

Dates to Remember

- 8/26 - Band/Baton Visit to Classrooms
- 8/27 - Magazine Collection  
CBHS visits 7th & 8th Grade 9:00AM - 11:00AM
- 8/28 - Choir Starts 7:00AM
- 9/1 - No School/Labor Day Holiday
- 9/2 - Band/Baton Starts 7:00AM
- 9/5 - Minimum Day - Noon Dismissal
- 9/9 - CSAC Meeting 5:00PM  
New Parent Meeting 6:00PM
- 9/12 - Parent Club Mtg. 8:15AM

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Magazine Drive

Sales end: Monday September 8th  
Product Delivery: September 30th

**Order Check-In Days:**

**Wednesday, August 27th**

**Wednesday, September 3rd**

**In the Conference Room**

Classroom with the highest average # of items sold wins an

**ICE CREAM PARTY**



From Our Principal Mr. Rucker:

Dear Holy Family Parents,

Thank you all for coming out to our Back-To-School Night presentations last week. It was great to see so many of you here, which is a tremendous sign of support for all of the teachers. We truly do embrace the concept that we work in partnership with our parents to educate the whole child, so your involvement is not only critical but very appreciated.

We have begun our annual Magazine Sales fundraiser to help support our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their D.C. trip in the Spring. The kids will be wearing their ducky necklaces with pride over the next few weeks (I wear my Adam Levine one every day!). Your support is greatly appreciated.

Many of you have noticed our new website, and I am happy to announce that our Intranet component to the site is running and I am beginning training with the teachers on how to use it. We are hopeful to be inviting all of the parents to sign up for the site next week. Stay tuned!

Lastly, please be sure that you have a look at the Free Dress Schedule for this year (attached). We have made some changes and have tied the concept of Free Dress to our call as Catholics to be charitable to those in need. You will see that students can participate in Free Dress by supporting our Holy Family Parish Food Locker each month. I encourage everyone to emphasize the importance of charity and that participating in Free Dress is not as much about the clothes that the students get to wear, but the pride they should feel as a student body when they collect so much for those in need.

Have a blessed week!

~Josh Rucker, Principal

## Box Tops

This Friday is the last day to turn in Box Tops for the August kick-off. A Leatherby's certificate will be provided to each child who turns in 25 "unexpired" Box Tops (either on the collection sheet on the website or in a baggie -- please no Labels for Education). September kicks off our class competition for Jamba Juice!

Also, Costco shoppers, please pay attention to items that you purchase -- some products have entry codes. In order to win additional Box Tops so look at the products that you purchase.



Shari Alexander  
Box Top Coordinator

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## Food Bank

We will be collecting  
Mac n' Cheese  
Until September 30th

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## Cub Scout News

Are you interested in having your son join the fun of Cub Scouting and build character in the process? Join Cub Scout Pack 212 on Sept 9th, 2014 from 6:30-7:30pm at Holy Family School for an Ice Cream Social. We will have a recruiting table setup to answer all your questions. Boys in 1st through 5th grades may join now. Don't delay any longer....Adventure is Calling! [pack212ch.org](http://pack212ch.org)



## Youth Ministry News

### Youth House Open Hours:

Tuesday & [Wednesday 3:00 – 5:00 pm](#)

### Middle School Youth Group:

Friday 3:00 – 6:00 pm (Special Guest)

### High School Youth Group:

Friday 6:00 – 9:00 pm

**Sunday 9 am Mass** – Special YOUTH Mass – BBQ at the Youth House to follow.

**This Friday** we will have a guest from the Diocese coming to meet with the Youth. We are excited to welcome Father Hernandez!

Questions:

Contact Carlyn King @ [\(916\) 721-8329](tel:9167218329) or [youthminister-hfc@surewest.net](mailto:youthminister-hfc@surewest.net)

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## Parent Club News

The HFCS Parent Club still has a few openings if you're still in need of a volunteer positions. We need a HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR and a BARNES & NOBLE COORDINATOR. Please contact Parent Club President, ShaKay Mack ([shakaym@yahoo.com](mailto:shakaym@yahoo.com)), if you're interested in any of the following positions or would like more information.

There are volunteer opportunities available within each classroom as well. Please check with your teachers to help them round out their classroom volunteer positions as well. All classroom volunteer positions do qualify for volunteer points.

Mrs. Hernandez:

This week in Kindergarten we will be introducing Sight Words. Each week we will add 3 Sight Words to the Kindergarten Curriculum. Students will be tested on the 3 new words each week along with any past Sight Words. Studying nightly is crucial. They do not need to know how to spell them however, that is a great way to practice writing skills. **Testing will be individual and they must know the word by sight without help.** One homework sheet will also be coming home nightly. This is due the next school day. Parents should review the worksheet with your child and most of the time at this point students will need a lot of guidance. The more time you spend with them reviewing and explaining the better understanding they will have. A weekly reader will also be going home. This is to be read twice a night and a parent will sign their signature on the front cover. These books are very important in your child's reading development process. Also we have "Cat and Dog" and "Trucktown" readers that will go home with your child. We only have 6 books of each so they will be rotated through a schedule for your child's use. Please read this book 1 to 2 times when assigned. Thank you!

Mrs. Polnasek:

We survived the first full week! The students are getting back into the school routine and learning the ways of second grade quickly. Please be sure to remember that our P.E. days are Monday and Wednesday. If you do not have a P.E. shirt already, you may purchase them in the office. Our estudies weekly is up and running! Sorry for the technical problems the site was having. Students' username will be their first initial (of first name) followed by their last name (example: spolnasek). All passwords will be wwjd. Please let me know if you have trouble logging on. Don't forget that there is no school on Monday in observance of Labor Day. I look forward to another wonderful week with your children!

This Week at a Glance:

Language Arts: main idea and details, long vowels, subjects of sentences (test Fri.)

Math: ordinal positions, compare numbers to 50, compare and order objects by size, addition facts 0 and 1 (test Thurs)

Religion: Ch.1 Jesus is the Son of God (test Wed.)

Science: matter

Social studies: Where is Our Country? (quiz Fri)

Mrs. Chapman:

Thank you to all families for attending Back to School Night. I enjoyed meeting and talking with everyone. Thank you to the Spencer Family, Strazdins, Newburn, Paclackalody and the Heisler family for donating money for pencils and books. Homework packets went home Friday. Reminder: Please turn in folder money asap if you have not done so already. [achapman@holyfamilyca.org](mailto:achapman@holyfamilyca.org). Have a Super Week!

This week's Curriculum:

**Math**- Counting to 100 Graphing numbers 1-9 **Social Studies** - Maps **Phonics/Language Arts**- Short sound of "a" At words (at, bat, cat etc.) Story "Sam Come Back" **Religion** - Blessed Trinity

Homework Reminders:

Family times papers in the homework folder are the **Phonics sheets**. Please complete attached sheets and return in homework folder on Friday. The front page has suggestions for practice at home. You do not have to submit work from the top sheet the (family times paper) I have not sent home a **comprehension or fluency worksheet** yet. After I finish assessments students who need extra practice will receive the comprehension and fluency worksheets. **Spelling**: remember to find week 1 for practice spelling words and high frequency words. Suggestions for **Spelling practice**. Read each word three times. Spell the word three times then write the words three times. Make sure to use the word in a sentence. You do not have to turn in practice spelling. **Social studies** when you log in you will see unit 2 available for practice. Complete practice test and submit. You do not have to email me anything when test is completed I can check online. **Math**: We completed side A in class today please complete side B and place in homework folder. **Religion**: Please complete test sheet with your child at home. This is a practice test. Correct any mistakes with them. We will have a similar graded test on Friday. You can also practice online as well. You do not have to submit anything practiced on line.

Mrs. McCarley:

I enjoyed meeting all of you at Back to School Night last week and I look forward to a fun-filled year in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This week we will be reading the story *What About Me?* in Language Arts. We will also be covering sequencing, plurals, and subject/predicate. In Math, the students will take their first quiz on Tuesday covering lessons 1-10. This week's Math topics include: pattern blocks, problems solving strategies, congruent shapes, and dimes/nickels. For Science, we will continue our study of Astronomy by learning about Earth's movement. The students will have their first Religion test on Chapter 1 on Thursday. Practice tests can be found on the website [www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com). This will be added to Wednesday night's homework as extra credit if it is completed and turned in on Thursday with homework. We will begin our first Social Studies lesson, on Communities, this week. The quiz for this will be on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to check over your child's homework each night for completion and sign at the bottom of their planner page. Also, if you have not sent in \$5 for the cost of the planner please do so as soon as possible. Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Sedgwick:

This week Mikenna Beardslee is our Rock Star! We will be reading the expository nonfiction story "Hurry Freedom." We will focus on imperative and exclamatory sentences in grammar. Our spelling words will have the long a and i sounds. In math, we will add three digit numbers, find missing numbers in subtraction, use inverse operations, complete order of operations and subtract three digit numbers with regrouping. Wow! Our week 1 social studies test will be on Tuesday. Students may take the online practice test for extra credit at [www.studiesweekly.com](http://www.studiesweekly.com). We are learning about cells in science and working through lesson 4. Our religion, chapter 2 test will be on Thursday. Please take advantage of the chapter review. Results may be emailed as an attachment instead of printing them, if that works best for your family. Looking ahead, there is no school next Monday, for Labor Day, but we will have our social studies week 2 test on Tuesday, 9/2/14 when students return to school. Sorry! We will have our addition math facts and problem solving test on Tuesday, as well. Our first cumulative math test will be on Wednesday, 9/3/14. Thank you to those families who have already turned in magazine and cookie dough orders! Addressed postcards may be turned in until this Wednesday. Food donations for the month of September are for Macaroni and Cheese. There are still a few positions available for our volunteer points. If anyone is interested in signing up, please email me. I would also like to thank everyone for attending BTSN last Tuesday. We are working very hard in class and I appreciate all of my new students and their families! Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Diaz:

I enjoyed meeting middle school parents at Back to School Night last week. Thank you for coming to learn about the curriculum for the middle school English courses. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are completing study of Ch. 14 Nouns and Pronouns and Unit 1 vocabulary. They will take the noun/pronoun test on Wednesday, August 27 and the Unit 1 vocabulary test will take place on Friday, August 29. Sixth grade is moving along well, but at a slower pace. Their noun/pronoun test will take place after the Labor Day holiday (specific date will be announced). However, 6<sup>th</sup> grade will take Unit 1 vocabulary test this Friday, August 29. For the vocabulary exam (it's primarily multiple choice), all students need to know the definition of each word, the synonyms, antonyms, and the accent mark for pronunciation. A practice test will be given so students are familiar with the format of the vocabulary test. In addition, students began reading in the literature text today. I am looking forward to embarking on a literary adventure with each class as we meet new characters and learn how to analyze the works. It has been a great pleasure getting to know these bright, motivated students.

Mrs. Altobell:

Thank you for the great turnout at Back to School night! Thank you for your generous wish list donations! I really appreciate it! If you haven't done so already, please send in your parent survey with your child by Friday. If you are interested in putting your "name in the hat" for the chaperone lottery for the Marin Headlands trip, please be sure to email me your name before September 19<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, a \$100 deposit for the Marin Headlands trip is due on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

This week we will be reading the tall tale "Thunder Rose" and working on the skill of identifying cause and effect. Our spelling words are all long vowel words and our grammar concept is identifying subjects and predicates. We will take our weekly tests on Friday. In math, we will work through Lesson 10 this week. Our first test will be next week. In science, we will work through lessons 1 and 2 in chapter 5. In social studies, we will take our Week 1 test on Wednesday. Be sure to visit [www.studiesweekly.com](http://www.studiesweekly.com) to take the practice test and send me the results. In religion, we will complete chapter 1 this week and take our test on Thursday. Be sure to visit [www.webbelieveweb.com](http://www.webbelieveweb.com) and use the study guide tool to review.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Remick:

The first full week seemed to be a success. I hope everyone received the Magazine and Cookie Dough Drive packet last week. There are so many great things to choose from our goal is 100% class participation. This week 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be having Chapter 1 tests in Social Studies (Tues.) and Science (Wed.). We will also begin Chapter 2 in each subject with our focus on Road to Independence in SS and The Nature of Matter in Science. This week 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be having Chapter 1 tests in Social Studies (Tues.) and Science (Wed.). We will also begin Chapter 2 in each subject with our focus on Islamic Civilization in SS and Color and Light in Science. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be wrapping up Ch.1 in SS and preparing for their Ch. 1 test in SS on Thursday. In Science we will continue Ch. 1 and plan for a test in the middle of next week.

**Mrs. Swartz:**

It was wonderful to see all of our 6-8th grade parents at Back to School Night last Thursday! I would like to thank all of the parents who are generously donating their time and efforts to help in and around the school and also behind the scenes. Due to the additional generosity of parents, my religion classes are going to be getting our supplemental (and exciting) DVDs soon! Thank you!

**6th Grade:**

Religion-We have been learning about how God reveals himself to us through the creation of the world around us, and through scripture and the traditions of the church. We will finish Chapter 1 this week and have Notebook checks and our first test on Tuesday.

Math-Last week we learned about solving 1-step equations. This week we will talk about factors, fractions, and a bit about Geometry.

**7th Grade:**

Religion-We finished Chapter 1 last week, which means this week we will have Notebook checks and our first test. I will be sending out an email to all 7th and 8th grade parents this week about Confirmation preparation information -so be on the lookout for it.

Math-Last week we reviewed fractions, practiced word problems, and converted measurements. This week we will learn about rates, mean, median, and mode, prime numbers and perimeter and area of figures. This will finish our first chapter, and our first test will be after Labor Day weekend.

**8th Grade:**

Religion-Last week we began our journey together talking about Faith and being true to ourselves. This week we continue to examine our faith and what it means to be holy. Our first test will be the week after Labor Day weekend. I will be sending out an email to all 7th and 8th grade parents this week about Confirmation preparation information -so be on the lookout for it.

Math-Last week we worked on operations with integers. This week we will continue and move forward with simplifying expressions. We are finishing up our first chapter and will have our first test after Labor Day weekend.

**Art/Mrs. Biller:**

SLEs: B) 1, 2

State Standards: 4.0 Aesthetic Valuing

Objectives: Ss to identify how principles of design evoke emotional response; ss to compare the different purposes of a specific culture for comparing art; ss to verbally express the cultural history of Día de Los Muertos.

Classroom Objectives: ss to define aesthetic, valuing, evoke. Ss to create sugar skulls and use design to elicit an emotional response.

Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who won the ArtSmart collage contest because they had the highest number of participants!

Note: each student who submitted a collage will receive a certificate of award for participation .

**Mrs. Patterson:**

**I am moving my math lab to Tuesday's from 3-4 p.m. Please note that the third Tuesday of every month is a staff meeting, there will not be math lab on that day.**

Logic Club starts Monday, September 8 in the conference room. All 4-8 grade students are welcome. The time is from 3-4 every Monday.

**6th Grade:**

Sixth grade had their first assessment last week. We are well on our way to an outstanding year. This week we will be creating equations from word problems and covering how to calculate elapsed time.

**7th Grade:**

This class is a wonder. They took their first assessment last week and they earned a class average of 95% on the test. Way to go Seventh Grade. We will be exploring square roots this week and powers. There will be another assessment this week, probably Tuesday or Wednesday. Don't panic parents, your students are very bright and they are completely capable of this level of work.

**8th Grade:**

Most of the eighth grade has finished the assessment. There are still a few students who need to complete those last few questions. I will have those assessments back to them by Wednesday. This week we will be covering calculating square roots, theoretical probability and using the distributive property to solve equations. There will be an assessment this week either Wednesday or Thursday.

Special Note:

Math Lab is on Tuesday

From 3-4 p.m.

**Mrs. Olmedo:**

Hola

We are in full swing this week. Worksheets and handouts have already been coming home with the Spanish words your child is learning. For grades K-2, there will be no testing at this time. Grades 3-8, you will be tested; however, it will be a few weeks before we test. I will give plenty of notice. Do begin studying the worksheets and word list by making flashcards now so you don't have to cram last minute.

*K-1* We are learning Introductions and Greetings.

*2-5* We are learning Classroom objects. We will use audio/video, conversation cards, and worksheets to practice using these words.

*6* We will begin using our junior high Spanish textbooks starting with Lección Preliminar. We will use audio and video to reinforce our lessons as well as worksheets. Please visit [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com) The textbook is Avancemos 1a.

*7* We will begin Unit 2 Lesson 1 with vocabulary review.

*8* We will continue with some grammar review then jump into Unit 3 Lesson 1.