

HOLY + FAMILY SCHOOL

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Holy Family School, in union with Holy Family Parish, is a community that educates and inspires students in the Catholic tradition to grow in faith, to demonstrate academic excellence, and to model Christian citizenship.

Week 26 HFS Newsletter March 13, 2026

Principal Message

Dear Holy Family Families,

It has been another wonderful week here at Holy Family School. Our classrooms have been busy with learning, faith formation, and the many small moments that make our school community such a special place. I continue to be so proud of our students and grateful for the dedication of our teachers and staff who work each day to support our mission of helping students grow in faith, achieve academic excellence, and live as Christian citizens.

We are especially excited as we head into our biggest community event of the year—our school auction this weekend. Our theme this year, *Bids, Buccaneers, and Bounty*, is sure to make for a fun and memorable evening. I look forward to seeing so many of you there as we come together to support our school.

A very special thank you goes out to the many people who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event possible. In particular, I would like to thank Gretchen Kurth, Jon Jahns, and Adele Lentz for the incredible time, creativity, and leadership they have poured into planning this event. I continue to be so impressed by the collaboration and community spirit that surrounds the auction. Watching volunteers come together, working side by side to create such a beautiful event, truly reflects the heart of Holy Family and makes me very proud to be part of this community.

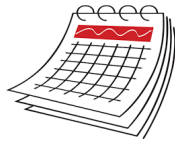
Looking ahead to next week, we have several fun events planned for our students. Our ASB students will be leading our St. Patrick's Day assembly—this is a free dress day, make sure to wear green. We will also have class and graduation pictures on Wednesday. Please make sure students come to school in their full uniform that day so they are ready for their photos.

Contracts for the 2026–2027 school year have also been released to families. Please take some time to log into Finals site, review the materials, and complete all required paperwork. We kindly ask that contracts be signed and submitted as soon as possible, as this helps us plan for staffing and enrollment for the coming school year.

There is always something special happening at Holy Family, and it is such a blessing to be part of a community that supports our students so wholeheartedly. Thank you for your continued partnership and for all the ways you contribute to the life of our school.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the auction this weekend and to another great week ahead at Holy Family.

Gratefully,



Upcoming Events

Current events. See the [March Calendar](#) for all events this month.

Current Events:

- Saturday, March 14th - Bids, Buccaneers, & Bounty Auction, 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 17th - Wear Green Free Dress, bring a can of food
- Wednesday, March 18th - Class and Grad Photos
- Thursday, March 19th - All School Mass (7th Grade), 8:30 am
- Thursday, March 26 - All School Mass (6th Grade), 8:30 am

Weekly Action Items

Look for information below on the following items:

1. Get ready for the auction tomorrow!
2. Watch your e-mail for your contract!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIDS, BUCCANEERS & BOUNTY - 3/14 at 5:30 pm!

Ahoy! 🇮🇪

The Auction be TOMORROW, and we be lookin' forward to seein' ye there for a grand night o' community, lively bidin', and good ol' fashioned fun on the high seas!

Bring yer coin, raise yer paddle high, and prepare to battle it out for fine treasures and braggin' rights. Don't be late, or ye might miss the best loot o' the evenin'. We can't wait to see all ye hearty mates there!

Arrr! 🇮🇪 Want a preview o' the treasures at the auction? Then hoist yer sails and head to <https://www.hfsauburn.com/>. Scroll down the page and ye'll find the auction catalog, where all the loot be listed for eager bidders! ⚓💰

There ye can spy all sorts o' prizes—grand experiences, tasty feasts, gift baskets, and other shiny treasures just waitin' fer a brave soul to claim 'em.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONTESTS

The annual St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Trap and Potato Decorating Contests are here! Make sure to start planning now and don't forget to bring them in with your entry form on March 17th. See the flyer for more details!

If you need a copy of the entry form printed, please let Mrs. Torretta know and she will send one home with your student.



St. Patrick's Day Contest

St. Patrick's day is right around the corner, so get ready for the Leprechaun Trap and Potato Decorating Contest!

To participate, students will choose a category and bring their trap or potato to school on Tuesday, March 17th.

Leprechaun Trap Categories		
Most Colorful Use all the colors of the rainbow to decorate your trap!	Most Green Stick with Ireland's favorite color!	Most Creative Use your creative skills to decorate your trap!
Potato Decorating Categories		
Favorite Saint So many to choose from!	Favorite Book Character Pick your favorite character!	Most Creative Use your creative skills to decorate your potato!

Prizes for each category: 1st: Free Dress Pass and King Size Candy Bar. 2nd: Free Dress Pass. 3rd: King Size Candy Bar

Join in the St. Patrick's Day fun by completing the form below and turning it in with your trap or potato in the breezeway hall on the morning of Tuesday, March 17th.

Check your Category

Leprechaun Trap
Most Colorful _____ Most Green _____ Most Creative _____

Potato Decorating
Favorite Saint _____ Book Character _____ Creative _____

Student Name _____ Grade: _____

NOMINATE A TEACHER

Nominate a Teacher for the Fulcrum St. John Baptist de la Salle Educator Excellence Award!

We're excited to invite our school community to recognize the extraordinary teachers who make a lasting impact on our students and school culture. The Fulcrum Foundation's annual St. John Baptist de la Salle Educator Excellence Award honors outstanding educators in our archdiocese who demonstrate:

- unwavering commitment to Catholic mission and identity,
- inspiring leadership and presence within their school community,
- a deep dedication to academic excellence, and
- a willingness to go above and beyond to strengthen their school's future.

This is a wonderful opportunity to shine a spotlight on those who daily live out our mission with faith, skill, and heart. Awardees are celebrated both at the archdiocesan level and within their own school communities. Nominations for the 2026/27 St. John Baptist de la Salle Award are open now through April 15, 2026. Please submit your nomination today and help honor the teachers who inspire and transform our students each day.

[Teacher Excellence Award: Nominations Welcome! - Fulcrum Foundation](#)

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering for library. This is a huge help to our teachers and allows them to have their plan during their library block. Thank you for your support.

[March Sign-up](#)

[April Sign-up](#)

TRACK AND FIELD

Parents and students in 4th – 8th grades are invited to join the Holy Family School Track and Field program.

Please reach out to [Mrs. Fox](#) with any questions.

[Click here to register](#)

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YEARBOOK PREORDER

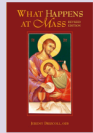
It's time to pre-order your yearbook! Order by 4/30.

The website is [ybpay.com](#), and our school code is 13123826.



Monthly Parent Formation March Meeting

What Happens at Mass



Discover the profound treasures of the liturgy!

- ❖ Free Coffee & Donuts
- ❖ Free Childcare
- ❖ 1 Decade of the Rosary

We will explore the short but profound book: "What Happens at Mass" by Jeremy Driscoll, OSB.

Friday, March 20
7:55 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
HFS School Library

Questions? Contact Sarah Bartel
425-412-0633 | sarahbartel@gmail.com

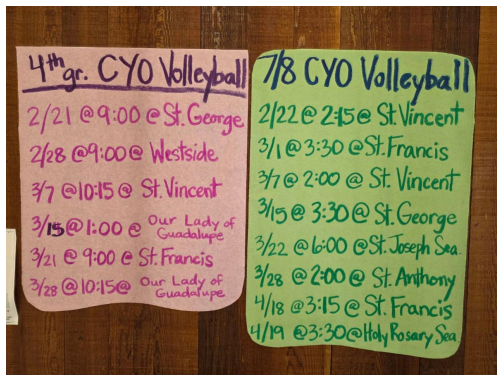
PARENT FORMATION

HFS parent Sarah Bartel is hosting a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and parent formation.

Please join us for a meeting on the following Fridays from 7:50 am to 8:25 am in the school library!

- March 20th
- April 17th
- May 8th
- June 5th

We look forward to seeing you there!



4TH AND 7/8TH VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season is starting and we have our 4th and 7th/8th grade teams playing.

See the photo for their schedule.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Did you take photos or take videos of an HFS event?

If so, please share them with us at photos@hfsauburn.com.

SCRIP NEWS

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Scrip commitment due date is May 4, 2026. Choose big rebates to help reach or exceed the commitment!

Extending promotional rebates through March:(Orders at the Scrip store or school office only)

Land's End - 25% \$100 cards

Arby's - 25% \$10 cards

Support our local partners (20% rebates): Athen's Pizza & Pasta, Bigfoot Java, Duke's Seafood (Kent Station)

Other 20% options: Farrelli's Pizza, Crumbl Cookie, Ezell's

PARENT CLUB NEWS

MOTHER SON BOWLING

Hello HFS Boy Moms/Guardians!

MOTHER-SON BOWLING EVENT
at Secoma Lanes

A fun-filled afternoon of bowling and bonding!
 Open to HFS, St. Andrew's, and friends & family
 —mother-son duos with school-aged kids welcome.
 Dress in fun or matching outfits!

DATE & TIME
 SUNDAY, 3/29
 1-3:30 pm

ENTRY
 \$10 to HFS + \$17/ person at the door

RAFFLE
 \$1/ ticket or \$20 for 6*

*We'll give raffle tickets away!

Sign-up Here [QR Code] \$10 Registration Here (per couple) [QR Code]

No lane requests please—we'll assign lanes and do our best to group everyone together.

SECOMA LANES
 34500 Pacific Hwy S. Federal Way

Questions & Interested in Volunteer Opportunities? Email Lisette at lissettekelly@gmail.com

This is the last call for those interested in attending the Mother–Son Bowling Event (sorry—no dads or daughters may attend). We need to order trophies and supplies, so **RSVPs will close Sunday, March 15.**

If you plan to attend, please note:
RSVP on SignUpGenius by 3/15

Pay \$10 per mother–son duo (trophies & food) now by **clicking here.**

Bowling cost: \$17 per person, paid directly to Secoma Lanes on the day of the event.

Event Details

- March 29

- 1:00–3:30 PM
- Secoma Lanes

We will also have a raffle, so if you're able to contribute a gift basket, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mother–son bowlers are encouraged to wear fun outfits!

Questions? Email lissettekelly@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER
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 Support Our Kids & Brighten Your Spring with Hanging Baskets!
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When you purchase a hanging basket, you're giving more than a beautiful spring gift—a portion of the proceeds directly supports your child and Holy Family School. Thank you for helping our kids and school continue to grow!

How to Order:

- Order & Payment Window: February 24 – April 20 (Square or check)
- Order Deadline: April 20 (completed order form and payment required)
- Pick-Up: Monday, May 4, between 3:00–4:00 PM
- Location: HFS carpool parking lot

Please Note:

- Baskets include soil and flower varieties may vary.
- Please make all payments directly to the Holy Family School (cash or check).
- All baskets to be picked up during the designated pick-up time at Holy Family on May 4 (3–4 PM).
- Baskets cannot be picked up directly from the nursery.
- If ordering for others or buying all checks, please address your order slip to: check@hfsfamily.com
- **Questions? Email lissettekelly@gmail.com**

BASKET DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Purple Basket	\$40 each	+	=
Sun Basket	\$40 each	+	=
Total for Sheds + Sun (Exclude check or pay w/ Square):			

If you need a copy of the order form sent home, please let Mrs. Torretta know.

We're excited to offer gorgeous hanging baskets that make a perfect gift for Mother's Day, teacher appreciation, family members, neighbors, or a beautiful way to brighten your own home this season.

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Links

Commitment Hours Form

March Calendar

Scrip Order Form



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