



# The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

Advent

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## *From the Desk of the Principal Mrs. Brenda Fremin*

Dear Parents:

This is to let you know that this will be our last newsletter before the holidays, so I have included some important information and upcoming events.

Thank you so much for your generosity for the toy drive and for the Thanksgiving food drive. We have already filled 18 boxes of toys to be picked up in a few days. Children in West Baton Rouge parish will have a very Merry Christmas! Details follow on the toy drive.

Here are a few upcoming events/important notes:

- *Middle School Exams:* Thursday, December 15; Friday, December 16 and Monday, December 19. The exams will be given in the student's homeroom from 8:00 – 11:15 a.m. Dismissal will be at 11:15 a.m. each of those days; carpool pick-up will take place at the bus stop on Florida Street. Be sure that you have signed the bottom of the letter indicating how your child(ren) will be getting home on exam days. Return the form to homeroom teachers.
- *Pre-K4 Polar Express Day:* Friday, December 16. Pre-K4 students may wear appropriate pajamas and school shoes on this special day.
- *Pre-K4 Christmas Program:* Monday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the church. They will be dismissed for the holidays immediately after the program.
- *Polar Express Pajama Day:* Monday, December 19 for grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>. These students may wear appropriate pajamas and tennis shoes on that day. This will be a regular day of school but a fun day in anticipation of Christmas. The teachers and I decided that students would love this in place of the normal Christmas parties. We always look for new and fun activities for the students to reward them for the great first semester of school! The morning in the classroom will be devoted to educational curriculum activities centered on The Polar Express. After lunch, students will watch the movie. Our Home & School Association room parents have generously planned snacks in the afternoon before dismissal. Room parents: These snacks can be dropped off in the morning or brought to the teachers' lounge to be served from the lounge around 2:00 p.m. That room will be Home & School headquarters for The Polar Express! All of the staff is looking forward to a fun day and trip on The Polar Express!
- *Christmas Program (K-5<sup>th</sup>):* Tuesday, December 20 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This year's program will take place in the Parish Hall. First grade will be performing a play as part of the Christmas program this year. First graders will be dropped off in costumes at the Parish Hall by 7:45 a.m. They will stay with their teachers in the concession room 'til the program begins. First graders will be dismissed from the concession room at the end of the program. Other students will be dropped off in normal carpool on Jefferson Avenue to go to homerooms. After the program, they will come back to school, line up in assigned morning assembly places, and will be dismissed after parents check in with teachers. In case of rain, ALL students will be dropped off at the Parish Hall at the front door which faces Marian Hall. Teachers and administrators will be there to direct students to their assigned places for the program; parents will be directed as they enter. After the program, first graders will be dismissed first in carpool. We ask that first grade parents line up first in line. Others will be dismissed from assigned spots in the gym. We ask that you stay seated and follow direction from me or Mrs. Short. As usual, we pray for a beautiful day and no rain!
- *Holy Family Advent Penance Service:* Today/Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- *Holy Family Living Nativity:* Saturday, December 17 after 4:00 p.m. mass

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to wish all of you a blessed Christmas season. May the Prince of Peace touch our lives and families this season and throughout the year. Thanks for all of your help and support during the first semester.

*Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!*

*Brenda Fremin, Principal*

## Santa's Helpers Toy Drive Ends Thursday Let's Deck the Halls with toys!!!

Each year, we ask that our students and families donate new, unwrapped toys for those less fortunate in our parish. **This year, we are thrilled to announce an anonymous donation of 50 youth bicycles to the HFS Santa's Helpers toy drive!!!** The drive began on Monday, December 5, and we already have 18 boxes full of toys, not including the donation of bikes! The toy drive will end on Thursday, December 15.

Consider gifts for infants to pre-teens: books, games, puzzles, toys, etc. On Thursday, December 15, the toys and bicycles will be donated to the Santa's Helpers, who will distribute the gifts to local children. Remember: we ask for new, unwrapped toys. Help us Deck the Halls with toys! [Click here for the flyer](#). Share with your coworkers, friends and family!



## Holy Family Hosts First BEAR CHALLENGE!

Save the date: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Holy Family Athletics is hosting a special event for all families. The event, which includes a jambalaya cook-off, a 5K & 1-mile run/walk, and volleyball & horseshoe games, will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Proceeds benefit Holy Family Athletics. All students at Holy Family School benefit from Holy Family Athletics (ex: physical education equipment, recess/play balls/equipment). [Click here for the registration form](#). Share with your friends, family and HFS alumni!

## Middle School Exam Schedule

[Click here for the schedule](#).

## CSAL Boys' Basketball Game Schedule

[Click here to access the schedule](#).

## Boys' Basketball Practice Schedule

(remainder of December)

[Click here for the schedule](#).

## December Lunch Menu

[Click here for the menu](#).

## Upcoming Events

(Clip and save for the week)



Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.: HF  
Parish Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 15: (no school mass)  
-Last day for Santa's Helpers toy drive  
-Middle School Exams & Early Dismissal

Friday, December 16:  
-Middle School Exams & Early Dismissal  
-Pre-K4 Polar Express PJ Day  
-Pre-K3 Christmas Program/Party/Last Day

Saturday, December 17: Living Nativity  
after 4:00 p.m. mass

Monday, December 19:  
-Middle School Exams & Early Dismissal  
-Polar Express Pajama Day (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

December 20 at 8:00 a.m.: K-5 Christmas  
Program and Dismissal (Parish Hall); No  
Bear Care

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Classes resume on Thursday, January 5,  
2012.

## December Virtue:

### Honesty

Honesty is usually a good reputation's greatest possession, as well as its greatest armor for staying good. Whatever other good traits someone possesses, they do a reputation no good without honesty. Honest must be cultivated—the more you do it, the more it becomes a part of your nature.

## Redemptorist Hosting Co-Ed Holiday Basketball Camp

The Lady Wolves 2011 Co-Ed Holiday Basketball Skills Camp is open to boys and girls in 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The camp will take place Monday, December 19 – Thursday, December 22, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. each day. The cost is \$40. The camp will take place in the Redemptorist Elementary School Gym at 3655 St. Gerard Avenue in Baton Rouge. To reserve a spot, contact Coach Papillion at 225-892-1502 or [jpapillion@rhsbr.org](mailto:jpapillion@rhsbr.org).

## Special thanks...

..to Ashley Rogers who donated bags of office supplies (copy paper, calendars, post-its, pens, white out, paper clips, binder clips, and rubber bands).

## Photos



*Mallory Uzee and her mom, along with Catherine Marchand and her dad, pose with Fr. David Allen after Sunday's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Covenant mass on Sunday. Several other students were in attendance but were not in the photograph. Special thanks to our Covenant Mass volunteers for the set-up.*



*The kindergarten classes attempted to find their gingerbread men after they escaped from the oven. The students found notes around school from their escapees. Here, they check in with Mrs. Glenda at the library. He finally arrived back in their classroom!*

## Girl Scouts Helping Others

### December Service Project

Several of our HFS girls participated in a Christmas service project through Girl Scouts. The girls, seen here, partnered with the Addis Fire Department to deliver Christmas baskets full of goodies on Sunday, December 4. Seated with Santa are Annabelle and Gracie Pepitone; seated in front are, from left, Juliet O'Neal, Corinne Moreau and Alex Fertita.





### *Jr. Beta Club Formed, Members Named* 45 Holy Family Students Make Up New Jr. Beta Club

On Thursday, December 1, 45 students received recognition and a certificate as members of the newly-formed Jr. Beta Club. These students, seen above, are listed in alphabetical order below:

Brant Becker, Alaina Becnel, Skylar Benoit, Chloe' Bergeron, Hope Black, Sam Bourgoyne, Lynn Brown, Anthony Bueche, Dillon Cain, Reed Callegan, Kaitlyn Cashiola, Connor Chustz, Kelsie Courville, Baylee Daigle, Collin Devillier, Ryan Devillier, Emily DuBoulay, Raphael Eaglin, Silver Effler, Lance Evans, Ryan Guerin, Abby Hemba, Anne Marie Herring, Malina Hollier, Hannah Honore, Marilyn Kauffman, Kaelyn Kimball, Jene' Langlois, Joshua LeJeune, Rachel Lessard, Julie Louque, Connor Manola, Elizabeth Marchand, Kelly Marks, Olivia McKnight, Anna Padgett, Emily Riviere, Dina Roberts, Caleb Romig, Caroline Safford, Candice Scalise, Trenton Shows, Eric Simpson, Madison Toups and Jennifer Windham.

The National Beta Club is an organization for 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, recognizing academic achievement, leadership, character and service.

### *4-H Cookie Contest*

Most unique, largest and prettiest were all incredible!

We congratulate the following winners in the 4-H cookie contest, which was held at school on Friday, December 2. Thanks to all students for participating. The photos are posted on our [Facebook page](#).

Largest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Angelle Martin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Taylor & Maecie Vince
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Daleigh Simoneaux & Emily Hemba

Prettiest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jaynee Hebert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kaitlyn Dugas & Kolleen Courville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Kyleigh Andre

Most Unique:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Kamryn Newchurch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kelsi Landry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Julie Louque

