

# The Bear Necessities

Holy Family School

September 6, 2011

## *From the Desk of the Principal*

Mrs. Brenda Fremin

This week, Holy Family School is honored and proud to host the First Lady of Louisiana – Mrs. Supriya Jindal. With her will be a representative from Dow's Louisiana Operations. Details are below on their visit.

We had "Fun Friday"—the smoothies were a great success for our Home & School Association despite the rain. You helped us raise \$301 to go to class parties, school-wide events and other special treats for students throughout the year.

Upcoming events:

- Make plans to attend our [Fall Athletic Dinner and Pep Rally](#) on Sunday, September 25. Please get your ticket money in as soon as possible for our final food preparations.
- Our annual [Magazine Drive](#) is a top fundraiser for our school. We kick off this fundraiser on September 21. Thanks to a few of our Home & School parent volunteers for co-chairing this year's campaign.

Reminder: As noted in our school calendar online, we will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, September 14 at Noon. Bus service and Bear Care will be available. This coincides with West Baton Rouge Parish Schools who also dismiss at Noon for teacher inservice.

God Bless,

*Brenda Fremin, Principal*

## *Louisiana's First Lady Supriya Jindal to Visit Holy Family School*

Mrs. Jindal and Dow representatives to tour science lab after donating funds for Internet wiring and Promethean board

On Friday, September 9, Louisiana's First Lady Supriya Jindal will tour the school's science lab. The lab, located in the Holy Family Parish Hall, features computers, Internet and a Promethean Board that all HFS middle school students utilize.

Two Promethean boards, two teacher laptops and training were donated to Holy Family School by The Supriya Jindal Foundation for Louisiana's Children; one board/laptop was placed in the school's science lab, and the other set was placed in a middle school classroom.

The Internet wiring and student computers were purchased through funds from Dow's Louisiana Operations annual DowGIVES Community Grant Program, awarded to HFS in the spring of 2011.

### [Kleenex Field Trip Contest:](#)

Only a few days remain! (Contest ends September 14.)

Vote for HFS. If we remain in the top 100 schools, we receive \$5,000 for field trips. We're ranked at 45. Post the link on your personal Facebook page to drum up votes. And share with your family and friends!

## **Only days away!!! – Alumni Mass to be Held September 17**

Current HFS parents, alumni, former HFS students, teachers and staff invited

Please join us in helping reconnect all Holy Family Alums and celebrate 62 years of catholic education. On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Members of the Holy Family Home and School Association invite all alumni to attend mass at 4:00 p.m. with an adult reception to follow in the Parish Hall. We encourage all alumni, parents of alumni or current students, and/or former & current staff of Holy Family School to attend this event. Please contact Mandi Hopkins, Home & School president, at (225) 937-8546 with any questions or donation opportunities. You can [RSVP online](#). Please include year of graduation, if applicable.

Campus Tours: 3:00 – 3:45

Vigil Mass: 4:00

Adult reception to follow with cash bar

Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, work/serve at the event, and to clean after the event. You can earn Time & Talent hours by doing so. Please email [Mandi Hopkins](#) if you can help.

Do you have any old HFS photos? If so, please [email them](#) to us so that we can include them in our photo slideshow.

## **Let's Shout it Out!**



### **TERRA NOVA STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES INCREASE IN 2011!!**



A summer study of Holy Family's 2011 standardized TERRA NOVA test scores showed a measured growth in every subject area, as compared to the previous year. The school's percentile average increased in Reading, Language, Math, Science and Social Studies and **fell well above the national average in all of these areas. The average scores for Holy Family were equal to the Diocesan average in all subject areas except Science, which fell slightly below the Diocese.**

The highest growth in percentile points for the entire school was shown in the Math average. Math was our targeted area for growth, and the scores indicated an instructionally-significant increase for 2011!

Math will continue to be our target area according to our long-range plan; however, Science will be addressed this year as an area for improvement.

Great job, students, teachers and parents!

## **Volunteers Needed**

Carpentry-style work; earn Time & Talent hours

Parent volunteers are needed to help with carpentry-type work around the school. You don't have to have experience; we just need hard workers willing to donate a few hours this Saturday. Work items will be rough carpentry, painting, pressure-washing, etc. Available? Please contact Ross Dupre at (225) 268-0842 or [by email](#).

Work Weekends:

Saturday, September 10, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

## **Special Thanks:**

...once again to Rebecca Roubique who donated \$74 worth of supplies from our [Bounty Teacher Wish List](#); to the Chism family for their help with Fun Friday's NFL photos; to Trevor Schexnayder who donated five reams of copy paper; and to Todd and Elizabeth Plauche' for the tremendous gift of copy paper.

We are grateful for your generosity.

## Annual Athletic Dinner Features Brisket This Year

Benefits HFS Athletics and PE Classes; Ticket money needed back now

This year's [Annual Athletic Dinner and Pep Rally](#) will take place on Sunday, September 25, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This year's \$7.00 dinner includes brisket, baked beans, salad and a roll. Sweets will be available for purchase.

Students were sent home with tickets to pre-sell. If you need additional tickets, please contact the school office. Remember to get those tickets sold and turn in your money soon so that we can start to plan on a head-count to expect!

The pep rally will be at 12:30 p.m. and will feature all fall athletes (cheerleaders, football, girls' basketball, swimming and cross country).

## Reminders/Important Links:

[2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Softball Tournament](#) coming this October

[Teacher Wish List by Bounty](#): We're always in need of supplies!

[Sprite Contest](#): Help us win a new playground!

Our annual [Magazine Drive](#) is coming!

[Kleenex Field Trip Contest](#):

Vote for HFS. If we remain in the top 100 schools, we receive \$5,000 for field trips. We're ranked in the top 28! Share with your family and friends!



Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders sporting their favorite NFL attire on the first Fun Friday

## Upcoming Events:

*(Clip and save for the week)*



Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m.:  
School mass; church uniforms not required; parents are always welcome.

Friday, September 9: Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 to celebrate Mary's birthday

Friday, September 9: First Lady Supriya Jindal to visit HFS science lab

Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Covenant Mass

Monday, September 12: Progress Reports

Wednesday, September 14: Noon Dismissal; bus service and Bear Care available

Saturday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m.:  
[Alumni Mass & Reception](#)

Sunday, September 25: [Annual Athletic Dinner](#)

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

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