

Holy Family School Newsletter

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**Holy Family
Catholic School**

Dates to Remember

- 8/29 - Baton Starts at Lunchtime
- 8/30 - Band Starts 7:00AM
First Magazine Collection
- 8/31 - Choir Start 12:15 to 1:15PM
- 9/2 - Minimum Day Noon Dismissal
- 9/5 - Labor Day Holiday - No School
- 9/6 - Free Dress - Mac n' Cheese
2nd Magazine Collection
- 9/7 - Mass - Student Council
- 9/9 - Minimum Day
Parent Club Mtg. 8:15AM
Snow Cone Sales - 12 Noon

Father/Daughter Fun Night

Has moved to
Saturday, September 24th
More details to follow

Principal News

Dear Holy Family Parents,

By now you have either seen or heard from your kids about our Magazine Fundraiser and the "emojis" that are being worn around campus. There is a lot of excitement about this fundraiser among the students, and I would like to take this time to share with you as parents why this fundraiser is important for you too.

The proceeds from this fundraiser go in large part to help offset the costs of many field trips for the entire school. In some cases, like in the lower grades, many of your field trips are fully funded by this fundraiser. For the upper grades that take overnight trips, this fundraiser can cut the costs of your trip anywhere from \$50/person to even \$100/person depending on how successful the fundraising effort goes. With that said, I encourage you to reach out to family, friends and neighbors and bring in as much as you can so that field trips are funded as much as possible.

You will also be hearing from teachers and your students that we will begin our quarterly STAR Testing in the Computer Lab in the subjects of Reading and Math. These are formative tests that the students take throughout the year so that we can track their growth in both areas and focus on areas for improvement. You can expect to learn about the early results from these tests when you conference with your child's teaching in November. Please know that these tests do not impact your child's grades, and are not high-stress tests. They take less than 2 hours total and are conducted on the computer.

Lastly, this week brings about our first Minimum Day Friday dismissal. You will notice that there are more of them this year, and this is due to the Diocese providing more teacher training and requiring more professional development time from all faculty. I know that these days can cause an inconvenience for you, and as a parent in our Diocesan system, I share your frustrations on this. However, I am optimistic that the time spent out of class by our teachers learning and developing best practices and new practices will only benefit our students and will far outweigh our inconvenience.

Have a blessed week! Enjoy the 3-day weekend!

Magazine Sales Kick Off Rally Thursday, August 25th

First Collection is
Tuesday, August 30th

Parent Club News

MAGAZINES & COOKIE DOUGH: Our Magazines and Cookie Dough sale kicked off last week and our first collection date will be TUESDAY! This year there is an option to donate cookie dough purchases to The Mustard Seed School for homeless children in downtown Sacramento. The collection dates will be August 30, September 6 and September 13. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help with the cost of fieldtrips for all classes.

***DATE CHANGE* Father & Daughter Dance** - Our Father/Daughter Dance has been moved to Saturday, September 24. This event is open to grades K-8 and siblings in the HFCS Preschool. Get ready for a fun night out with Dad! More info will be available soon.

VOLUNTEER POSTIONS FOR 2016-2017: If you still need to sign up for your Parent Service Points, please visit our school website for a current list of available volunteer opportunities. Each family is required to fulfill 40 Parent Service Points with a minimum of 25 points completed in a fundraising capacity. ALL families must earn a minimum of 10 points from the Festival, Crab Feed or the Auction events.

If you would like more information on our fundraisers, volunteering or have a question, please contact our Parent Club President, ShaKay Mack (shakaym@yahoo.com).



Happy HFCS
Students!

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

Box Tops/Labels for Education News

A new school year is underway and the first Box Tops/Labels for Education (LFE) competition has begun, and will run through the end of September. The class that turns in the most points, collectively, will receive a “Build Your Own Sundae Party” sometime in October. The 2nd grade class is currently in the lead; however, there is still plenty of time left. So, continue submitting your trimmed, unexpired Box Tops and LFE points. Make sure to include your child’s name and grade on the bag. Good luck everyone!

Joelle McCoy

Box Tops and Labels for Education Coordinator

SCRIP News

Remember to order your scrip by Tuesday morning for Thursday afternoon pick up.

ALL families must have a Shop With Scrip account for ordering and tracking scrip totals.



First Graders have all the answers!