

# 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 30 HFS Newsletter April 17, 2026

## Principal Message

Dear Holy Family Families,

It has been such a joy to welcome our students and staff back this week after Spring Break. There is something truly special about our Holy Family community, and it was felt immediately as our hallways filled again with energy, laughter, and a shared sense of purpose. We are grateful to be back together and moving forward in this beautiful Easter season.

As we begin this busy and exciting stretch, an important note to share:

At our Commission meeting this week, we were joined by a guest speaker from the Office of Catholic Schools who spoke with us about increasing enrollment at Holy Family School to ensure the long-term sustainability of our community. There were many valuable insights shared, but one especially important message stood out: YOU, our parents, are our greatest ambassadors. When you are out in the community sharing the good news about Holy Family—your experiences, your children’s growth, and what makes our school so special—it truly makes a difference. Your voice helps our school grow, and we are so grateful for the role you play. Please continue spreading the word about what a wonderful place Holy Family is!

As we return, we also have two important fundraisers coming up that directly support our school:

Our Jog-a-Thon is next Friday! This is always a favorite event for our students, full of fun, excitement, and community spirit. Please help your child gather and submit their pledges as soon as possible. Your support makes a meaningful difference in enhancing programs and opportunities for all of our students.

We are also excited to partner with Holy Family Parent Club and St. Andrew Men’s Club for an upcoming Golf Tournament on May 2nd. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community while supporting our school in a big way. We encourage you to consider signing up—more information is included below.

A quick reminder regarding 2026–2027 school year contracts: please plan to have your contracts signed as soon as possible. Our goal is to have all contracts completed by the last day of school. **As an added incentive, families who complete their contracts by April 30th will receive a \$50 discount on their registration fee.**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are so grateful for each of you and for the strong community we share.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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Julana Hardtke  
Principal, Holy Family School



## Upcoming Events

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

### Current Events:

- Thursday, April 23 - All School Mass (4th Grade), 8:30 am
- Thursday, April 23 - Spring Band Concert, 6:30 pm
- Friday, April 24 - Jog-a-thon
- Thursday, April 30 - All School Mass (3rd Grade), 8:30 am

## Weekly Action Items

Look for information below on the following items:

1. Post Auction Sign Ups are open now - don't forget to check them out!
2. Sign up for the next round of pizza lunch!

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 04/18 CAMPUS CLEAN UP - CANCELLED

Due to a lack of sign-ups, we will be canceling our Campus Clean-Up scheduled for tomorrow. While we are disappointed not to gather in this way, we appreciate those who were willing to volunteer their time to support our school.

We will look for another opportunity in the future to come together and care for our beautiful campus as a community. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Family School!

### ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS OPEN

This scholarship was started in the 1985-1986 school year by a group of Holy Family School parents who wanted students to be able to attend Holy Family School even if they could not pay the full tuition. The funds raised are held in an account through the Archdiocese, and each year the interest from the principal amount and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the donations given the previous 12 months is allotted to families in need.

If you would like to apply for this scholarship application for the Holy Family School Endowment Scholarship program forms are now available in the school office. Applications are due by May 20th.



## MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

March Students of the Month are students who grow in faith by making Christian moral choices that reflect respect of God, self, and others.

Pre-K: Gianna Lentz  
Kindergarten: Maaliya Aganah  
Grade 1: Henry Bergford  
Grade 2: Yousif Jarjees & Ella Estrellada  
Grade 3: Jaymie Webb & Camryn Bactol  
Grade 4: Preston Thiessen & Rochelle Hernandez  
Grade 5: Cash Mahaffey  
Grade 6: Mercy Kigen & Hallee Halverson  
Grade 7: Roselyn Castro & Kieran Boyle  
Grade 8: Aliyah Madrigal

## POST AUCTION SIGN UPS

Ahoy, matesy! 🏴‍☠️ Missed the grand auction—or were there but forgot to sign up? Fear not—there be still treasure to claim!

Follow the link below to seize yer loot:

- 🌟 Free Dress Pass
- 🎨 Auction Student Art
- 🍔 Cheeseburger Lunch
- 🎉 Fun teacher and volunteer-run experiences
- 🌟 Fund-a-Need

[Click here to sign up](#), and don't be waitin' too long—these treasures will vanish faster than a ship in the fog!



## JOG-A-THON - FRIDAY, 04/24

Our jog-a-thon is happening next week Friday, April 24th!

We have a special challenge happening this weekend!

If \$1,000 or more is raised using [this link](#) between April 16th and 5pm on April 20th, Mrs. Hardtke has volunteered to have a student throw a pie in her face.

The highest pledger will get to throw the pie. Families can still receive credit towards their \$300 goal by adding their family/student name to the comment section.

Click on the flyer attached to learn more, and [click here to sign up to volunteer for the jog-a-thon!](#)



## ENRICHMENT CLUBS NEWS

Auburn High School Robotics Team will be bringing their **robots** to the parish hall on Monday April 20 at 3:30 PM.

Robotics Club students and their parents, a friend, siblings can join the fun, **Monday 3:00-5:00**. RSVP to Brian Torretta at [btorretta@gmail.com](mailto:btorretta@gmail.com)

Book Club and Jump Rope Club kicked off this week and were a ton of fun! Still taking registrations at this [LINK](#).

**JUMP ROPE CLUB:** Learn and practice jump roping skills, exercise, and have fun! Grades: 1-4, (limit 4 members per grade) Thursdays until 4:10, 04/16 - 05/14  
Cost: \$10 (for the jump rope)

**BOOK CLUB:** Enjoy activities, discussions and a craft with fellow members! This is for students who enjoy reading and can commit to reading a chapter book during their spare time. Book to be selected by club members! Grades: 4-8, Mondays until 3:45, 04/13 - 05/11. No fee, you must find your own book copy.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY 05/02

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming golf tournament on Saturday, May 2, 2026, with tee times beginning at 8:00 AM at **Auburn Golf Course!**

This fun-filled event supports HFS and helps make a meaningful impact in our community. Enjoy a great day on the course with prizes, including a chance to win a 2-year vehicle lease for a hole-in-one (terms apply), courtesy of **Valley GMC** in Auburn.

Registration includes:

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Coffee and lunch
- A great day of community and connection

Cost & Registration:

- \$125 per person, **Register Here**
- \$500 per team of four, **Register Here**

**\*Register by Saturday, April 25, 2026.**

Interested in promoting your business? Check out the sponsorship opportunities listed on the flyer!

If you have any questions or are available to volunteer, please contact Jon at 253-797-8090.

We hope to see you there!



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER - REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

We're excited to share that early registration is now open for the Holy Family School Early Learning Center!

Beginning August 31st, we will welcome our youngest learners, serving children from 6 months to 4 years old. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow our Holy Family community, and we can't wait to provide a nurturing, faith-filled environment for our littlest students.

**Applications are now open** on our website and through Finalsité—please visit <https://www.hfsauburn.com> to get started. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Julana Hardtke at [jhardtk@hfsauburn.com](mailto:jhardtk@hfsauburn.com).

Please help spread the word to friends, family, and neighbors—and share on social media (personal, neighborhood pages etc.). Holy Family is a special place, and we are so excited to welcome new families into it!

## MUSIC NEWS

Click on the attachment to read the Spring Tea costume guide!

## 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!

- April 24th
- May 8th
- June 5th

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Spring Yearbook Custom Letter**

Dear HFS Families,

As the Spring Yearbook Committee, I am reaching out to give you all information regarding your child's yearbook. I want to be sure you are all informed before you do anything. No need to buy a yearbook unless you really want it! You have options, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

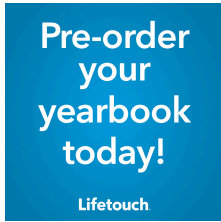
-Ms. Brown

**Yearbook Annual Review (YAR):**

- All yearbook materials in the area include color books, page one, and forms.
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## YEARBOOK PREORDER

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

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

## 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.

[April Sign-up](#)

[May Sign-up](#)

## 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](mailto:photos@hfsauburn.com).

## SCRIP NEWS

### SCRIP

May 4 is the final day to earn rebates for this school year. Unsure if you have met your Scrip commitment? Email [scrip@hfsauburn.com](mailto:scrip@hfsauburn.com).

Order forms and cash/check can be submitted to the school office at your convenience and we will send the cards home to you typically on Fridays. OR continue using RaiseRight 24/7 for e-gift cards or to order physical cards.

Be aware - The "Online Shopping" feature in the RaiseRight app does not apply rebates right away as a fraud prevention measure.

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### SPRING PIZZA LUNCH SIGN UPS

You can still sign up for pizza lunch even if you missed the first week. [Sign up via the online form](#) by Sunday, 04/19 to ensure your student(s) receive pizza next week. You will be charged via your Finals site account instead of sending in cash or check.

### Volunteers Needed

Pizza lunch can't happen without your help! We do not have enough volunteers for this spring. If you're available, please consider signing up

- [Serving Pizza](#)
- [Pizza Pick-Up](#)

Thank you in advance for supporting our middle school space camp program in this fun way! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Lara Kumar.

## HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER - LAST CALL

Celebrate spring and Mother's Day while supporting our students!

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.

**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 in the HFS carpool parking lot

Questions? Email [lissettekelly@gmail.com](mailto:lissettekelly@gmail.com)



Support Our Kids & Brighten Your Spring with Hanging Baskets!  
Celebrating our Mother's Day while supporting our students while needed for other programs, hanging baskets that make a perfect gift to Mother's Day, teacher appreciation, family members, neighbors, or a beautiful way to brighten your own home this season.

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• 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

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!

**Please Note:**  
• Baskets may vary and flower varieties may vary.  
• Please make arrangements ahead of time for pick-up baskets - delivery not available.  
• We cannot take orders during the designated pick-up time at Holy Family on May 4 (3-4 PM).  
• Baskets cannot be placed on decks from the nursery.  
• For questions or orders, please email [lissettekelly@gmail.com](mailto:lissettekelly@gmail.com) or call Lara Kumar at (253) 833-8688.  
• Location: [lissettekelly@gmail.com](mailto:lissettekelly@gmail.com)

Name:	Phone #:	QUANTITY	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
	Shade	\$40 each	x	*	
	Sun	\$40 each	x	*	
Total for Shade + Sun (Exclude check or pay w/ Square) =					

## Links

[Commitment Hours Form](#)

[April Calendar](#)

[Scrip Order Form](#)



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