



Holy Family Home and School Alliance

Welcome!

August 24, 2022

Dear Families -

On behalf of the Holy Family School Home and School Alliance, WELCOME to the 2022-2023 school year! To our returning families and students, welcome back! And to all of our new families and students, we are so glad you've joined us! We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the new teachers and staff entering this year.

The mission of the Home and School Alliance (HSA) is to assist and support the administration and faculty of Holy Family School in their efforts to provide a quality Catholic school education to the students entrusted to their care. The HSA fosters communication between parents and the school faculty and administration, and provides programs, opportunities and resources which assist our children in their educational and social development grounded in the Catholic faith.

The HSA will be communicating with parents throughout the year via Mrs. Parise's weekly newsletter! Keep your eye out for an HSA link in each newsletter that will direct you to the HSA calendar and important HSA communications! In addition, the HSA will be circulating a quarterly publication, the next edition of which will be coming out in September. The HSA will also be holding monthly meetings this year, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend! The meetings are a great way to meet other parents, stay in the know, and become an active participant in your child's education. The first meeting will be next Thursday, September 1st at 6pm in the Parish Center. Be sure to stop by, talk to us about what's on your mind, hear about opportunities to get involved, and meet the new 2022-2023 HSA Board:

Jessica Simon, President
Jen Thomas, Vice President
Meri Fetkovich, Secretary
Kate Bushey, Treasurer
Cristina Memo, Homeroom Coordinator
Shaina Holt, Past President

The Board has already begun developing some exciting programs to make this year another great success! Here are a few highlights of events to look forward to this year (all of these events will be listed on the HSA calendar, which will be published this week):

*Leanne Miller and her team will be bringing back **Grandparent/Special Person Day** this year, which is sure to be a family favorite!

*The HSA will be sponsoring the much-anticipated **Fall Tailgate** tradition (including bonfire) which will be coordinated by the Athletic Director, Chris Clautti, and team!

*Meri Fetkovich, Jen Thomas, Sarah Calhoun and team are working on a new and exciting fun-run this year! Chelsea Kusky aptly named this event the “**Dragon Dash**” and is working on a great t-shirt design for this premier fall event!

*The popular **Father-Daughter Dance** will be back this year, and we are on the lookout for some awesome volunteers to spearhead this event! Please let us know if you are interested!

*Jamie Berlon has long-chaired the beloved **Santa’s Workshop**, and her team is ready to once again make this year’s Christmas shopping a fun and memorable experience for the kids!

*Mrs. Parise is cooking up something fun for **Catholic Schools Week** again this year... we can’t wait to see what she has up her sleeve!

*We are excited to announce that the Reverse Raffle – this year called the **Home and School Gala** – will be back in person this year! You won’t want to miss this Gala... stay tuned for the theme!

***Mother-Son Night** was a winner last year with the Holy Family boys, and we have some great volunteers lined up to make this event another great success this year!

***Field Day** is a huge hit every year with the kids, and many of you have already brought forth some exciting ideas for this year!

*The **Awards Day** reception was well received last year and is a nice opportunity to visit with friends and other families over coffee and a pastry in between the awards reception and end-of-the-year mass!

*Watch out for some exciting new **Spiritwear** this year! Be sure to stock up! Information about where to find Spiritwear will be coming your way soon, and we will include a link in Mrs. Parise’s weekly newsletter as well.

In addition, the HSA will continue to provide funding assistance for school events, educational tools and facility improvements.

We are always looking for new ideas to enrich the experience of our children and bring families together! I would love you to be a part of the Home and School Alliance! If you have a suggestion or would like to get involved, even in a small way, there’s a spot for you! Consider joining or chairing an event committee, or becoming active in your child’s classroom as a homeroom parent! We will be circulating a volunteer form this week and next week! Please take a moment to fill this out and submit back to us! (Don’t worry—if you completed the volunteer survey last year, we have your information so you do not need to complete another form 😊). We are excited about the involvement this year and will be reaching out to all volunteers over the next few weeks, so stay tuned!

I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 1st! It’s going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Jessica M. Simon

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