

The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

Book Fair & Red Ribbon Week

10/24/2011

From the Desk of the Principal

Mrs. Brenda Fremin

This crisp, cool Fall weather brings about thoughts of thankfulness for harvest and Thanksgiving. As we approach November, we pause to reflect on All Saints and All Souls days and to pray for our deceased relatives and friends. During the month of November we also pause to give thanks for our many blessings!

It's **Red Ribbon Week**. This year's theme is "It's Up to Me to be Drug Free!" We started this morning's assembly talking about how Red Ribbon Week began. Our cheerleaders did a great job with several cheers and a dance. On Friday, students can wear a red shirt to show their support in Red Ribbon Week.

We once again congratulate Mrs. Jennifer Gueho as one of four WBR Teachers of the Year. Mrs. Gueho was recognized at a reception hosted by the WBR Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 20 at Brian's Furniture.

Way-to-Go Moment: Congratulations to all those who have earned Principal's List and Honor Roll status for the first nine weeks. They will be recognized next week.

Accelerated Reader Reminder: Students must complete two out of three tests in the Accelerated Reader program. Students can only attempt six. They must score 80% or better on the test(s).

All monies sent to school must be in an envelope with child's name, grade/homeroom and purpose of money.

Last week, a form was sent home for the new Palm Scanning Software, which will be used in our school cafeteria. All forms are due back by Friday, October 28.

God Bless,

Brenda Fremin, Principal

Red Ribbon Week 2011

It's Up to Me to be Drug Free

Do you know the [origin of Red Ribbon Week](#)? This week, students will hear about Red Ribbon Week and this year's theme – "It's Up to Me to be Drug Free!"

On Friday, students can wear a red shirt for Red Ribbon Week. Approved bottoms are uniform shorts, capris, jeans, walking shorts, pants; no gym shorts, mesh or running shorts. No pants with holes or rips are allowed.

School socks and school shoes are always required.

Book Fair 2011

Students shop, proceeds help HFS

We remind you that this week is also Book Fair week. All class/student times are listed online. Parents or family members can shop with their child(ren). The catalog sent home does not reflect all books that were shipped to the school. All books are rounded up to the nearest dollar. This annual fundraiser helps with much-needed projects at HFS.



Upcoming Events

(Clip and save for the week)



Monday, October 24 – Friday, October 26:

- Red Ribbon Week
- Book Fair

Tuesday, October 25: Book Fair Late Night Shopping (3:15 – 6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m.: First Reconciliation Parent Meeting – Marian Hall

Thursday, October 27: School mass; dress uniforms required

Friday, October 28: [Fall Fest](#); Red Day

Saturday, October 29: [Annual Pumpkin Carving](#) after 4:00 p.m. mass in Holy Family Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 1: All Saints Day - School mass (no mass on November 3)

Wednesday, November 2: All Souls Day

- Friday, November 4:
- Fun Friday (details forthcoming)
 - 1st Grade Retreat
 - [Limo to Lunch](#)

- Sunday, November 6:
- [Veterans Parade](#)
 - Diocese of Baton Rouge's Jubilee Mass

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

Safety Concerns

There is NO dropping off/picking up on 6th Street. There is no teacher on duty to ensure the safety of children. Students should not cross the street on Jefferson or 6th Street unless they do so with the crossing guards.

Exciting Youth Leg News

Recognizing Students for Accomplishments

Anne Marie Herring will represent Holy Family School as Candidate for Speaker of the House. Hope Black will represent Holy Family School as Candidate for Senate President. And on October 25th, a run-off election will be held for Candidate for Governor between Anna Catherine Padgett and Chloe' Bergeron. Way to go, Bears! (Youth Leg is held in the spring for 7th graders.)

Area High School Open Houses

[Click here for the listing from the Catholic Schools Office.](#)

Church Uniforms Required for All School Masses

Dress uniforms begins Thursday, October 27

As noted in the past few newsletters: All students will be required to wear "dress uniforms" to each school mass beginning Thursday, October 27. All students are required to wear dress uniforms for all school masses until further notice.

Paint the Field Pink

For Breast Cancer Awareness

Many thanks to all who came out to Sunday's Paint the Field Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. A special thanks to Kim Landry and Bart Saia for coordinating the donation buckets. We raised \$101 for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center!



Fall Fest 2011

Fall Fest will take place on Friday, October 28. Students will enjoy games and activities. [Click here for the flyer](#) of times. Special thanks to the Fall Fest Committee for their hard work and creativity!

Special Thanks

- ...to the Pedigo family for the slew of Halloween goodies for Fall Fest and to all parents who contributed items!
- ...to Jamie Parsons for the donation of books to the school library.
- ...to all parents who participated in the West Side Journal fundraiser. We raised \$85.00.
- ...to all parents who supported the Pre-K3 BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser. They raised nearly \$3,000 to help with their playground resurfacing project and technology needs.

Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest Set for Saturday

Family-friendly event helps put a “boo” to hunger

Holy Family Catholic Church Office of Religious Education invites all parishioners and HFS families to attend the Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest and Food Bank Drive.

Who: YOU and your family!

When: Saturday, October 29 after 4:00 p.m. mass

Where: Holy Family Parish Hall

What to bring: your own pumpkin(s), carving utensils, candles for lighting, pumpkin stencils, any decorating accessories and your canned goods/peanut butter/jelly

Benefits the Port Allen Food Pantry

For questions or to volunteer: call Jennifer LeJeune, Director of Religious Education, 336-4463 or email jlejeune@hfspa.com.

Mrs. Jennifer Gueho Awarded Teacher of the Year

Gueho represents one of four teachers in the parish to receive honor

The West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce recognized their teachers of the year at a reception on Thursday, October 20 at Brian’s Furniture, and Holy Family School’s Jennifer Gueho was one of the four selected. Gueho, an alumna of Holy Family School, is the reading interventionist for kindergarten through third graders.

She grew up in Port Allen and attended Holy Family School. She then went on to St. Joseph’s Academy and graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1998. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. After graduation, she began teaching at Lukeville Upper Elementary in Brusly and spent four years there, teaching third and fifth grade. She also was their Title I teacher, a program through West Baton Rouge Parish.

Mrs. Gueho joined Holy Family School’s faculty in 2002 as a second-grade teacher and held that position until last year, when she was named Reading Interventionist. In this role, Mrs. Gueho works with students, kindergarten through third grade, with reading skills.

Mrs. Gueho is married to Lance, and they have a four-year-old son, Philip, who attends Holy Family Pre-K4. They are members of Holy Family Catholic Church. Mrs. Gueho serves on the Parish Advisory Board and the newly-formed Parish Steering Committee, which will work toward long-range plans of Church and parish renovations and improvements. In her spare time, Mrs. Gueho enjoys spending time with her family outdoors, scrapbooking and working in her flower beds at home. She also enjoys hosting monthly potluck dinners for the senior citizens of Holy Family Church parish.

Mrs. Gueho was also selected as the 2011 Diocese of Baton Rouge Distinguished Graduate for Holy Family School.



Photo, from left: Kathy Stuart, West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Jennifer Gueho, Holy Family School Teacher of the Year; and Brenda Fremin, principal



Above, from left: HFS Principal Brenda Fremin, Lynn Taylor, and Denise Rodrigue with Guaranty Bank.



Above, from left: HFS Principal Brenda Fremin, Vincel Simpson, and Denise Rodrigue with Guaranty Bank.

HFS Awards Teachers of the Month – August and September

Holy Family School recognized their August and September Teachers of the Month on Friday, October 21. Mrs. Lynn Taylor was recognized as the August Teacher of the Month, and Mrs. Vincel Simpson was recognized as September's Teacher of the Month.

Mrs. Taylor teaches middle school science and has assisted in securing a grant for more than \$6,000 from Dow Chemical for computers and internet wiring in the school's science lab. The Supriya Jindal Foundation for Louisiana's Children then donated two Promethean Boards and teacher laptops to the school in coordination with the Dow Gives grant. She finds innovative ways to incorporate technology into her science curriculum.

Mrs. Simpson is an alumna of Holy Family School and teaches the school's third grade class. She serves on the Parish Advisory Council and Parish Steering Committee. Mrs. Simpson has been teaching elementary school for 24 years. She began her teaching career at Holy Family School, and then spent eight years teaching at St. Rita's Catholic School in Fort Worth, Texas; she has been back at HFS since.

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

Student Spends Summer in Service

Eighth grader Raphael Eaglin's summer was far from television, bike riding, video games and the digital world. Raphael spent part of his summer on a mission trip in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Raphael joined his cousins and their church missionaries for a 10-day trip to Central America to help others. "I was excited on the day of the trip," he says. Raphael helped build houses, which were simply wooden shacks. "It was one of the most fun things to do," he recalls.

Raphael and the others helped feed people. They traveled to the rural parts of the capital. "We helped people at the 'dump' – there were vultures and dogs, but people live there." The 60 missionaries were made up of 10-year-olds to adults.

This was his first mission trip, and he's already planning to return in the summer of 2012. "It was fun. It gave you a new perspective of how lucky you are here." He keeps in contact with those he met on the trip through Facebook and has become good friends with them.

We recognize Raphael Eaglin for his extraordinary service this past summer.

