



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF

Principal Galati

This month, each of our students is reflecting on the virtue of generosity. As part of the Holy Family community, I have found myself also contemplating how this very important concept plays out in my own life.



Generosity is an odd thing. Many consider that being generous involves monetary gifts or the distribution of 'things'. True generosity, I believe, is much more than that. Just wander through recess when our Kindergarten or 1st Grade

are outside. How many times have I watched classmates jostle to be 'the one' who walks their injured friend to the office. There is no reward for this, indeed there is a sacrifice of their very limited free time. How many times have I watched a middle school classmate sit quietly with a friend who is anxious, sad, or suffering. By their mere presence they are generous, giving freely of their heart and their ready ear.

What role models for me (*and all of us*). I have been reflecting. Am I generous when I drive? How often do I allow that driver to merge ahead of me? Am I generous when I am with others who are lonely? How often do I allow them to speak freely and at length, acknowledging that they have few opportunities to do so? Am I generous when others disagree with me? How often do I listen with an open heart, actively seeking to understand a different point of view? Am I generous when I suffer? How often do I allow others to support me through my vulnerability?

Because... yes... it is also generous when I welcome others into the more private parts of my life.

Generosity is hard. It requires humility and risk. It asks us to give of those things we need and protect most, not of our plenty.

Watch your kids this week.

Children are surely the best

examples of generosity I've ever seen.

We are better
TOGETHER

SAVE the DATE

Celebrating 75 years of Holy Family Catholic School

November 17th, 2023
at 6 o'clock in the evening

The Redd On Salmon
831 SE Salmon St
Portland, OR 97214



Cocktail Attire
Complimentary on-premise parking
Formal invitation to follow.

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September

SLE and Virtue of the Month

Holy Family Catholic
School students are

**FAITH-FILLED
LEARNERS**

who model

GENEROSITY

MEET OUR LEADERS

Class of 2024

The **Class of 2024** is starting the year strong and excited to be Holy Family's newest group of leaders. These 24 **8th graders** led Mass last Wednesday and were good role models as they facilitated our Expectations Parade last Friday. **1st to 6th grade** classes traveled around the school and to Church and learned about the expectations we have for recess, bathrooms, stairwells, and active Mass participation.

We look forward to seeing all the things these **8th graders** will accomplish this year, and are eagerly anticipating our **first Family Group meeting (groups of K – 8th graders) this Friday!**



BUDDIES ARE BACK!

This year, we're excited to officially bring back buddies! Each class has a buddy class that they will do a variety of academic, service, and fun activities with throughout the year.

6th grade is paired with **Pre-3 and Pre-K** | **7th grade** is paired with **Kindergarten** | **8th grade** is paired with **1st grade**

4th grade is paired with **2nd grade** | **5th grade** is paired with **3rd grade**

Students will also be in the same family group as their buddy to add an extra layer of community and engagement. Once in a while, we'll go to Mass with our buddies too!

Last Thursday, **8th and 1st grade** got together to meet each other and then read some books. On Friday, **7th graders** took their **Kindergarten** buddies on personalized tours of the school, reviewing expectations and exploring new classrooms. We will continue to share our adventures and look forward to strengthening our Holy Family!

BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Touring the school & reading together!



7th and Kindergarten Buddies!



Oktoberfest is right around the corner on **September 23rd** 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>



VOLUNTEER and LOVE THE LIBRARY

Please consider coming to help out in the library this year! We love to have volunteers join us to help shelf books, check out and prepare new library materials. Signup here: [LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP GENIUS](#)
Email [Ms. Schenk](#) with questions!

***See Melissa to make sure your volunteer requirements are up to date.*



St. John the Apostle Catholic School is hosting a Back-to-School Dance for Middle School students on **Friday, September 29th**.

Please find the attached flyer and permission slip to share with your students to attend the dance.

We hope your Middle School students will join us for an evening of dancing and fun.



What is OBOB? A reading trivia competition for students in **Grades 3rd-5th and 6th-8th**

How do I join? Create a team of 4-5 students (*within grade ranges above*) and find a parent to be your coach

Then what? Email [Ms. Schenk](#) to let me know you've got a team

After that? Start reading!! Lists of books and more information available on the [OBOB website](#)

Finally...come to the first meeting for fun and information.

Grades 3rd-5th 1st Meeting is: TODAY
Wednesday, September 20th at 3:15 - 4:30PM
Grades 6th-8th 1st Meeting is: Wednesday, September 27th at 3:15 - 4:15PM

Did You Know: that just by being a parent at Holy Family, you are a member of the Parent Teacher Organization? You don't have to do anything to join! All parents are welcome to the PTO Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. PTO Meetings are a great way to get to connect with other parents and some staff members.

PTO Meetings also count towards each family's required Fair Share Hours!

To stay in-the-loop about PTO Activities and to get first dibs on

volunteer opportunities, be sure you are on the PTO Email list! Just email pto@holyfamilypdx.net to join!

Another GREAT way to connect with parents at Holy Family is to join the private Facebook Group "Holy Family PDX Parents."



Email pto@holyfamilypdx.net

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

INFORMATION

It's never too early to buy your student's yearbook! Use the QR code or follow the link: [BUY YOUR HOLY FAMILY YEARBOOK HERE](#) Yearbooks are fun and affordable!

Softcover books are \$13.40 and hardcover are \$19.44

Save 10% if you purchase before October 31st

Contact [Ms. Schenk](#) with questions



FREE DRESS DAY

Friday, September 20th
is our 1st PBIS Assembly this year AND
FREE DRESS

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
18	19 7PM PTO Meeting	20 9:05AM Late Start 9:15AM 4 th Grade Leads Student Mass 3:15-4:30PM 3 rd -5 th Grade OBOB Meeting	21 8:15AM OR 7PM C.A.S.E Training in Parish Center 3732 SE KNAPP STREET	22
25	26	27 9:05AM Late Start 9:15AM 7 th Grade Leads Student Mass 3:15-4:15PM 6 th -8 th Grade OBOB Meeting	28	29 2:30PM PBIS ASSEMBLY 
2	3	4 9:05AM Late Start 9:15AM 3 rd Grade Leads Student Mass	5	6  8:15AM Cup of JOE with Joe
9	10	11 9:05AM Late Start 9:15AM 6 th Grade Leads Student Mass	12	13 NO SCHOOL Teacher -IN- Service Day

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss



We still have room for **Hot Shots Basketball** (Grades 1st and 2nd), we also still need coaches for this team! Last day to register is September 22nd. More info [Here](#).

Please reach out with any questions:

cyoholyfamily@gmail.com

GO CARDINALS!

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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The Catholic schools of the archdiocese of Portland admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available at all the schools. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of their policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

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

Eastmoreland/Woodstock Oktoberfest

Sponsored by Holy Family Church



Saturday, September 23

1:00 – 8:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION - ALL ARE WELCOME - FREE ADMISSION

*** MUSIC * FOOD * GAMES**
*** BEER GARDEN & * COMMUNITY**

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Holy Family School Yard

7425 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd

ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND

Parent/Legal Guardian Event Permission Slip
For Student/Youth

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSORING PARISH/SCHOOL

Below please find a brief description of the schedule of activities:

Event: SJA Middle School Dance

Location:

St. John the Apostle School Gym
516 Fifth Street
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Sponsored by:

St. John the Apostle

Date: Friday, September 29, 2023

Time:

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

I, _____ the undersigned, give my permission for _____
to take part in an off-premises event which will require parent transportation and supervision by Archdiocesan
employees and volunteers.

I agree to allow my child to participate in this event.

I also authorize the Archdiocese of Portland and its employees or chaperones to secure any and all necessary
medical services for my child in the event of an accident or illness. Further, I agree to be solely responsible
for the payment of those services.

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Allergies (food, drugs, insects, etc.): _____

Medication (names, dosage, reason): _____

Other information (injuries, etc.): _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Group or ID#: _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Parent/Guardian (s): _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Child's Doctor: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date