

The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

Advent

11/28/2011

From the Desk of the Principal

Mrs. Brenda Fremin

Yesterday, Advent began. This morning during our morning prayer, we lit the first candle of our school's Advent wreath. Each Monday, we will light the next candle. Advent is such an important time of year and in the Catholic church. It is a time of waiting.

Holy Family Parish will host a parish tomorrow night and Wednesday night. We have designated these nights as Family Night—no homework, tests, athletic events, meetings—in order for you to attend. Details follow.

God Bless,

Brenda Fremin, Principal

Holy Family Parish Mission

Tuesday, November 29 – Wednesday, November 30

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile, will give a parish Spiritual Mission at Holy Family entitled "Prepare the Way of the Lord" on Tuesday, November 29th and Wednesday, November 30th, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. each night.

Archbishop Rodi was born in New Orleans and graduated from De La Salle High School, New Orleans, Georgetown University, Tulane University School of Law, Notre Dame Seminary and The Catholic University of America. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, 1978. He served as Associate Pastor at various parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for ten years and was then Pastor St. Rita Parish, New Orleans. He taught Canon Law for ten years at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was appointed Chancellor of the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1992 and appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1996. He was appointed Bishop of Biloxi 2001 and appointed Archbishop of Mobile in 2008. Archbishop Rodi is a great speaker and will be a blessing to us all. Please plan to come and join us for these two nights of faith, family and fellowship.

Saints House of Wax

All students, Pre-K4 through 8th graders, enjoyed this year's Saints House of Wax, performed by the 7th graders each year. The students dressed the part of the saint that he/she had selected, and each student recited facts about his/her saint. Students from the lower elementary grades especially loved the costumes!



Fun Friday, Smoothie Friday THIS FRIDAY!

Friday, December 2

This Friday is Fun Friday. Students can wear free dress (consider your favorite holiday shirt/sweater) along with approved bottoms (pants, jeans, capris, uniform shorts, walking shorts; no gym, mesh or running shorts). School socks and school shoes are required.

This Friday is also Smoothie Friday. Students in K-8th grades can order smoothies and enjoy the special treat after lunch on Friday. [Click here for the info/order form](#). All orders are pre-pay due by Thursday, December 1 at 8:00 a.m. No late orders accepted.

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Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

Holy Family Parish invites you and your family to the annual Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, December 3rd, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Holy Family Parish Hall. [Click here for the flyer](#). We hope to see you there!

Students Enjoy Performance by Baton Rouge Ballet

Special educational, artsy treat

Kindergarten through 5th graders enjoyed a special performance by the Baton Rouge Ballet on Friday, November 18. The dancers performed a skit, educating the students on eating healthy. They answered questions and even had a few HFS student volunteers “dosey-doe” with each other.



Stone Soup

Kindergarteners learn about sharing

Kindergarteners learned the story of “Stone Soup” and sharing on Friday, November 18. Each student brought in an item; all ingredients together made “Stone Soup.” The kids said “it was good!”



Thank you!

Thanks to all parents, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of HFS who voted for us in the Kleenex Field Trips contest. The check arrived, helping each grade with \$500 toward field trips!

Upcoming Events

(Clip and save for the week)



Tuesday, November 29: 4-H T-shirt money final deadline

November 29 – 30: Holy Family Parish Mission/Family Nights (no homework, tests, practices, games, meetings)

Thursday, December 1 at 8:00 a.m.: School mass (dress uniforms required)

Friday, December 2: Fun Friday/Smoothie Friday

Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.: Breakfast with Santa at Parish Hall

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

Friday, December 16:
-Middle School Exams & Early Dismissal
-Pre-K4 Polar Express PJ 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

Reminder: 4-H T-shirt Money Due NOW

Final deadline is tomorrow/Tuesday, November 29 for 4-H t-shirt money. No late orders will be accepted. Please turn money in to the school office in the morning.

Santa's Helpers Kicks Off on Monday

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!

October Teacher of the Month

Computer Teacher Stefanie Lorena Awarded

On Friday, November 18, we recognized our October Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Stefanie Lorena. Mrs. Lorena teaches computer. This is Mrs. Lorena's first year at HFS and her second year teaching. She earned her degree from LSU after graduating from Denham Springs High School in 2005. 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.



Some of our 6th graders gathered together for their Covenant Mass.

7th grade liturgical dancers for school mass on November 17





Top left: 8th grader Emily DuBoulay created this artwork for our school's submission in the annual [Reflections of the Season](#). What a special talent!

Top right: We packed the truck of peanut butter and jelly for the Port Allen Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity during our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Right: Kindergartener Caleb Jones won the annual Kindergarten Turkey Disguise contest.

Left: Pre-K4 students show off their Native American vests for their Thanksgiving feast.



December Virtue: Honesty

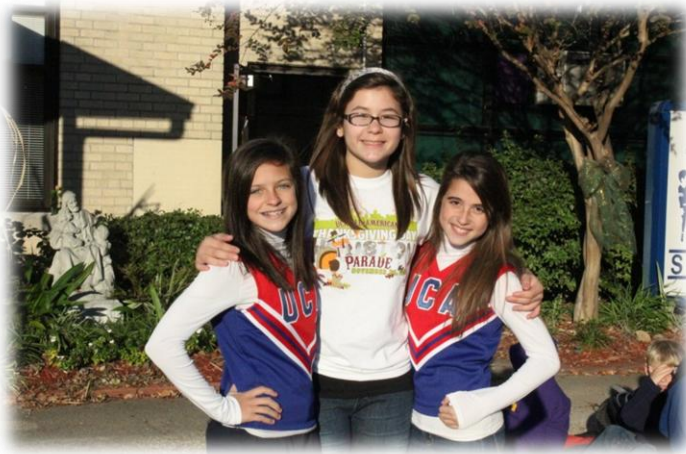
Honesty is usually a good reputation's greatest possession, as well as its greatest armor for staying good. Whatever other good traits someone possesses, they do a reputation no good without honesty. Honest must be cultivated—the more you do it, the more it becomes a part of your nature.

Students in the Spotlight

--Three HFS alumnae, Lindsay Hagmann, Ashley Sills, and Katie Cazes, were part of the 17 St. Joseph's Academy swimmers that won the Division 1 High School State Championship in Sulphur last month. Ashley and Katie were the first students from HFS to swim in the Capital Area Middle School meets as 7th graders and now swim as 9th graders for the Angels of St. Joseph's, along with 10th grader Lindsey Hagmann.

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--This past summer, several of our cheerleaders tried out for UCA cheerleader. Four HFS students won the title as UCA (Universal Cheerleaders Association) cheerleader. We congratulate Alaina Becnel, Chloe Bergeron, Marilyn Kauffman and Madison Toups who won the title as All-American Cheerleaders. UCA looks for young men and women possessing character and enthusiasm as well as teamwork and leadership skills. More than 1,000 youth try out. These girls participated in the Thanksgiving Macy's Parade in Houston, Texas. We congratulate them on this accomplishment. Seen here are, from left: Alaina Becnel, Chloe Bergeron and Madison Toups. Not pictured: Marilyn Kauffman.



--Four HFS girls qualified for the finals in the Baton Rouge Barrel Racing Association earlier this month. Seen here are fourth grader Ashlyn Pinsonat, Pre-K4 student Addison Bares, fourth grader Ryley Hopkins and third grader Anna Gentie. The girls won a variety of prizes: saddle blankets, halters, lead ropes, belt buckles, jackets and tack bags. They finished in the top 15 of their riding class.



--Kindergartener Hannah Crochet cut 10 inches of her hair during the Thanksgiving holidays to make a donation to the Locks of Love organization.

