

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 2 HFS Newsletter September 11, 2026

Principal Message

Dear Holy Family Families,

Our second week of school went very well! Routines are becoming more established at both the ELC and our PK–8 building, and students and staff are settling into the rhythm of the school year. I am proud of our teachers and students for getting into the swing of things so quickly. We are off to a great start!

Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. This is a very important evening for all of our PK–8 families to attend! We will begin the evening together, where I will give our annual State of the School Address. I am excited to share some of the great things happening at Holy Family, including the growth we have experienced, the progress we have made, and what we are looking forward to in the year ahead. Following the State of the School Address, you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and hear important information from their teacher. Please make every effort to join us. You can find more information about Back to School Night below in this newsletter.

Wednesday night, we held our first Parent Club meeting of the year. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us virtually! We have moved our Parent Club meetings to Zoom this year in hopes of making it easier for more of our families to participate.

At this week's meeting, we discussed several areas where Parent Club could use some additional volunteers. If you are interested in helping with any of the opportunities below, please [contact Heather Jahns](#).

Room Parents

Our goal is to have two Room Parents for each class. We are currently looking for Room Parents for:

- 2nd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade

Other Volunteer Opportunities we need help with are:

- Student & Family Spirit Wear Lead
- Pizza Lunch Lead (we would love to have two!)
- Yearbook Lead

These are great ways to get involved in our school community, and we appreciate our parents sharing their time and talents with Holy Family. Please reach out to Heather if you are interested or would like more information.

As we begin another year of working together through Parent Club and our many volunteer opportunities, I also want to share a gentle reminder from our Parent Handbook: "Holy Family is a community rooted in Catholic values, courtesy and respect. All members of the school community are expected to demonstrate kindness, patience, flexibility and understanding. Communication must remain respectful, constructive and assume positive intent."

Please remember that our volunteers are just that—volunteers, not employees. We are incredibly grateful for the time and energy they give to our school. Questions and feedback are always welcome; we simply ask that they be shared respectfully and with grace. For larger concerns, please reach out to the appropriate Parent Club leader or school administrator so we can help.

Thank you for another wonderful week and for all you do to support Holy Family School!

Blessings,

Julana Hardtke
Principal, Holy Family School



Upcoming Events

- Friday, September 11th - Back to School Tailgate
- Wednesday, September 16th - Back to School Night, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, September 17th - All School Mass (7th Grade), 8:30 am
- Thursday, September 17th - All School Mass (6th Grade), 8:30 am
- Friday, September 25th - Jog-a-thon

Weekly Action Items

Look for information below on the following items:

1. Order your Spirit Wear Items
2. Join us on September 16th for Back to School Night

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPIRIT 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](#).

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

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

LIBRARY ITEM REQUEST

One of our library volunteers is requesting donated items for a project. Please drop off any items at the school office.

[September Sign Ups](#)

We need used work boots to paint for a project for the library and secondly, we need old, flat leather belts for yet a different project.

AUCTION NEWS

Our HFS Auction this year is a derby themed one, entitled Ribbons and Roses. It will be taking place on April 10, 2027 at Emerald Downs. There are a couple things our school families are required to do in order to make it a success. They are:

1. Donate your auction family item(s)/cash/gift card donations by November 17th.

When your donations are ready, you can input your donation here: [Ribbons & Roses Item Donations](#). Once you have input your items using this link, you can bring the auction donations to the school office.

Please note that if you do not turn in your items by Nov 17th and have not made special arrangements with Gretchen (gkurth@hfsauburn.com), you will be charged an extra \$50. If you are unsure what to donate, next week's newsletter will have some ideas for you.

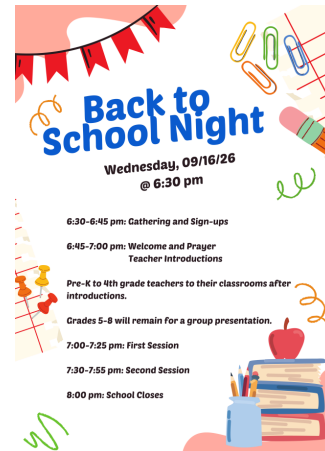
2. Sign up for your auction volunteer hours. Each family is required to do a minimum of 5 hours for auction. Sign-up sheets will be out at Back-to-School night next week, and after that they will be available online. If you have specific auction roles you have in mind to do, get to Back-to-School night early so you can grab the role you want.



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!



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.

SACRAMENTAL PREP INFORMATION

First Communion-2nd Grade parents: Holy Family School second graders are eligible to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist if they are Baptized in the Catholic faith and attended Catholic School or Faith Formation classes in their first-grade year. Preparation for the children takes place in the classroom during the school day at Holy Family School, but there are parent requirements and child workshops to attend throughout the year. You will receive more information in the next few weeks.

Confirmation-7th and 8th Grade parents: If your student attended Catholic School last school year and has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation, we invite you to register them for our Holy Family Confirmation classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:45pm, or at St. Andrew on Sundays at 9:30AM in English or 12:45PM in Spanish. Holy Family School students are required to attend one year of parish classes in their 7th or 8th grade year in order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation when they are ready. The first night of classes will be September 23rd (September 20th for St. Andrew; please register today.

There are two forms linked here to fill out to complete the registration process.

Family Form: <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8661/responses/new>

Participant Form: <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8659/responses/new>

First Communion and Confirmation Parents: Please note an important addition to our programs this year: In consultation with our pastor, Father Jerry we have decided to require each family preparing for First Communion or Confirmation to have a parent attend a five-week parent catechesis session. You will have three session options to choose from, and classes will be held in the Holy Family Parish Hall. Please mark your calendar now for the session you wish to attend this year. All parents are welcome to join any of the sessions if they would like, regardless of whether you have a child preparing for sacraments.

Session 1: Catholic 101 October 7, 14, November 4, December 2 and 16

Session 2: Catholic Money January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3

Session 3: Bible Study April 14, 28, May 5, 12 and 19

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

PARENT CLUB NEWS



BACK TO SCHOOL TAILGATE - FRI. 09/11

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

This 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.

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 or text 206-380-9085.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Enjoy a night out while your kids have fun here at HFS, on Friday October 2, 5:30-8:30 PM

Open to any children age 4 through 6th grade.

Registration is [HERE](#).

Links

[26-27 Commitment Hours Form](#)

[Scrip Order Form](#)



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