

Dates to Remember

- 9/2 - Band/Baton Starts 7:00AM
- 9/5 - Minimum Day - Noon Dismissal
- 9/8 - Logic Club Starts - See Page 2
- 9/9 - CSAC Meeting 5:00PM
New Parent Meeting 6:00PM
Fingerprinting 5:00PM - 7:00PM St. Ann Room
- 9/12 - Parent Club Mtg. 8:15AM
- 9/26 - No School - Staff Development Day
- 9/28 - Hospitality Sunday

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,

I am excited to announce that we are almost ready to launch our new internal website for our communication purposes. I would ask that all of you please go to our website at www.holyfamilyca.org and then click on the Beehively Log-In icon on the top-right of the home page. There you can register to use our intranet once we launch it. Many of you have already signed up and are awaiting the authorization from the school, which will be coming at the end of the week. Teachers will be trained and have been working on the site already and should be ready for a Friday launch. Please register ASAP and you will be granted access on Friday. It is essential that every parent – not just the household – registers and creates their own account so that you can not only receive school communications and grades, but most importantly you will be on our alert system in case of an emergency.

I would also ask those of you that are Extension families to forgive us for the delay in adding your payments electronically through FACTS. We were working diligently on this, but we have had a turnover in personnel behind the scenes that will prevent us from using FACTS for Extension fees until October. Therefore, if you have a child that uses Extension, we ask that you please remit your payment for the month of September by check in the school office. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

I am excited to see our kids come through next Monday on the first Free Dress Day of the year. Remember, the Free Dress Days are tied into serving the community through a donation to the Holy Family Parish Food Locker. This month we are asking for boxes of Mac&Cheese. All students that bring a box to school on Monday can come in appropriate Free Dress. Let's see how many boxes we can collect...you know you can bring more than one, right?!?!

Please consider joining us on Friday at 8:30 for a very special Mass where we will be officially installing and blessing the Student Council for 2014-15. They are a tremendous group of young leaders and your support for them is greatly appreciated. Remember that Friday is a minimum day dismissal!

Josh Rucker, Principal

Box Tops



The September Class Competition begins today. The Class bringing in the most box tops will win Jamba Juice for the class. Make sure to submit unexpired Box Tops with the class clearly marked. The last day to submit is Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

Cub Scout News

Are you interested in having your son join the fun of Scouting and build character in the process? Join Cub Scout Pack 212 on Sept 9th, 2014 from 6:30-7:30 pm 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 Cub Scouts. Boy Scout Troop 217 will also be available to answer questions. Boys between the ages of 11-18 years may join Boy Scouts. Don't delay any longer....Adventure is Calling!

pack212ch.org



LOGIC CLUB

UPDATE



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8

3-4 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM

OPEN TO 4-8 GRADE STUDENTS

SIGN-UPS, INFORMATION

AND GAMES

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

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), 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.

Food Bank



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

Mrs. Hernandez:

This week's Sight Words are **A**, **dad**, and **cat**. Please have your child read their nightly reader two times and practice their Sight Word Flashcards for memorization. We will be finishing up our initial student assessments. The results will be home by Friday. Friday is a half day (no lunch at school). Friday will also be a Share Day. Your child may bring a stuffed animal or a doll. They will share its name, one thing they like about it and also where they got it from! Monday is a school wide Free Dress Day! Students are asked to bring in one box of Macaroni and Cheese for participation. The Macaroni and Cheese will be given to The Sacramento Food Bank. I would put these two things in your phone as a calendar reminder! Students who forget Share are quite sad and also if they are in uniform and their friends are in Free Dress, it's often tears. **Thank you and have a blessed week!**

Mrs. Polnasek:

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend! This will be a busy and quick week with a minimum day on Friday. We also have a school wide Mass on Friday, so please be sure to have your child in his or her formal uniform. Every week we go to the computer lab on Friday to work on different skills. It would be a great help if each child brought in headphones so that he/she is able to hear his/her sound alone. The Dollar store has some ear buds that work perfectly. Students are welcome to keep them at school or bring them back and forth every week. This is not mandatory, but again, it would make the computer lab a much more enjoyable experience for all. Thank you for sending back the field trip letter from Mrs. Hernandez so promptly. She is now able to reserve all our spots for our play in December. We are all looking forward to it! Don't forget to get all the volunteer requirements fulfilled so there are no surprises when the actual day comes. Thank you for all that you do! Have a blessed week!

This Week at a Glance:

Language Arts: characters, setting, plot, predicates of sentences, blends (test Fri.)

Math: Elapsed time, even and odd, ordinal positions, addition facts: +2

Religion: Ch. 2/Ch. 3 (Ch.2 test Wednesday)

Science: Matter

Social studies: Responsibility

Mrs. Chapman:

I hope everyone had a super weekend. Please continue to check the main website for information and your child's communication folder until Beehively is activated. I will send a note as soon as Beehively is up and working. Beehively will be the main form of communication for our classroom. I will post reminders and upcoming events on beehively. If you have any questions or concerns, the fastest way to reach me would be to leave a message on my classroom phone. Ext 123. You can also email me at achapman@holyfamilyca.org. I will reply as soon as I can. We have also experienced some technical problems with our Social Studies log on. I had to reset all usernames and passwords. Please check your child's communication folder for the new user name and passwords. Thank you to everyone who has turned in their communication folder money. Please send \$5.00 if you have not done so already. Don't Forget to bring in a donation of Mac & Cheese for free dress on Monday September 8th, 2014. Have a blessed Week.

This week's Curriculum:

Math- Fewer, More, & Graphing numbers 1-9 **Social Studies**
- Rules **Phonics/Language Arts**- Short sound of "i") Story
"Pig in a Wig" **Religion** - Story of Mary

Mrs. McCarley:

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend. It was nice to have an extra day to spend with family as the weekends usually tend to fly by. This Friday, September 5th we have a minimum day and students will be dismissed at 12:00. We will also have an all school Mass if you are able to join us that would be wonderful. With the short week, I have made some adjustments to our Language Arts schedule. We will be spending this week and next week reading the story *Kumak's Fish*. This means that we will not have weekly testing this Friday. The spelling, comprehension, and phonics tests for this story will be next Friday, September 12th. Our spelling pattern is -ed, -ing, -er, and -est endings. In Grammar, we will be learning about statements and questions. There will be a written Math assessment covering lessons 11-15 on Thursday. Our topics for the week are: +/-10 mentally with 2-digit numbers, sums of 10, design and value of pattern blocks, and writing the date with digits. In Religion, we will complete Ch 2 and taking our test on Friday. Students will be given the opportunity to complete the chapter review on www.webelieveweb.com Thursday night for extra credit. We will continue our Astronomy unit in Science by learning about Earth's movement around the sun and how we get seasons here on Earth. In Social Studies, we will take our first test on Communities on Wednesday and begin our second lesson on our regions.

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Sedgwick:

I hope that everyone enjoyed their long weekend! Today we completed our first math facts and problem solving tests. We will take our cumulative test 1B tomorrow. Please review practice test 1A at home tonight. We will work through lesson 11 in math this week. We are reading the historical fiction story "Grandfather's Journey." We will study spelling words with the long e and o. Our grammar focus will be on subjects and predicates. Our week 2 social studies test was today, too! Thank you to those families who are using the online practice test for review. We continue to learn about microscopes, cells and organisms in science. Our chapter 3 religion test will be on Thursday. Fluency notes went home last Friday in your child's communication folder. Please check in with your child, if you did not see this form. Our last turn in date for the magazine and cookie dough fundraiser is this Wednesday! We are tied for 2nd place! Way to go, 4th Grade! Finally, we have an all school Mass this Friday at 8:30 a.m. Students need to be in full uniform. Have a fabulous week!

Mrs. Diaz:

Students are making great progress in grammar, literature, vocabulary, and writing. Last week the 7th and 8th graders took two tests, one in grammar and the other in vocabulary. The 6th grade took a vocabulary test only. The graded tests will be returned this week. Please look over the tests your student brings home and acknowledge your review of them by placing your signature at the bottom of each test. Your student will then return the signed test to me. For students who struggled with the grammar test, a make-up assignment of ten points will be offered. The assignment consists of a review of the concepts covered on the test and allows students to add up to ten additional points to their test score. Those students with a grade of C and below will be required to complete the make-up assignment. Sixth graders will be taking their noun/pronoun test on Thursday, September 4. We will review in class, but it's important for students to study on their own at home as well to reinforce concepts. The review session will show them which concepts need more study. 7th and 8th graders have moved onto Ch. 15 studying verbs and Unit 2 vocabulary. Lastly, all three grades will complete a formal essay this month.

Mrs. Altobell:

I hope everyone had a relaxing three day weekend. Now we are back to work! We will be taking our first math test on Wednesday. The students will take a practice test on Tuesday, so be sure to study on Tuesday night. We will take an addition facts test and problem solving assessment as well. In language arts, we will read an excerpt from the novel "Island of the Blue Dolphins" this week. We will work on the skill of identifying the theme and setting. In grammar, we will be identifying dependent and independent clauses. Our spelling words all have long vowel digraphs. We will take our weekly tests on Friday. In social studies, we will wrap up week 2 on the regions of the U.S. and take the week 2 test on Wednesday. Be sure to go online to www.studiesweekly.com to study. In science, we continue our study of water on earth. In religion, we will wrap up Chapter 2 this week and take the chapter test on Thursday. Be sure to check out www.webelieveweb.com for a great test review resource. Don't forget to turn in your magazine sales on Wednesday, to bring in macaroni and cheese to earn free dress next Monday, September 8th, and that \$100 deposit for the Marin Headlands trip is due by the end of September. Have a great week!

Mrs. Remick:

Hope you had a great 3 day weekend. This week is the last turn-in for the Magazine and Cookie Dough Drive. We are asked to buy one/sell one. If each student would buy 1 product and sell 1 product we would reach our school goal of \$10,000. Please help us reach our goal. 7th grade home-room still needs volunteers for Staff Luncheon and Hospitality Sunday please email me if you can fill a position. Our service month is March.

This week's curriculum for 7th and 8th grades is Chapter 2 in both Social studies and Science. 6th grade is covering Chapter 2 in Social studies and we are still working on Chapter 1 in Science.

Let's have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Swartz:

8th grade Homeroom: Keep selling those magazines! We are striving for 100% participation in our class and the school. Remember that this fundraiser is for your trip, so be supportive to all classes and do your best! This Wednesday is another check in day. Friday is a half day with an all school Mass at 8:30am.

Religion: 6th grade will continue discussing Creation, how God created us in his image, and what that means for us. 7th grade will continue discussing how God is revealed through church traditions and how that relates to our own family traditions. We will finish Ch.2 this week and have a test the following week. 8th grade will finish taking their Ch.1 tests and begin our new chapter.

Math: 6th grade is taking their Ch. 1 test and beginning a new chapter. We will begin by examining word problems. 7th grade is also taking their Ch.1 tests and beginning a new chapter in a new textbook*! Ch.2 is about solving one-step equations and inequalities. 8th grade is also taking their Ch. 1 tests and beginning a new chapter in a new textbook*! 8th grade's Ch.2 is all about rational numbers.

*Our Junior High math department received approval from Mr. Rucker to switch 7th and 8th grade to a different textbook. We already owned the textbooks, Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1, by Prentice Hall. We feel that these books will be a better resource/guide for our journey the remainder of the year.

Art/Mrs. Biller:

SLEs A1, C1, and D2

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Communication and Expression Through Original Works of Art.

2.7 Design a work of public art appropriate to and reflecting a location

Student Objectives *Continued:* students to create a sketch representing a sport played at HFS. Best of show will be selected by a student jury, then submitted to Mrs. Bishop who will transfer design to a banner. Rubric: sport specific, use of symbol appropriate to/reflecting location, creative element.

Note: the first art quiz will be given to students in grades 4-8 during their final art session in September. An updated online study guide will be provided by end of August.

FIRST ART CONTEST: Share the Experience Official Federal Recreation Lands 2014 Photo Contest. Visit www.sharetheexperience.com for details. Bring work to class for instructor review and credit.

Featured portfolio artist through September: Katarina Alexander, photographer.

Mrs. Patterson:

Important information!!

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.

6th Grade:

Sixth grade is going like gang busters. They have taken their second assessment and the class average is up to 94%. This week we will be covering angels, using a protractor and how to use functions tables in Algebra. We will be conducting "Geometry by walking" around this week as well. We might have an assessment at the end of the week.

7th Grade:

I am so very proud of this class. The second assessment has been administered and the class average went up to a whopping 96%. This week we will be covering simplifying expressions with variables and solving one step equations. There will be a quiz this week.

8th Grade:

This class has finally hit their stride. With the retake of their first test, the class average has gone up to 95%. This is a much better showing of this classes ability. We have moved into the Algebra I Prentice Hall curriculum. This curriculum offers more examples and many more word problems that will help with our attempt at covering the Common Core Standards. There will be a test on Chapter 2 on Wednesday or Thursday.

Special Note:

Math Lab is on Tuesday

From 3-4 p.m.

Mrs. Olmedo:

This week we are continuing our study of Los objetos en la clase also known as Classroom objects. We will be using various formats to practice with including oral repetition, worksheets, and scavenger hunts. 4th and 5th grade are also learning the plural form of these words while 2nd and 3rd are describing the color of these objects. Look in your child's homework folders for the worksheets to practice from.

6th grade has started the Preliminary Lesson which goes quickly because it is mostly review for them. We are using the audio that accompanies the book to listen to the dialogue and completing worksheets to reinforce what we've learned. We will perform some dialogue practice in groups this week as well.

7th grade is working on vocabulary, pronunciation practice, and worksheets. We will practice time using an analog clock and dividing it into fourths to say for example, las ocho y cuarto, quarter past eight.

8th grade is working on vocabulary, pronunciation practice, and worksheets for Unit 3. We are learning about more food.

All junior high students have written their vocab words in either a notebook or on binder paper which should be in their binders. They do this at the beginning of each section so that they can study from them. Some students wrote them directly on notecards/flashcards which I think is great. Please encourage your student to practice with notecards/flashcards.