

# The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

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## *From the Desk of the Principal*

Mrs. Brenda Fremin

Many thanks to all who came out to yesterday's Annual Athletic Dinner and Pep Rally. We are blessed with great cooks, volunteers, supporters and participants! Check out the [Facebook photo album!](#)

Our annual Blessing of the Pets will take place on Saturday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. on the side of Marian Hall. Please join us!

We are gearing up for our first Magazine Drive collection day. The students are so excited to earn ducks, prizes and even an opportunity for a limo ride!

God Bless,

*Brenda Fremin, Principal*

## *40 Days for Life*

Prayer Service Tomorrow/Tuesday, September 27

The start of the *40 Days for Life Baton Rouge* fall campaign will begin on Wednesday, September 28 and will end on November 6, 2011. On Tuesday, September 27, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, there will be an interdenominational prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. which will follow the celebration of the Mass and benediction.

It will be an evening of prayer, scripture, song and reflection. Bishop Muench will lead the opening prayer. The prayer service will close with an outdoor candle-light vigil with the offering of prayer petitions for the unborn for "What Might Have Been" to illustrate the multitude and diversity of lives, talent, knowledge and skill lost to abortion. For more information, visit the website at [www.40daysforlifebr.com](http://www.40daysforlifebr.com). Our Lady of Mercy is located at 445 Marquette Street in Baton Rouge.

## *2011 Magazine Drive Now Underway*

One of the school's top fundraisers depends on you

First collection day is THIS Wednesday

Our school kicked off our annual Magazine Drive last Wednesday. Our first collection day is THIS Wednesday. For six orders, your student can go to the Games 2 U on Friday.

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.

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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!

### *Family Day: Parishes Celebrate Families*

Faithfulness Around the Table – promoting and strengthening families

Five keys for parents to build strong Catholic families and strong Catholic youth (Source: National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry):

1. Live faith you want to pass on
2. Make faith a top family priority
3. “Gatekeep” your kids’ activities and time
4. Support one another and build on interfamily networks of faith
5. During the week, at home, live, model and talk about your faith

### *Spirit Store Features New HFS Items*

Order your sweatshirts before the cold weather

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

Last week, 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.

## Upcoming Events

(Clip and save for the week)



Wednesday, September 28: 1<sup>st</sup> collection day for magazine drive

Wednesday, September 28: First Reconciliation Parent Meeting; 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall

Thursday, September 29: Mrs. Dora Alford’s birthday

Thursday, September 29: 8:00 a.m. School Mass; church uniforms not required.

Friday, September 30: Games 2 U for 6 orders from magazine drive

Saturday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.: Annual Blessing of the Pets at Marian Hall

Sunday, October 2: [SugarFest at WBR Museum](#)

Wednesday, October 12: Picture retake day; class photos taken. Uniforms required.

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.

[Click here](#) for the Athletics calendar.

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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 Cou-Yons Bar-B-Q for collecting Box Tops for us!

### *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!

# Annual Athletic Dinner 2011

