

The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

Advent

12/5/2011

From the Desk of the Principal

Mrs. Brenda Fremin

Each week, we pray the Advent prayer. I hope you and your family will do the same. This is a time to wait, watch and celebrate.

Prayer for Advent:

Lord Jesus, you have told us to stay awake and keep watch for your coming. Help us this Advent to be alert to the many ways you enter our lives: through prayer, through Scripture and through one another, especially those in need. Strengthen our hope in you so that we can persevere in times of trouble and frustration. Give us the trust we need to wait patiently when it seems that you are delaying. Fill us with your love as we strive to serve your people for love of you. Amen.

God Bless,

Brenda Fremin, Principal

Santa's Helpers toy drive underway

Annual Toy Drive Runs December 5 - 15

Santa's Helpers Toy Drive will begin on Monday, December 5 and will end on Friday, December 15. Each year, we ask that our students and families donate new, unwrapped toys for those less fortunate in our parish. Consider gifts for infants to pre-teens: books, games, puzzles, toys, etc. On Friday, December 15, the toys 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!

Archbishop Rodi Visits Holy Family School

Archbishop from Mobile, Alabama celebrates two-day mission and school mass

On Thursday, December 1, Archbishop Rodi celebrated school mass for our students. He told a story of a lump of clay turning into a beautiful vase and the process by which that happens. He then told the students about how this relates to their studies and everyday life. Ask your child(ren) about "Stop!" and "Nooooo'tttt yet!" They adored him. We thank Archbishop Rodi for his visit and a wonderful parish mission.

Seen in the photo are, from left:

*Altar servers Sam Bourgoyne and Bryan Bergeron;
Holy Family School Principal Brenda Fremin;
Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi; second grade
reader Madyson Bergeron; Holy Family Pastor
Rev. David Allen; and altar servers Abigail
Courville and Caleb Vlahos.*



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Middle School Exam Schedule

[Click here for the schedule.](#)

December Lunch Menu

[Click here for the menu.](#)

Notice to Bear Care Families:

Tax ID#, important info for holidays

Sent on behalf of Mrs. Marie Favrot, Bear Care Director:

There will be NO Bear Care on Tuesday, December 20. Students will be dismissed immediately following the Christmas program that morning.

The tax ID # for Bear Care/Holy Family School is 72-1202708.

Merry Christmas!

Boys' Basketball Jamboree Schedule

[Click here for the schedule.](#)

4-H Students Awarded in Cooking Contest

Students were awarded in the recent 4-H cooking contest during the Thanksgiving holidays. Congratulations, students!



Back row, from left: Malina Hollier, Abigail Courville, Kelsi Courville, Ana Block; Front row, from left: Allie Cassebonne, Jaselyn Berthelot, Jaynee Hebert, Ryley Hopkins, Ashlyn Pinsonat and Owen Hollier.

Special thanks...

to Jean Rivault for her service to HFS. Her volunteerism earned us \$500 through the Dow Chemical Dollars for Doers program! If you or your spouse works for Dow or another company that matches your gift of time or treasure, please contact Kendall Hebert, development director, at khebert@hfspa.com.

to Mike Chustz for the donation of a box of copy paper.

to Mr. Jerry Bourgeois for the donation of facial tissue.

to Ruth Stanley for the donation of video tapes for our school library.

Upcoming Events

(Clip and save for the week)



Monday, December 5 – 15: Santa's Helpers Toy Drive

Tuesday, December 6: Feast of St. Nick

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.: Alumni Association Meeting in school library

Thursday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.: School mass (dress uniforms required)

Friday, December 9: Last day for Middle School regular testing

Sunday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m.: 5th Grade Covenant Mass & Reception

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

Thursday, December 15: Last day for Santa's Helpers toy drive

Friday, December 16:

-Middle School Exams & Early Dismissal

-Pre-K4 Polar Express PJ Day

-Pre-K3 Christmas Program/Party/Last Day

Monday, December 19 – Tuesday, December 20: Middle School Exams & Early Dismissal

December 19: K – 5th Polar Express PJ Day (details soon)

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

Students Volunteer During Holidays

6th grade girls donate time on Thanksgiving Break

Five sixth-grade girls donated time from their Thanksgiving break to assist at the annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon, hosted by the Port Allen Rotary Club. The girls helped decorate, greeted guests upon arrival and visited with guests. They even helped serve lunches, drinks and dessert. Special thanks to Abigail Genre; Anna Bordelon; Anne Marie Peavy; and Madeleine Simpson.



Dress Down Day for Annabelle Raises Over \$1,000—THANK YOU!!!

Annabelle Pepitone and family very grateful

Because of YOU and your continued generosity, we raised \$1,166.59 for Annabelle Pepitone—a first grader at HFS—and her family on Dress Down Day for Annabelle, which was held on Friday, November 18. We were amazed at your love for one of our own, and the donations will certainly help her and her family. The medical and travel expenses have added up while Annabelle was in Cincinnati during November. Lisa and Brady Pepitone would like to thank everyone who contributed to help their family. They were shocked and elated.



Annabelle, center on front row, is recovering well and has amazed her doctors and nurses with her smile and tolerance of pain. Thank you for your prayers.

Back row, from left, are: Assistant Principal Sally Short; 1st grade teacher Debbie Barbier; and Development Director Kendall Hebert; front row, from left: Guidance Counselor Caroline Lamy; Annabelle; her twin sister Gracie Pepitone and mom Lisa Pepitone.

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.

November Teacher of the Month

Jennifer Gueho awarded

Holy Family School recognized their November Teacher of the Month Mrs. Jennifer Gueho on Friday. Mrs. Gueho is the reading interventionist at HFS and was also awarded as one of this year's WBR Teachers of the Year. She is seen here with Holy Family School Principal Brenda Fremin on left and Guaranty Bank's Denise Rodrigue on right.



Thanks to Guaranty Bank for their support and for providing the Teacher of the Month awards.

Accelerated Reader: November Stats

190 books read

4,549,336 words read throughout November

Way to go, Bears!!!

