

Holy Family School Newsletter

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Josh Rucker, Principal



**Holy Family
Catholic School**

Dates to Remember

- 1/6 - Parent Club Meeting 8:15am
- 1/10 - Free Dress - Bring in Tuna
- 1/13 - Minimum Day - Noon Dismissal
- 1/16 - No School - MLK Holiday
- 1/17 - Sweetie Bags Sale Begin
- 1/20 - Winter Sports Rally
- 1/29 - Open House
- 1/29 - 2/3 - Catholic Schools Week

Get ready for the Basketball season and support Holy Family at all our games with Spirit Wear. With Christmas and Grandparents Day approaching Spirit Wear also makes a great gift. Contact Cinnamon with orders or questions. [916/300-4475](tel:9163004475).

Remember to use



Principal News

Dear Holy Family Community,

With 2017 now upon us, we begin a new calendar year with many new things coming our way. Years seem to fly by and each year comes with excitement and change. This year, while change is embraced, I have decided to also focus on some of the wonderful things that are constant and steadfast - those things that I can always count on no matter what comes with the new year.

The first that comes to my mind is family - and not just my own. I am ever so thankful for the wonderful family that is Holy Family Catholic School. As a community, I can always count on seeing so many of you come through for those in need during the holiday season. Your support for our school is unending, as demonstrated by the attendance of so many at the Christmas Program before the break. Your generosity to myself and the staff here with your gifts for Christmas are beyond amazing and I am thankful for each and every one of you.

It is an amazing feeling to be able to count on this community and this school year after year. With the closure of Holy Cross Academy in West Sacramento, I want to make sure everyone here understands that situation is totally unique and in no way reflects upon our school or community. Holy Cross Academy had been identified in our Diocese as a SUCCEED School, which is one that relies on Diocesan subsidy to sustain itself year after year. These subsidies have been in place for nearly 20 years. While television reports would indicate things like an enrollment of 180 students or a deficit of \$200,000 this year, it must be understood that the number of students reflected are NOT all paying tuition, hence the \$200,000 deficit. The deficit of \$200,000 is just for this year as well. Our Diocese has been able to sustain this deficiency every year for a long time, and now cannot continue to do so. If you were to run a total of the many years of subsidy, the total would be in the million-plus range.

It is an unfortunate circumstance for the students and families that Holy Cross Academy has served over the years. However, it is in no way a parallel of our school. Every family at our school pays tuition, and we receive no subsidy from the Diocese at all. There are schools all over our Diocese that have similar to even lower enrollment numbers than we do, and they are doing just fine because of sound fiscal management. For these reasons, we can all rest assured that Holy Family Catholic School will be here for many more years to come.

I would like to count on our wonderful community once more to help me spread the word about our amazing school and ask that you talk to your friends and neighbors about Holy Family Catholic School and invite them to join us on Sunday, January 29th from 9:30 - 11:30 for our Catholic Schools Week Open House. This is a great way for folks to see what we are all about and to consider our school as an option for them. If you have connections with local preschools, feel free to spread the word to other parents that may be considering Kindergarten options for next year.

Thank you all for your generosity at Christmas and your continued support. I am so thankful to be a part of this school and community.

~Josh Rucker, Principal

Parent Club News

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We need a volunteer to manage the school marquee sign. If you're interested, or would like more information, please let ShaKay Mack or Mrs. Gustason in the school office know.

If you or your family and friends shop on Amazon.com, take a minute and select "**Holy Family Catholic School, Citrus Heights**" and use the AmazonSmile portal to shop and support HFCS. You can "*Double Dip with Scrip*" by purchasing Amazon Scrip too!



Happy HFCS Students!

The HFCS Parent Club has a new email address!
parentclub@holyfamilyca.org.

Let's be social ... Like us on Facebook at Holy Family Catholic School, Citrus Heights and follow us on Instagram too. Posting a HFCS picture? Tag it on Facebook and Instagram at **#HolyFamilyCaHornets** to join our photo collections.

VOLUNTEER POSTIONS FOR 2016-2017: If you're still looking for 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 (parentclub@holyfamilyca.org).

Box Tops/Labels for Education News

Another competition is underway and ends January 31st. The class that turns in the most points collectively will receive a half-day party with hot chocolate, popcorn and a movie. Before submitting your Box Tops please remember to trim them and check the expiration date. **Expired Box Tops will not be accepted** and therefore not counted in your submission. Also, please write your child's name and grade on the bag so I know who to assign the points to.

Joelle McCoy

Box Tops and Labels for Education Coordinator

SCRIP News

Buy scrip for your weekly shopping needs:

Walmart – Raley's – Safeway

Arco – Chevron – Shell

Have some fun too!

Cinemark – Buffalo Wild Wings – Bath and Body

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



Character Counts for September Responsibility