

The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

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From the Desk of the Principal

Mrs. Brenda Fremin

There is so much going on, and it seems like the past few weeks have simply flown by. We thank the parents and students for such a positive start to the school year.

During these hot months, we are paying close attention to the time students are spending outdoors.

This week is an exciting week: we are having our first Fun Friday and first Smoothie Friday. Details are below.

The weather outlook for the end of the week calls for rain. We ask for your patience should we use our rainy-day drop-off and dismissal. Please remember not to block driveways and side streets.

Today marks six years since Hurricane Katrina affected our state and country. This weekend, many along the east coast were affected by Hurricane Irene. Please keep all those who have suffered from these natural disasters in your prayers.

God Bless,

Brenda Fremin, Principal

SchoolFiles/Grades Online Update

Password reset, new passwords, etc.

Parents wishing to access [SchoolFiles](#) and your child(ren)'s grades can go online to www.schoolfiles.com. Click the "Reset Password" button, and set up your own password. All passwords were reset at the beginning of the school year by SchoolFiles. New Parents must click the "Help" button; please note that you are new to the school, request a password, and you will be assisted through the process. We apologize for any inconvenience.

New this year: Smoothie Fridays

First Smoothie Friday to take place on Friday, September 2

This year, our Home & School Association is working with HFS to offer smoothies from Smoothie King as an after-lunch treat. [Smoothie Friday](#) will be offered on the first Friday of each month. This is offered to all kindergarten through 8th graders. Order forms will be sent home on the Monday of that week. Orders and payment are due by Thursday before the Smoothie Friday. **No late orders will be accepted**, as Smoothie King needs a firm head-count 24 hours prior to arrival. Our first [Smoothie Friday](#) will take place on Fun Friday, September 2.

Smoothies will be \$4.00 for a 12-oz. cup. There are three flavors to choose from: Strawberry Extreme, Angel Food (banana and strawberry) and Caribbean Way (banana, strawberry and papaya). Holy Family School receives \$1.00 from every smoothie sold.

This fun event is hosted by the HFS Home & School Association. All payments (cash or check) must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following on the front: Home & School - Smoothie Friday Student's First & Last Name - Grade/Homeroom. Checks must be made payable to HFS Home & School. Proceeds benefit the Home & School Association; this organization hosts class parties and events throughout the year for all grades.

A representative from [Smoothie King](#) will arrive on campus at 11:15 on the day of the event, and pre-ordered Smoothies will be ready for students after his/her lunch.

New this year: Fun Fridays

First Fun Friday to take place on Friday, September 2 – Wear NFL!

This year, our Spirit Day will be called Fun Friday. We will have a Fun Friday each month and will announce the theme as the date gets closer. This Friday, September 2, students can wear their favorite NFL team shirts or colors. We are applying for the [NFL Back to Football Friday](#) grant.

The 34 schools across the nation that show the most NFL team pride and demonstrate the importance of health and wellness in their school will be selected as NFL PLAY 60 Super Schools and receive an NFL team celebration and a \$10,000 health and wellness grant from the NFL.*

Alumni Mass to be Held September 17

Alumni, former HFS students, teachers and staff invited

Please join us in helping reconnect all Holy Family Alums and celebrate 62 years of catholic education. On Saturday, September 17th, Holy Family Home and School Association invite all alumni to attend mass at 4:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the parish hall. We encourage all alumni, parents of alumni, and former and current staff of Holy Family School to attend this event. Please contact Mandi Hopkins, Home & School president, at (225) 937-8546 with any questions or donation opportunities. You can [RSVP online](#). Please include year of graduation, if applicable. More information will be available on the [school's website](#) and the [Holy Family Facebook page](#).

Campus Tours: 3:00 – 3:45

Vigil Mass: 4:00

Adult reception to follow with cash bar

Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, work/serve at the event, and to clean after the event. You can earn Time & Talent hours by doing so. Please email [Mandi Hopkins](#) if you can help.

Do you have any old HFS photos? If so, please [email them](#) to us so that we can include them in our photo slideshow.

Phone directory is online

Password-protected page features class list and contact for families

This year's phone directory is now available online on a password-protected page for HFS parents. The username and password will be sent home with students. Please keep this information in a safe place. We will not provide this via email/Facebook. Please visit the [school's website](#); the Phone Directory tab is located under School News.

Volunteers Needed

Carpentry-style work; earn Time & Talent hours

Parent volunteers are needed to help with carpentry-type work around the school. You don't have to have experience; we just need hard workers willing to donate a few hours on weekends. Work items will be rough carpentry, painting, pressure-washing, etc. Available? Please contact Ross Dupre at (225) 268-0842 or [by email](#).

Work Weekends:

Saturday, September 3, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. and

Saturday, September 10, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Special Thanks:

...to a special parent – Rebecca Langlois – who made a donation of supplies worth more than \$100 from our [Bounty Teacher Wish List!](#)

Annual Athletic Dinner Features Brisket This Year

Benefits HFS Athletics and PE Classes

This year's [Annual Athletic Dinner and Pep Rally](#) will take place on Sunday, September 25, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This year's \$7.00 dinner includes brisket, baked beans, salad and a roll. Sweets will be available for purchase.

Students were sent home with tickets to pre-sell. If you need additional tickets, please contact the school office. Remember to get those tickets sold and turn in your money soon so that we can start to plan on a head-count to expect!

The pep rally will be at 12:30 p.m. and will feature all fall athletes (cheerleaders, football, girls' basketball, swimming and cross country).

Reminders/Important Links

[September Lunch Menu](#)

[September Nutrition Nuggets newsletter](#)

[Student Insurance Available](#)

[Bus Pass/Forms](#)

[2nd Annual Alumni Softball Tournament](#) coming this October

[Teacher Wish List by Bounty](#): We're always in need of supplies!

[Sprite Contest](#): Help us win a new playground!

Our annual [Magazine Drive](#) is coming!

[Kleenex Field Trip Contest](#):

Vote for HFS. If we remain in the top 100 schools, we receive \$5,000 for field trips. We're ranked in the top 28! Share with your family and friends!

[Home Fundraising Flyer](#):

Share with your friends, family and coworkers to help collect these items for funds to benefit our school.

**Please note the items we collect. We have parent volunteers who enter codes for specific items. Please send these items to school in a Ziploc bag. Codes will be entered by our parent volunteers.

Girl Scouts Troop #10399 (1st and 2nd graders) worked a community service work day at Heritage Ranch Children's Home on August 5th. They got very dirty and sweaty while pulling weeds in the vegetable garden!



Upcoming Events

(Clip and save for the week)



Thursday, September 1: School mass at 8:00 a.m.; shorts permitted for boys. Parents are welcome to join us for mass.

Friday, September 2: Fun Friday/Smoothie Friday

Monday, September 5: Labor Day Holiday; no school

Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.: 8th Grade Covenant Mass

Saturday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m.: [Alumni Mass & Reception](#)

Sunday, September 25: [Annual Athletic Dinner](#)

October 14 – 16: [Annual Alumni Softball Tournament](#)

Sunday, October 16: [Pre-K3 BBQ Chicken Fundraiser Dinner](#)

Don't forget to check the school [calendar online](#) for updates/events.