Soccer:** September 28

**Volleyball:** October 17

**FREE**

RSVP in advance for  
**Admission, pizza, & festivities!**



Register online at  
**LSPrep.org/FFN**

