

# The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

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## *From the Desk of the Principal*

Mrs. Brenda Fremin

October is Respect Life Month. It is also the Month of the Rosary. And, we remind you that it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Thursday at 6:00 p.m., we will host the Living Rosary in the Church. We invite all students, parents, family and friends to join us. It's also Family Night, so there will be no homework and/or tests.

Thursday morning, we once again host Grandparents' Day Mass for all Pre-K4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their grandparents/family friends. Reminder: No invitations were sent to grandparents. We rely on you to contact your family and friends of this special mass. Students will meet his/her guest(s) on the school grounds. A reception will follow for grandparents; students will return to class. Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m.

God Bless,

*Brenda Fremin, Principal*

## **ANOTHER GREAT SHOUT-OUT!**

There are 15 HFS 7<sup>TH</sup> graders who have qualified to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program this year. Eligibility is an honor and is based upon last year's standardized achievement test scores. To qualify, our students had to score at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on an accepted subtest or total battery/composite of the TERRA NOVA test taken last spring.

The candidates are invited to take the ACT or SAT college entrance exam. This opportunity can give them exposure to that type of exam, as well as a better insight into their academic abilities. There are recognition ceremonies at the state and national levels for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade participants who achieve high qualifying scores on these exams.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Brant Becker, Chloe Bergeron, Sam Bourgoyne, Lynn Brown, Dillon Cain, Kelsie Courville, Collin DeVillier, Silver Effler, Ryan Guerin, Kaelyn Kimball, Julie Loque, Olivia McKnight, Phillip Nguyen, Anna Padgett, and Jennifer Windham. WAY TO GO BEARS!

## *Friday is Fun Friday & Smoothie Friday*

Paint the Town Green for 4-H

This Friday, October 7 is our Fun Friday and Smoothie Friday.

We're Painting the Town Green for 4-H! Students can wear his/her favorite green shirt with appropriate bottoms (uniform shorts, pants, capris, walking shorts).\*

HFS will be judged on Friday for a 4-H competition. Help us sport the green!

Friday is also Smoothie Friday for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. [Click here for the order forms](#). No paper order forms will be sent home. Orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. (Kindergarteners will be off campus for their field trip.)

## **\*\*Note on Free Dress Coupons**

Students may receive Free Dress coupons throughout the year (ex: Bear Tickets, Magazine Drive prizes, etc.). Students are not allowed to wear Free Dress on Mass days or special days when we may require full uniforms (ex: Class Photo day). Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook, which defines Free Dress.

No gym shorts, mesh shorts or running shorts are required. No pants with holes are allowed. School socks and school shoes are always required.

## **2011 Magazine Drive Now Underway**

One of the school's top fundraisers depends on you

Second collection day is TOMORROW!

Our school kicked off our annual Magazine Drive two weeks ago, and we're already at 60% of our goal! Thank you to all parents and family friends who are supporters of this fundraiser, as it continues to bring in much-needed funds for our school.

Our second collection day is tomorrow. The students are having fun with the "daily duck call," where they win cash, candy and other prizes!

All information is on our "[Magazine Drive](#)" tab on the school's website. Consider posting a link on [your Facebook page](#) to drum up your child's points and prizes! The students are excited to earn ducks this year; ducks earn you more prizes! By sending 12 emails through the QSP site, you earn your first duck! Simply [click here](#) to learn how to send the emails; they must be sent through the QSP site to earn your duck.

Simply [click here](#) to buy or renew your magazine subscriptions at up to 85% off newsstand prices. It's fast, and your child will receive full credit for your selections. 40% of every sale goes to our school!

Don't forget to send emails to friends and family for their support - they'll also save off newsstand prices! [Click here](#) for the flyer of collection dates and ways to shop.

Have questions regarding the Magazine Drive. Email Stephanie Jones, parent volunteer, at [sjones39@hotmail.com](mailto:sjones39@hotmail.com) or call (225) 223-8470.

As always, we thank you for your support!

## **Upcoming Events**

(Clip and save for the week)



Tuesday, October 4:

- Feast of St. Francis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Day – Magazine Drive

Thursday, October 6 at 8:00 a.m.: Pre-K4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Grandparents' Day Mass & Reception

Friday, October 7:

- Kindergarten Field Trip
- Fun Friday
- Smoothie Friday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Retreat

Sunday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m.: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Covenant Mass & Reception

Tuesday, October 11: Final Collection Day for Magazine Drive

Wednesday, October 12:

- Picture retake day
- Class photos (Uniforms required)
- End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
- Fire Prevention Demo (Pre-K4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

Thursday, October 13:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Begin
- NO Mass
- Fire Prevention Demo (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Home & School Fall Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Cafeteria
- Family Night (No homework/tests)

Friday, October 14: Kindergarten Retreat

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

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

Friday, October 28: Fall Fest

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

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

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## *Fall Parent Meeting Set for October 13*

All parents are invited

*HFS Home & School Association invites you to the Fall Parent Meeting on Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.*

## *Church Uniforms Required – Starts October 20*

Dress uniforms begin soon

All students will be required to wear “dress uniforms” to each school mass beginning Thursday, October 20.

## *Pre-K3 Hosting BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser*

Proceeds benefit playground resurfacing project for Pre-K3 program

The Baton Rouge Sertoma Club is partnering with the Pre-K3 program to host a [BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser](#) on Sunday, October 16 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Holy Family Parish Hall. This take-out meal is only \$6.00 per ticket. Tickets are for sale through the front office or you can email us if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

## *HFS Alumni Receive Top Academic Honors*

St. Joseph’s Academy and Catholic High School Honorees

The following students received honors. We congratulate our alumni for their academic excellence.

Emily Padgett: National Merit Scholar, St. Joseph’s Academy 2011 Alumna

Drew Alvarez: National Latin Exam: Cum Laude, Catholic High School, Class of 2015

Gaven DeVillier: Academic Achievement: Highest Honors, Catholic High School, Class of 2015

Drew Alvarez: Academic Achievement: First Honors, Catholic High School, Class of 2015

David Wroten: Academic Achievement: First Honors, Catholic High School, Class of 2014

Connor Dizer: Academic Achievement: First Honors, Catholic High School, Class of 2013

Philip Hunt: Academic Achievement, First Honors, Catholic High School, Class of 2013

Brett Riviere: Academic Achievement: First Honors, Catholic High School, Class of 2013

Taylor Dizer: Academic Achievement: First Honors, Catholic High School, Class of 2012

## *Spirit Store Features New HFS Items*

Order your sweatshirts now!

This year’s Spirit Store features new hair bows, parent shirts, and sweatshirts.

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

[Click here for the order form.](#)

Place your orders now. There is a 2-3 week order and delivery timeframe. Orders will be delivered to school.

## *West Side Journal Fundraiser*

Deadline is October 14

Recently, letters were sent home from the West Side Journal. They are offering a \$5.00 donation to HFS for all new and renewal subscriptions. Last year, we received more than \$100 just from this small fundraiser. That helps with classroom needs and projects. Consider sharing this fundraiser with other family and friends!

## Technology Contest

Vote each day; help us win!

The Campbell's Soup Labels for Education program is hosting a Total Tech Makeover contest. [You can vote each day to support HFS](#). Share with your family and friends!

## Picture Retakes/Class Photos

Scheduled for Wednesday, October 12

Student retakes and class photos will take place on Wednesday, October 12. Any student who wishes to retake his/her picture must send back the original photo package no later than October 10. Your same package will be honored with the new picture.

Class photos will also be taken on Wednesday, October 12. This is a pre-pay program. Order forms will be sent home soon.

## Help Us Win a Much-Needed New Playground

Submit your Sprite tops!

Until September 30<sup>th</sup>, every time we enter a My Coke Rewards code from specially marked Sprite® or Sprite Zero™ packages, our school gets a chance to score one of 25 \$25,000 [Sprite Spark Parks](#) outdoor active space. Please send in your Sprite tops, and our parent volunteer can enter the codes for more chances – but get them in NOW! Help our school get the rewards we need and a chance to win a [Sprite Spark Parks](#) outdoor active space.

(We will still collect all Coca-Cola product tops for the My Coke Rewards program after this contest ends.)

## Special Thanks

...to Jennifer Laws for the donated thermometer for our school office!

...to Bryce Schexnaydre's family for the donated coloring pages, toys, and other classroom materials, as well as items for their class "Treasure Chest!"

...to Peyton Alleman's family for the donated "Treasure Chest" items!

## Reminders/Important Links

[Athletic Calendar](#): features football, cross country and girls' basketball game dates/times

[2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Softball Tournament](#) coming this October; not just for alums. Parents, you can join us, too!

[Sprite Contest](#): Help us win a new playground! Collect and submit Sprite rewards ASAP; contest ends September 30!

[October lunch menu](#)

Class retreat schedule is now on the [school's online calendar](#). Check October, November, February and March for your grade/date.

## Blessing of the Pets 2011

