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FROM THE DESK OF

Principal Galati

At the first **Cup of Joe** of 2024, several parents were pleasantly surprised to learn about several safety inspections and improvements that have been completed this school year. They recommended that I bring all parents up to date as well, so.... here goes!

- The fire sprinkler system is checked and cleared annually
- The school's drinking water has been assessed and cleared for lead
- Our backflow system is checked and maintained (*yes, no sewage in the drinking water either!*)
- There is a yearly inspection by the Fire Marshall, and any suggestions are addressed immediately
- The building has been assessed and cleared for asbestos
- Fire alarms and fire drills are performed on a monthly basis



This is all to say that, not only are we committed to your children's educational and spiritual wellbeing, we also strive to provide a physically safe and welcoming environment as well! If you're ever free and want to join us, our **Cup of Joe** is held the first Friday of every month:)

May God Bless you, joe

Honor Roll

In an effort to celebrate student achievement and recognize students who consistently meet expectations, the HFCS leadership and middle school team have decided to start an Honor Roll recognition program. Students' GPAs are calculated from their core classes: ELA, Math, Religion, Science, and Social Studies.



Congrats to our PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL students who earned a 3.9 or higher GPA First Trimester:

Bea Betteridge Hall
Oliver Greenlee
Kaya May

Eddie Betteridge Hall
Georgia Hall
Luna Owings

Rory Blum
Bryn Hermes
Ava Slater

Coe Dauler
Oliva Klein
Grey Woldrich



Congrats to our CARDINAL COURT students who earned a 3.5-3.89 GPA First Trimester:

Gia Brooksby
James Ferschweiler
Emma Jamieson
Derek Kullberg
Mary Miller
Lincoln Pechette
Olivia Russell
Maddie Streb
Luke Wojnar

Kaia Davidson
Keiryn Harmon
Lucy Johncheck
Llexy Luong
Eli Moran
Carson Posner
Solomon Schug
Jack Wieland

Hayes Faherty
Gracyn Hornsby
Ava Kiesel
Bea McArthur
Luke Newbury
Jessica Rask
Owen Sokol
Jackson Wojnar

JANUARY

SLE and Virtue of the Month

*Holy Family Catholic
School students are*

**RESPONSIBLE
DECISION MAKERS**

who model

PRUDENCE



It is Holy Family Night at the Blazer game on

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH at 6PM

Buy tickets for the whole family and enjoy the game in a section dedicated to Holy Family.

**(See flyer attached for the link and use promo code 'family')*



PLEASE **JOIN US** for this month's PTO meeting:
Tuesday, January 16th @ 7pm in-person
at Celebration Hall OR via Zoom

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 854 0567 3172

Passcode: PTO

Can't come in-person? Join us via Zoom. We had a great turn out last month and would love to meet more of our great families. See you there!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming... see our [Book Fair Website](#) for more details and get ready for some fun!

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER



Happy New Year from the Learning Support Center!

Things continue to be bustling around here. New year, new classes, new connections. The Learning Support Center is alive with learning, sharing, and growing.

Connection Lunches have been a big hit. The fifth graders eagerly anticipate each time they get to have lunch with me and each other. I continue to work with small groups on reading and writing strategies, push into classrooms to support students, and meet with teachers and parents to get our students the accommodations they need to be successful.

Part of my role is reaching out to parents to address any questions or concerns about students' well-being as it relates to school. I know this can sometimes feel unexpected, but please know I care deeply for our students, and I don't want small things to fall through the cracks or grow into real barriers to learning. I value this opportunity to partner with other adults in our students' lives. School is a multilayered, multifaceted part of our students' stories, and I want to make sure it's a nurturing experience.

Last week I started teaching a new class to the sixth grade around habits for success. We'll be learning about our brains, how to care for them, and tackling things like time management, focused thinking, and organization. It's also a practical time to clean out binders, desks, and learn how to use a planner effectively. This group has grown leaps and bounds as they've adjusted to middle school, so this class will build on that growth in a more targeted way.

Katie Crews
Learning Support Coordinator

*Recommended Reading (great for parents of students in fifth grade and up):
50 Tips to Help Students Succeed, by Marydee Sklar*

CAN YOU HELP?



We're gearing up for an exciting **School-Wide Penny War** to support our Capital Campaign and **need your help!** We are looking for **containers that are 1/2-1 gallon in size and transparent.** Please send the containers with your child to school by **Monday, January 22nd.**





St. John the Apostle Catholic School is hosting a Winter Dance for Middle School students on **Friday, January 26th**.

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.



Congrats to all our teams on the first **Basketball** weekend!

Much **THANKS** to all the amazing volunteers who served as site monitors, your effort is greatly appreciated!

We still have a couple open spots for this weekend, please consider this opportunity to support our student athletes and earn Fair Share hours... info [Here](#)

We are also still looking for **Track and Field** coaches... please email if you have questions or are interested.

GO CARDINALS!

Please reach out with any questions:

cyoholyfamily@gmail.com



Catholic Schools Week Kick Off Mass and Open House

Save the date! On **Sunday, January 28th**, HFCS students and staff will be hosting the 8:30AM Sunday Mass and Coffee and Donuts after both Masses. **All students who attend in their uniform will receive a *free dress pass*.** Additionally, the school will be open for tours for current families, alumni, parishioners, and prospective families! Come see what we've been up to! Share the Instagram or Facebook post about our Open House and you'll be entered in a drawing for a **free dress pass** for your family!

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8	9	10 9:15AM 8th Grade Leads Student Mass 3:15-4:30PM 3 rd -5 th Grade OBOB Meeting	11	12 NOON DISMISSAL
15 NO SCHOOL  MLK DAY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	16 7PM PTO Meeting	17 9:05AM Late Start 9:15AM 3rd Grade Leads Student Mass	18	19
22	23	24 9:15AM 7th Grade Leads Student Mass 3:15-4:30PM 3 rd -5 th Grade OBOB Meeting	25	26 2:30PM PBIS ASSEMBLY  Scholastic Book Fair
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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.

Accredited by Northwest Association of Accredited Schools

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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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
(9:30 AM-12:00 PM)

7425 SE Cesar Estrada Chavez Blvd, Portland, OR
school.holyfamilyportland.org



SCAN TO RSVP





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HORNETS

**SUNDAY, FEB. 25
6:00 PM**

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us for Holy Family Catholic School Night as the Trail Blazers take on the Hornets! Use the provided link to get your special discounted ticket. All who use the provided link to get their ticket will get to shoot a free throw on the Trail Blazers court after the game. See you there!

VISIT:

**[Rosequarter.com/
groupnights](http://Rosequarter.com/groupnights)**

PROMO CODE:

FAMILY

ORDER DEADLINE:

Mon, Jan. 29

CONTACT:

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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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, January 26, 2024

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

Youth Ministry



Holy Family



Middle School Youth Group
Wednesday 01/10/ 2024
6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Youth
Room above the gym

Confirmation Prep Session 5
Sacraments of Initiation
Sunday 01/14/2024
6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Youth
Room above the gym

Capital Campaign Kickoff
Sunday 01/21/2024
After the 9:30am mass I need
6th – 8th grade students in
uniform to form 2 lines from
the church to celebration hall.
As adults leave the church they
will have to walk between the
two lines as we cheer them for
supporting our school and
church and a couple of
students escort them into the
hall.