



THE BEAR NECESSITIES

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

February 4, 2019



HFS Open House a Tremendous Success

During Catholic School's Week last week, we held our Holy Family School Open House on Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

It was a tremendous success as we toured close to 40 new families in just one day.

We would like to thank everyone that was involved in making it such a success.

Athletic Pictures

Tomorrow, Tuesday, February 5, we will be taking 3rd – 8th grade boys basketball pictures and girls softball pictures. We **will not** be taking **baseball** pictures yet because the uniforms have not arrived. Please have children bring their uniforms to school and they will change prior to taking their pictures.

The cheer team will retake their group yearbook photo on Tuesday, February 5th as well. We will not be retaking individual photos, this is only our group photo. The girls should wear their FULL uniform with their shoes, bow, turtleneck, etc.

Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year Is Now Ongoing

Registration for current Holy Family students for the 2019-2020 school year, began last Monday, January 28. Envelopes went home with each student or the youngest and only and each family. Please complete the requested information on the outside of the envelope and return it with the \$150.00 registration fee, per child, prior to February 22. If your registration fee is not received on or before February 22, you will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee and we will not be able to hold a spot for your child for the following year. Please keep in mind that most grade levels are currently at maximum capacity.

- Special Upcoming Events for Holy Family*
- *2-5 – 8th Grade Cap and Gown Pictures and Winter Sports Pictures (3rd – 8th Grade Boys Basketball, softball and cheer group picture)
 - *2-7 - 2nd nine weeks Awards Program After Mass
 - *2-8 – Progress report available on Headmaster
 - *2-9 – 8th Grade Mardi Gras Mambo – 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
 - *2-14 – Valentine's Day – PreK-4 through 4th grades only
 - *2-15 – Bookmobile Visit
 - *2-15 – 3rd Grade Retreat
 - *2-23 – Father/ Daughter Dance – 6:30 to 8:30 in the HF Parish Hall
 - *2-28 – STEM Night – 5:30-7:30 PM – HF Parish Hall
 - *3-8 -Free Dress Day for All Students That Attended STEM night

Senior Night for HFS Athletes on Wednesday, February 6

This Wednesday, February 6th, we will hold senior night and recognize our 8th graders that participated in basketball and cross country. We will be selling delicious, homemade gumbo for \$8.00 a bowl. We hope you can join us!!!



Blessing of the Throats

On Friday, February 1, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Blaise.

St. Blaise, is best known as the patron saint of people with sore throats. On this day in many places people gather in churches for the blessing of throats.

The blessing is a sign of the people's faith in God's protection and love for the sick.

Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest (or other minister or lay person) touches the throat of each person, saying: *Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Our 8th graders visited every classroom and office and blessed the throats of all students, faculty and staff. It was a beautiful way for our students to experience this wonderful feast day.



6th Grade Science Experiment

Our HFS 6th grade students did a parachute experiment on Friday. The objective of the experiment was to determine if the size of the parachute would change the rate at which an object fell. Students released their parachutes from the second-floor balcony and calculated the time it took to fall to the ground. The challenge was to design a parachute that would hang in the air the longest. The students then calculated the speed and acceleration of the parachutes. The group with the slowest time won.



We Mourn the Passing of Mr. Claude Crawford

Mr. Claude Crawford was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War where he earned several medals of honor including the Purple Heart. He was the District Commander of the 6th District Area D American Legion, Commander of American Legion Post 160 and VFW Post 3785. He was also a very important part of Holy Family School. Each year Mr. Claude presented one of our graduates with the American Legion Award. He also presented Holy Family School with several American flags over the years, so we could fly our colors with pride over our campus. You will be missed Mr. Claude.



Donation for Catholic Charities

We would like to thank everyone that brought in donations for Catholic Charities during Catholic Schools week. We collected 18 boxes and created one additional basket full of baby items. Our 8th grade students brought the items to the Catholic Schools Week mass at Our Lady of Mercy.

HFS FAMILY NIGHT

On Thursday, February 28th

At the Holy Family Parish Hall (Gym) and Science Lab

From 5:30-7:30

Holy Family School invites you and your family to attend a free open house style event to put your problem-solving skills to the test as you design and construct solutions to challenges and participate in interactive activities related to

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

***On Friday, March 8, we will have a Free Dress Day for All Students That Attended STEM night.**

If you or someone you know would like to participate as a STEM Vendor for the night, please contact Mrs. Annie Cagle, HFS Technology Coordinator, at acagle@hfspa.com.



*Save the Date
Holy Family School
First Annual Father
Daughter Dance*

*Flyers to order tickets were sent home
last week.*

*Please be sure to complete the
information and return it to school
with your payment.*

*Please place in an envelope marked
"Father/Daughter Dance".*

*Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council Offers
Catholic School Tuition Assistance to Knights of Columbus Members*

The Louisiana Catholic School Supplemental Tuition Lottery Program is only open to Knights of Columbus, in good standing, who are members of a local council in Louisiana or an Online Member assigned to Louisiana Division.

There will be 4 drawings for the year (one each quarter).

Four (4) entries will be drawn each quarter. (A total of 16 entries will be drawn for the year.)

Each winning entry will receive \$500 which will be paid directly to the child's Catholic school.

The student's name will be entered in the drawing – not the parent's name.

Eligible children are the biological or adopted children of the member. Member must be the father of the eligible child. Step-children of members are eligible if claimed as dependent by the member pursuant to IRS regulations.

Eligible children must be attending a Catholic school (Pre-Kindergarten thru 12th Grade) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Eligible knights must complete and submit a Lottery entry form to the State Youth Activities Chairman, Delmas Forbes, at any time during the 2019-2020 Columbian Year (July 1, 2019 thru Jun 30, 2020).

Members can get additional information by visiting:

<http://louisianakc.org/programs/youth/tuitionlottery.pdf> or contacting Delmas Forbes at (225)939-2980 or dcforbes51@cox.net.

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HFS Quiz Bowl Champions

Congratulations to our Holy Family students that participated in the Diocesan Quiz Bowl this past weekend at Our Lady of Mercy. Our 5th and 6th grade team won a match and lost two. The last match they lost in overtime by 1 point. Way to go BEARS!!!

Our 7th and 8th grade team won their pool, won the semi game, but with a very close score, they lost in the finals. This put them in overall 2nd place. We are so proud of you BEARS!

5/6 team:

Brayden Aguilard
Jesse Jones
Amelia Chustz
Alex Chenevert
Jack Allain
Nate Lacinak

7/8 team:

Thomas Cagle
Ethan Crochet
Jack Chustz
Ben Black
Christian Black
CC Moreau



Accreditation Survey

January 28, 2019

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Our school participates in the Diocese of Baton Rouge District Accreditation Process, which requires focus on continuous improvement. As part of that process, surveys are taken periodically so that data can be used to make informed decisions for the school.

Our status as an accredited school through AdvancED District Accreditation provides national recognition of quality. To qualify as an accredited institution, we must: 1) meet the AdvancED accreditation standards; 2) implement a continuous process of improvement; and 3) host an external review team once every five years.

As a Catholic School, we utilize the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools protocol. The Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness Survey is part of that protocol.

Your input is important to our school in this process. Please take a few moments to complete the online survey between January 28 and February 28. To take the survey, simply go to the school website or click the survey link below:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/98013/28190>

All responses are confidential, and only the group statistics will be reviewed and included in the data reports to the school.

Thank you for your help with this important endeavor!

Faithfully,

Michael Comeau
Principal