

*Holy
Family
Catholic
School*

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July 8, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year, our 52nd year of providing Catholic education to the families of the Citrus Heights area and nearby communities. We are proud of our students, parents, faculty, and staff that form our Holy Family Catholic School community, and we are pleased that you are a part of it. We are thankful to you for choosing Holy Family Catholic School for your children during these challenging economic times. We realize the sacrifices you make to send your children to Holy Family Catholic School which is why we are committed to providing a sound Catholic education for your children.

Our School Philosophy is the driving force in providing a Catholic education for the students of Holy Family Catholic School. Holy Family Catholic School Philosophy reads as follows:

Holy Family Catholic School is an educational ministry of Holy Family Parish. We endeavor to nurture Christ-like behavior in one another. We are committed to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, artistic and social development of each child. We recognize that each parent is the child's primary educator. We, the faculty and staff, are the conduit through which this goal is attained. We are committed to instilling in each child the desire for lifelong learning and the knowledge that each is a unique and valued creation of God.

Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Family Catholic School is to nurture Christ-like behavior in one another.

Student Learning Expectations

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES STRIVE TO BE:

A) Active Catholic Christians Who:

- 1) Love God, others and self
- 2) Know the teachings of the Catholic Church
- 3) Prepare and participate in Mass, Prayer Services and Sacraments

B) Life Long Learners Who:

- 1) Appreciate and understand the importance of education
- 2) Use problem solving skills
- 3) Speak and write effectively

C) Responsible and Respectful Citizens Who:

- 1) Nurture Christ-like behavior in one another
- 2) Make moral choices
- 3) Take responsibility for their actions

D) Self-Aware individuals Who:

- 1) Make healthy choices
- 2) Appreciate the arts
- 3) Recognize and share God given talents

WASC/WCEA

Holy Family Catholic School is in the process of preparing a self-study report to the Western Association of School and Colleges/Western Catholic Educational Association to renew our accreditation. The self-study report will be submitted to WASC/WCEA by December of 2011 and culminate with a three-day review from the WASC/WCEA visiting committee in February 2012. The goals are to develop improvement plans that are in compliance with WASC/WCEA that benefits the school community of Holy Family Catholic School.

Finally, the staff welcomes the direct involvement of the parents/guardians in these efforts. Please feel free to contact me regarding general school policies, practices, and procedures. If you have any questions regarding classroom practices and procedures please contact your child's teacher. We look to you as parents to be our partners in the education of your children, and would like to thank you in advance for your time, talents, and treasures.

Volleyball Camp: Dates and times TBA

Dennis Uniform Sale: August 10, 2011
6:30 PM-Conference Room

Uniform Exchange: August 11, 2011
5:30-7:30 PM-located in front of the Kindergarten classroom

New Parent Orientation: August 11, 2011
6:30 PM-Conference Room (PE t shirts available for purchase \$10.00)

Physical Education:

Grades K-8 are required to have PE t shirts. PE t shirts may be purchased for \$10.00 from the Parent Club. New PE t shirts will be available for purchase on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 PM for new families and on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 8:00 AM in front of the Fine Arts Bldg. A one year phase in will be allowed for last years' PE t shirts.

Shoes:

Shoes may be of any style, clean, neat, and safe for playground use. (NO platform tennis shoes, ballet slippers, sandals, boots, or open toed shoes are allowed). All shoes must have nonmarking soles and be laced or buckled. (Velcro is also acceptable).

Hair:

Remember if you (boys or girls) have hi-lighted, bleached or colored your hair in any way, PLEASE GET IT BACK TO NORMAL BY AUGUST 17, 2011.

Jewelry:

Girls, please remember no nail polish, make up or jewelry, (other than a religious medal and small post earrings).

Boys may wear a religious medal also, but NO EARRINGS!

The new Student/Parent Handbook will be available at "Back to School Night's". If you have any questions please call Ms. Price in the school office (916) 722-7788.

Boys' Varsity Flag Football

Season begins August 15, 2011-practice dates and times TBA
PAL Season will begin in September dates TBA. 6th-8th grade boys
Medical/Permission forms must be completed and turned in at the first practice.

First Day of Instruction

Wednesday, August 17, 2011
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (NOON)
Students are to wear uniforms (PE t shirts available for purchase \$10.00)
No milk or lunch

Opening School Mass

Wednesday August 17, 2011
10:00 AM-All families are welcome

Extended Day

First day of operation is Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Hours of operation: 7:00-8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon-6:00pm
Please contact Mrs. Penrod at extension #215- regarding registration or other information.

Back to School Nights Information

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Preschool	5:00 PM
Kindergarten	5:30 PM
First Grade	6:00 PM
Second Grade	6:30 PM
Third Grade	7:00 PM
Fourth Grade	7:30 PM

Thursday, August 18, 2011

Preschool	5:30 PM
Fifth Grade	6:00 PM
Sixth Grade	6:30 PM
Seventh Grade	7:00 PM
Eighth Grade	7:30 PM

Parent/Student Handbooks will be distributed during Back to School Night.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Welcome Back Swim Party

August 19, 2011
Rusch Park
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Parish Fall Festival

September 17 & 28, 2011

Hot Lunch Program

School House Catering begins August 22, 2011

Choir

Mr. Wihl will be instructing the children's choir on **Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM** in the Fine Arts Building, **beginning September 1, 2011.**

Band and Baton

This program is for grades 2-8. They will visit the individual classrooms on September 8, 2011, beginning at 8:30 AM. **The first day of instruction will be September 13, 2011, at 7:00 AM in the Gum (Baton) or Fine Arts Building (Band).**

Student Supply List

Refer to school web site: www.holyfamilyca.org

Volunteer Requirements

- ✓ TB Test (valid for 4 years)
- ✓ Shield the Vulnerable (www.shieldthevulnerable.org) (valid for 3 years)
- ✓ Fingerprints-applications available in the school office. (valid for lifetime)

Please provide copies to the office

Note:

- ✓ If you completed the volunteer requirements last year, you will not have to resubmit TB Test for 4 years, Shield the Vulnerable for 3 years and Fingerprinting is a one-time requirement.
- ✓ If driving for field trips you will also need to provide the office with a current copy of your Drivers License and Proof of Insurance.

Parish: Fr. Jos Karikattil, Pastor, Fr. Pol Gumapo, Senior Priest and Deacon Mark Holt

Principal: Mr. Suarez

School Office: Mrs. Sweeney, Ms. Price and Mrs. Bardini

Preschool:

Director	Mrs. Eberhardt
Administrator	Mrs. Wilkinson

Homeroom:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Hernandez
First Grade	Mrs. Chapman
Second Grade	Mrs. Sedgwick
Third Grade	Mrs. Villamil
Fourth Grade	Mrs. Remick
Fifth Grade	Mrs. Altobell
Sixth Grade	Mrs. Moniz
Seventh Grade	Mrs. Hendry
Eighth Grade	Mrs. Adamson

Subject Areas:

Art K-8/Resource	Mrs. Biller
Physical Education K-8	Mrs. Marsolais
Music 1-5	Mrs. Etcheverry
Choir	Mr. Wihl
Math 6-8	Mrs. Patterson
Math 6-8	Mrs. Hendry
Literature/Vocabulary/Grammar 6-8	Mrs. Moniz
Social Studies 6-8	Mrs. Adamson
Science 6-8	Mrs. Adamson
Religion 6-8	Mrs. Hendry
Spanish K-4	Mrs. Olmedo

Extended Day Care:

Extension Director	Mrs. Penrod
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Teacher Aides:

Kindergarten Aide	Miss Dimassimo
First Grade Teacher Aide	Mrs. Spencer
Second Grade Teacher Aide	Mrs. Olmedo
Third Grade Teacher Aide	Mrs. Brown
Fourth Grade Teacher Aide	Mrs. Gustason

Lunch Supervision:

Mrs. Gustason

Plant Manager:

Mr. Doyle

Technology:

Mr. Brys

Food Service

Mrs. Ails

Scheduled Outdoor Education Programs

Fourth Grade

Age of Sail
November 29, 2011
Student Cost-TBA
No school on November 30, 2011

Fifth Grade

Headlands Institute
March 26-28, 2012
Monday-Wednesday
Student Cost-TBA
Parent Cost-TBA

Sixth Grade

Yosemite Institute
September 26-30, 2011
Monday-Friday
Student Cost-\$473.00
Parent Cost-\$344.00

Seventh Grade

Westminster Woods
October 18-21, 2011
Tuesday-Friday
Student Cost-\$273.00
Parent Cost-\$180.00

Eighth Grade

Washington D.C.
Date-April 23-27, 2012
Student/Parent Cost-TBA

Holy Family Preschool is Pleased to Announce:

- The much anticipated opening of a new **TODDLER CENTER** mid August! Currently accepting applications for children 18 months and **NOT** potty trained! Rates are available on line. Call 916-722-4620 for a tour and to answer any questions.
- **AFTERNOON PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:** Begins August 16th on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 12:30 until 3:00 PM for **\$199.00 per month!**
- **Register** today for the fall session beginning on Tuesday, August 16th. Class sizes are limited, call today to enroll your child.
- **Holy Family Preschool** is celebrating 20 years of service to the families of our community!

We invite your child to join the long list of graduates that have attended the Preschool and we thank the parents for their support of our program!

What's New for HFCS?

Replaced HVAC unit in 5th grade

Painted all classroom doors

Revised Student Learning Expectations

Purchased math textbooks for 6-8 grades

Added Spanish classes for K-4 grades

Replaced gutter

Added school fencing-pending layout

Revamping school web site

Trimmed trees around school

School Office renovation

Parking Lot Directive

Student Safety Traffic Plan: The “*Student Safety Traffic Plan*” is designed to keep our children safe during arrival and departures from school. It is imperative that the drivers not exceed 5 M.P.H. while driving on campus. We have one entrance and one exit to our parking lot and drop off lane. Children are to exit/enter vehicles from the passenger side **ONLY**. Please be cooperative, patient, and kind to those driving and supervising the drop off zone, and the parking lot.

BE SURE TO USE THE CROSSWALKS AT ALL TIMES. WE, AS ADULTS, MUST SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO LEARN SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT.

Please use drop off/pick up area for the safety of your children. Drivers are not to exceed 5 M.P.H.

Drivers must remain in their vehicles while waiting to drop-off or pick-up their child.

Enter only from Old Auburn Road nearest the Holy Family Community Center. When using the drop-off /pick-up zone, the children can only enter/exit the car in the designated areas between the cones in front of the Fine Arts Building and beginning at the flagpole. If you are walking your child(ren), please park in the designated parking lot stalls only. **PLEASE USE THE CROSS WALKS WHEN CROSSING THE TRAFFIC LANES.**

In the morning during drop off time, if your child(ren) is going to need assistance with his/her belongings (backpacks, lunch or special projects) which will cause delay in the flow of the vehicles, **PLEASE PARK** and walk your child(ren) to his/her destination.

DO NOT DOUBLE PARK; DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE UNATTENDED IN THE DROP- OFF/PICK-UP ZONE, FIRE LANES OR IN ANY HANDICAP AREA, UNLESS YOU HAVE A STATE ISSUED TAG TO DO SO.

If your child is not ready, park in the parking lot where the flow of traffic will not be impacted.

WALKERS & BIKERS

1. Children who walk or ride a bike must have a note on file signed by the parent.
2. Use crosswalks and sidewalks
3. Bicycles must be walked to the bicycle lock-up area (near the Fine Arts Bldg.)
4. Bringing a bicycle onto school property is considered a privilege. Infractions of bicycle safety rules will result in suspension of bicycle privileges for one week.
5. Skateboards, scooters, and roller-skates/blades/shoes are not permitted

Classroom Needs:

- (4) Heavy Duty Classroom Pencil Sharpeners-Lakeshore Learning Store on Douglas
- (4) Broom and Dust Pan
- (3) World Globes-Lakeshore Learning Store on Douglas
- (1) Stepping Stool
- (1) Small 2 drawer file cabinet
- (6) Tall Kitchen size Trash Cans
- (3) American Flags (23" X 36") Classroom size-Lakeshore Learning Store on Douglas

REMEMBER YOU CAN BUY SCRIP FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

Summer Office Hours:	July 6-21st	July 22-31st	August 1-15th
	7:30 AM- 2:00 PM	CLOSED	7:30 AM-4PM