

# 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 1 HFS Newsletter September 04, 2026**

## Principal Message

Dear Holy Family Families,

What a beautiful week it has been here at Holy Family!

Monday marked the long-awaited opening of our Early Learning Center—a true labor of love that we finally got to see come to fruition. A huge thank you to Christy Fisher, our ELC Director, and her wonderful staff for all of the time, care, and hard work they have put into making this a reality. Seeing our youngest learners in action this week was the absolute best!

On Wednesday, we welcomed our Pre-K–8th grade students back to campus. It was wonderful to see old friends reconnect and to welcome so many new students and families into our Holy Family community. Our teachers worked incredibly hard to prepare for the return of students, and that hard work paid off in a successful and fun first week.

Thursday, we celebrated our first Mass of the school year, led by our staff. It was a beautiful way to come together as a school community and focus on what matters most—our faith and our relationship with Christ.

As we wrap up this first week, I ask that you please say a prayer for our students, staff, families, and the success of the school year ahead. We have so much to look forward to, and I am excited to see all that God has in store for Holy Family this year. Have a wonderful and restful weekend!

Let Your Light Shine!

Julana Hardtke  
Principal, Holy Family School



### Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 7th - **NO SCHOOL**, Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 9th - Parent Club Meeting on Zoom,
- Thursday, September 10th - All School Mass (8th Grade), 8:30 am
- Friday, September 11th - Back to School Tailgate
- Wednesday, September 16th - Back to School Night, 6:30 pm

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# Weekly Action Items

Look for information below on the following items:

1. Order your Spirit Wear Items
  2. Join us on September 9th for the Parent Club Meeting
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## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPRIT WEAR STORE OPEN

Let's show our HFS Hawks spirit with Spirit Wear gear! Orders for this round close on Sunday, September 13th.

[Click here to order!](#)

You can purchase items from our Spirit Wear store and wear them on Fridays. Students still need to wear their jumper, skirt, or pants with the Spirit Wear item.

### ELC SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are looking for individuals who have their childcare license through DCYF to sub in the ELC.

If you know someone who has previously worked in childcare or is interested in getting their childcare license and would be interested in this opportunity please [email Mrs. Hardtke](#).

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### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Library will start the second week of school. Please consider volunteering to spend an hour with our students!

[September Sign Ups](#)

[October Sign Ups](#)

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### CROSS COUNTRY SIGN UPS

We are so excited for another season of cross country! Please see below for details and sign up as soon as possible. **The deadline to join is September 11th.**

- **Coaches:**
  - Zach Sander
  - Elissa Sander
- **Registration:**
  - Deadline: Friday, September 11, 2026
  - Link: [Seattle CYO TeamSideline](#)
- **Eligibility & Fees:**
  - Divisions: Kindergarten – 8th Grade
  - K–3rd Grade: \$25 per athlete
  - 4th–8th Grade: \$35 per athlete
- **Practice Schedule:**
  - First Practice: Thursday, September 10 (3:15 PM – 4:15 PM at school)
  - Mondays: 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM (at school)
  - Thursdays: 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM (at Game Farm Park)
- **Meet Schedule:**
  - Location: Woodland Park (*Teams are divided into Pool A and Pool B*)
  - Meet 1 (Sept 20, 2026): Pool A @ 1:00 PM | Pool B @ 3:15 PM
  - Meet 2 (Sept 27, 2026): Pool B @ 1:00 PM | Pool A @ 3:15 PM

- Championship Meet (Oct 4, 2026): Grades K–3 @ 1:00 PM | Grades 4–8 @ 3:30 PM

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## AUCTION NEWS

We are excited to share that our Auction will take place on April 10, 2027 at Emerald Downs in Auburn. The name of the auction is Ribbons and Roses and it is Kentucky Derby themed. Get those Derby hats and fascinators ready to wear as you sip a Mint Julep!

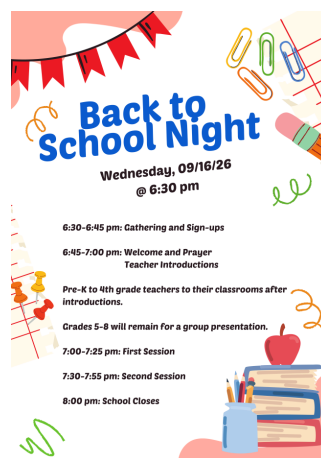
**Family auction donations are due Tuesday, Nov 17th.** As a reminder, each family as part of their school contract is to donate \$300 in items or cash for the auction. Next week there will be more information as well as suggestions on what to donate. If you have your items already and want to input them into the tool, here is the link to do so: [Ribbons & Roses Item Donations](#)



## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night is almost here and we are looking forward to meeting with you. This is a great opportunity to meet your student's teacher and find out more about what they will be learning.

This will also be your first opportunity to sign up for auction volunteer positions. There will also be Parent Club sign ups during our back to school night. Please consider signing up to volunteer for a committee position. This is a great opportunity to get your volunteer hours. Click on the attached flyer to see more details!



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have a couple of projects where we could use the talents and support of our Holy Family community. If either of these sounds like something you would enjoy taking on, please reply to this email!

### Volunteers in the ELC

We are looking for Virtus approved volunteers to help in the ELC with rocking babies, running center time, playing with children.

### Yearbook Lead Needed

We are looking for someone to take the lead on our school yearbook this year! If you enjoy taking photos and organizing memories this is a great volunteer opportunity!

### Graduation Photo Project

We would love to complete the display of our 8th grade graduation class photos in the school hallway. We currently have several years displayed, but there are many missing. I am looking for someone who would be willing to help locate the missing class photos, have them printed and framed, and help us get the complete collection on display.

### Help in Extended Care

We are looking for someone that is willing to help in our Extended Care Program. This is a paid position, hours are 6:45-8 and 2:45-6 (1:45-6 on Wednesdays). Please let us know if you are interested.

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

If you think you may volunteer for field trips or in the classroom during the school year, Safe Environment requirements must be up to date.

Safe Environment Training is mandated by the Archdiocese of Seattle. Any adult volunteering on campus or in the classroom, driving on a field trip, assisting at lunch, during recess or at Extended Care, running a club or teaching an after school class, is required to be up to date with Safe Environment training and have a current background check.

Returning parents are reminded to check their Virtus account. The background check is valid for three years. When it is time to renew your background check, you will be required to take an online refresher Safe Environment class.

New volunteers must take the initial Safe Environment Class and complete a background check.

Please note: if your background check or training is not current, you will not be able to volunteer at Holy Family School.

You can access the Virtus/Safe Environment system here: <https://www.virtusonline.org>

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Torretta at: [hfoffice@hfsauburn.com](mailto:hfoffice@hfsauburn.com).

## **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**

The Scrip store will be open for the Monday afternoon and Friday morning 8:00-8:20.

## **PARENT CLUB NEWS**

### **PARENT CLUB MEETING - WED. 09/09 AT 6:30 PM**

The first Parent Club Meeting will be on Tuesday, 9/2 at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to get involved and learn more about what is planned for the school year!

Join us via Zoom. [Click here to join the meeting via Zoom](#)

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL TAILGATE - FRI. 09/11**

Our annual Holy Family Back-to-School Tailgate is almost here!



This is event is so fun - decorate your car trunk with your favorite team, college or sports theme, BYOM (bring your own meat) and we'll provide the grill, music, yard games, mingle and let the kids play. More info available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2336263696908750>.

You don't want to miss this event, so mark your calendars and we'll see you on Friday, September 11, 2026 from 5-9 PM. Questions? Email [lisettekelly@gmail.com](mailto:lisettekelly@gmail.com) or text 206-380-9085.



## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Support our 7th and 8th grade Space Camp attendees and enjoy a date night by signing up for the Parents Night Out on Friday, October 2nd! See the flyer for more details.

## Links

[26-27 Commitment Hours Form](#)

[Scrip Order Form](#)



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