



Holy Family
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Principal's Posting

8/31/2023

"For I have experienced much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the holy ones have been refreshed by you, brother."

~Philemon 1:7

Staffing Update

As mentioned yesterday, we are thrilled to announce that Ms. Ilyse Gorman has joined our faculty as the Middle School Math and Science teacher. Ms. Gorman is an Immaculata University graduate, and she earned her BS in Secondary Education/Chemistry. Ms. Gorman completed her student teaching here at HFS, under the guidance of both Ms. Vetter and Mrs. Miscioscia, and she has been subbing here as well. Ms. Gorman will be teaching all of the Honors Math classes for our 5th through 8th Grade students and 8th Grade Science.

Welcome, Ms. Gorman, and we are looking forward to working with you!

Town Hall Recap

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Town Hall earlier this week. Father Arechabala, the Board of Limited Jurisdiction, and I all appreciate your comments, suggestions, and concerns.

One of the biggest concerns that came up focused on student enrollment and what we are doing not only to maintain enrollment but also to increase enrollment. Some things that we are doing include lining up shadow days with Phoenixville's days off, reaching out to St. Ann's Prep students, offering transfer grants to students who come from public/charter schools and are enrolling in 2nd through 7th grades, and utilizing our social media; however, we can do more.

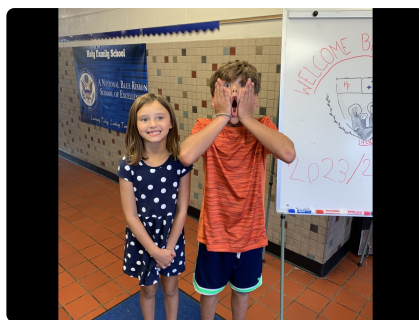
To that end, in the coming weeks, I will be organizing a small marketing committee to discuss new ways in which we can share information about Holy Family with families who are outside of our immediate community.

It has also been brought to our attention that our families would like more communication with the Board of Limited Jurisdiction. In order to bring together the Board and our families, and perhaps Home and School, we discussed the idea of holding a General Parent Meeting a few times a year. That is another idea that we will work on putting together in the coming weeks.

Again, it's important to me that you know just how much I appreciate your taking the time to meet with us on Monday. We all want the same thing - to see Holy Family School grow and thrive. I will continue to do everything I can to achieve that goal, and I look forward to working with you.

Thank You!

Thank you to our students and families for stopping by during our Sneak Peek yesterday. It was so nice meeting some of our new families and reconnecting with current families. There were lots of smiles, and we're so excited to start the year with everyone!



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

With our first day of school quickly approaching, all families should be aware of our arrival and dismissal procedures.

K-8 Students

- The cafeteria doors open at 7:45AM. Students will not be allowed into the building until that time. Please do not drop off your child without seeing him/her enter the building.
- Students will enter the building through the cafeteria door on Buttonwood Street

- Doors close at 8:10. After 8:10, a parent must ring the bell at the main doors and sign in his/her child in the office.
- Any Kindergarten student who is half day will eat lunch with his/her class at 10:55, and they will be dismissed to the office. Parents should pick up their child in the office.
- Dismissal begins at 3:00PM.
- Students who are car riders will be escorted out to the fenced in blacktop parking lot next to the original building. Parents are asked to wait INSIDE the fenced area as it makes it easier for the teachers on duty to keep track of the students as they leave with a parent.
- Parents may park in the Griffin Hall lot and on the street during drop off and pick up. There is no parking permitted on the school side of the street.

PreSchool/PreK Students

- PreSchool and PreK student drop off for students in Mrs. Nieves's class, and Mrs. Orr's classes is from 8:00-8:20 at the breezeway doors located between the main building and the original building. A teacher/aide will be at the door to greet you and your child.
- Drop off for Mrs. Cucinotta's and Mrs. Mitchell's classes are at the Griffin Hall doors during the same time frame.
- PreSchool and PreK parents may walk their children into the building for the first week, only if necessary.
- Dismissal from the AM session is at 11:15AM. Parents will pick up their child(ren) at the same door as drop off.
- Parents may park on the street.

Morning Car Line - K-8

- If you are driving your child(ren) to school, please see the attached graphic for proper car line drop off.
- If you are on Third Avenue approaching from Main Street, make a right onto Buttonwood Street and pull up to just past the telephone pole.
- Please DO NOT turn left from Third Avenue onto Buttonwood Street to drop off your child(ren). This potentially creates traffic issues with the school buses, other drivers, and our students crossing the street.
- Your child(ren) should be read to exit the car on the school side of the vehicle.
- Parents remain in the car. If you must get out, please park and walk your child(ren) to the door.
- Teachers will be outside to assist your child(ren)
- If you are on Third Avenue approaching from Gay Street, your child should exit on the right side of the vehicle, and go to the corner to be crossed by the crossing guard.

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A Couple of Reminders

- If you did not submit your September lunch menu, please pack a lunch for your child(ren).
- Make sure you pack a morning snack for your child(ren).
- Be sure to send your child(ren) to school with a water bottle labeled with his/her name.

- If you did not submit the Home Language Survey, please do so as the responses will benefit any students whose first language is not English. (It is attached for your convenience.)

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September Lunch Volunteers

It's hard to believe that school begins next week, and along with that, we hope you will consider volunteering during lunches. We've had a few parents sign up already, and there are plenty of spots available. All volunteers must have their clearances. Please check with Mrs. McNerney in the main office if you are unsure. If you'd like to get started on your clearances, please click [here](#) for more information.

If you've never volunteered for lunch before, it's simple! During lunch, you will monitor students' behavior to make sure they're eating, cleaning up after themselves, and listening to the teacher on duty. You will also be asked to assist with clean up - sweeping and wiping down the tables for the next lunch. Outside, monitor the students while they're playing, walking students back to the building if they need the nurse, etc.

Office Hours

The office will be closed on Friday, 9/1 and Monday, 9/4.

Upcoming Dates

9/5/2023 - First Day of School for 1st through 8th grades/Kindergarten Open House @ 9:00AM

9/6/2023 - First Day for Kindergarten/PreSchool & PreK Open House @ 9:00AM/Back to School Night 5th through 8th Grades @ 7:00PM

9/7/2023 - First Day for PreSchool & PreK/New Family Q&A @ 6:00PM/Back to School Night for Kindergarten through 4th Grades @ 7:00PM



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