



# Holy Family School

## Serving God by Serving Our Students

Dear Holy Family School Families,

November 2, 2006

**Faith Alive Special Meeting on November 9:** Parents are invited to attend a listening session and discussion on the Faith Alive proposal. The meeting will be held on November 9 from 7-9 pm at Legends in De Pere. Please refer to the Green Bay Catholic Diocesan web site at [www.gbdioc.org](http://www.gbdioc.org) for the first draft of a proposal for the future of Green Bay area Catholic schools. The plan is called Faith Alive. Please read the plan on the web site and share your feedback with the diocese at this meeting. Click on the red box with the words "Faith Alive" written in white. The financing of the new proposed Catholic school system will be of particular interest. The plan calls for a cost-based-needs-based tuition system as well as a new parish subsidy system. Please consider all aspects of the plan and attend the meeting to share your thoughts. It is important that our parents are heard at this meeting! I have enclosed a copy of the agenda for this meeting.

**PowerSchool: Just a reminder that there is no "www" in the PowerSchool website address.** The address must be entered in the address bar at the top of your web browser. Entering the address into a search engine such as Google, will not work either. Please contact Mrs. Murphy at [tmurphy@gbhfs.org](mailto:tmurphy@gbhfs.org) if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you!

**REMINDER: When using a proximity card or key fob for entry to school, YOU MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE AND SIGN IN.** We need all visitors to report to the office sign in and take a visitor pass! Thank you! **Also, PLEASE do not open doors for others, even if you know them!** We need to have everyone follow the entrance and sign in procedures. Thank you!

**Christmas Program:** Mark your calendars for December 18. We will have our Evening In Honor of the Christ Child featuring our students and a musical celebration of the Christmas season.

**Picture Retakes:** The date is set for those students who wish to have their school picture retaken. Picture retakes will be Wednesday, November 8

**Home and School News: Mark your Calendar for Future events**

November 3  
Freaky Friday Night Middle School event 7-10pm  
November 6  
HASA committee meeting 7 pm HFS school library  
November 17  
All School Spirit Day non uniform & All School Pep rally bring your pompons  
December 18  
Christmas concert and Evening in Honor of the Christ Child  
December 15  
Robot Assembly Sponsored By Home and School  
Week of December 18  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
January 29 – Feb 2  
Catholic School week

**Pompons**

If you did not get the opportunity to purchase pompons we will make them available to you before the next pep rally. The next All School Spirit Day is November 17. All children K-8 will attend the pep rally and participate in the color day. We plan to sell the pompons one day that week during lunch they are also available thru the HFS book store.

**Middle School Night**

If you have a middle school child information went home re: The Freaky Friday Night with your middle school child last week. Details of the evening and volunteer opportunities were included. Snack assignments were also included.

**Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!** Would you like to see death defying juggling, have pizza, play fun games, and go to a great dance? Then you should come to Youth Jam on Saturday, December 16! Youth Jam will run from 12:00 - 7:00 PM at Notre Dame Academy and cost \$15 per person. There will also be a Mass with Bishop Zubik that will count for your Sunday Obligation, what more could you ask for? For more information call Mrs. Otto at 494-1931 or Mr. Shanley at 494-6450.

**Make a Difference:** Parents and children are asked to join in the '**Make a Difference Day**' **Saturday, November 11** with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. 'sharp' we meet at the Parish for assigned areas, a blessing, and a send off prayer... pictures, too! Please call ahead to Sr. Gerri - 499-1546 ext. 15 to let her know of anyone who could use help... she will need: name, address, and phone number... to contact them before anyone comes that day.... also if you are coming, please call her ahead so she can plan for you. This is an opportunity for Community Service and reaching out in Stewardship!

**3RD SOURCE FUNDING NEWS:** Candy Shack-We need to stock the concession stand. If you want 3rd Source hours, every \$15=1 hour. Call Pamela Otto to find out what to buy for the concession stand. We will need the items by next week so we will know what to purchase to fill in. If you talk sweetly to Mr. Malmberg he may even do your shopping for you. Make Checks out to HFS and make sure you get a TSF sheet as a receipt for your check/hours. Donations are also welcome, especially bottled soda and water. We will call you soon to let you know what the schedule will be. Keep those volunteer calls coming! Thank you Gale Hannon  
Other 3rd Source Funding News: 3rd Source funding hours are still available at St. Elizabeth Seton to sell scrip. Contact Jill Gerl.

**Junior Achievement News:** Our students in the *4<sup>th</sup> grade classes* have recently completed a Junior Achievement program called *Our Region*. This program introduces the relationship between the natural, human and capital resources found in different regions and explores regional businesses that produce goods and services for consumers. Our students in the *5<sup>th</sup> grade classes* are currently participating in a Junior Achievement program called *Our Nation*. This program examines how businesses operate in the United States and explores various economic issues that impact those businesses. JA is an effective avenue through which the business community can demonstrate its commitment to our students--our future entrepreneurs, employees, consumers and voters. JA's purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Our students in the *8th grade class* are currently involved in a Junior Achievement program called *Global Marketplace*. This program focuses on imports and exports, the role of foreign exchange, and how countries are interdependent. JA is an effective avenue through which the business community can demonstrate its commitment to our students--our future entrepreneurs, employees, consumers, and voters. JA's purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. We are proud to announce the following volunteers & businesses supporting JA at Holy Family School:

*Maria Megna, Schneider National*  
*Dan Belongia, M&I Bank Northeast*  
*Chris Vanderheyden, Double Digit Sales Growth*  
*Lynelle Diestler, Crystal Coffee*  
*Christopher Potts, Schneider National*

For additional information on how you can become a volunteer, please call Laura Bilotti or Laura Beth Hrubesky at 437-2444. Thank You.

**From the Kitchen:** Now that all parents have "Power School" availability, you can automatically be notified via e-mail when your hot lunch balance falls below the recommended \$4.00 amount. All you have to do is once you sign on to your "Power School" account, click on the "E-mail" icon and select "**balance notification**". Let me know if you have trouble with this option. Sally Karls

**Thank you** to all who attended, cheered, donated and worked for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball tournament at HFS this past weekend. The weekend was a success because of your support. We are still calculating but believe we raised about 50% of the money needed for the updated volleyball equipment! The Gold team took 1<sup>st</sup> place and the Purple team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place – HFS should be proud! Thanks to all of the coaches and staff who help to run our awesome program!

**CUB FOOD RECEIPTS: Please keep those receipts coming in! We appreciate all your help!! Thanks!**

**Girl Scout Reminder:** Please turn in your reservations for the Roller Skating party. Contact Laurie Wildrick if you have any questions (405-0877 or 246-3316).

**Comet Corner Store:** New item in School Store: The Comet spirit pompons will be available for purchase in the school store. The cost is \$3 per set one purple/ one gold. Show you school pride by purchasing a set for yourself and children use at our upcoming pep rally to kick off the up coming basket ball season. They're great for parents, teachers and children too.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** Many thanks to everyone that contributed to making our Book Fair successful again this year. We couldn't do it without all the volunteer support and the cooperation of the teachers and staff at HFS. Not to mention all those who came and SHOPPED ! We earned \$3,439 in books, \$1,580 in products from the Scholastic Resource Catalog, including dvd players, furniture and educational materials.

A **BIG** Thank You also goes out to Catholic Family Life Insurance for their matching funds of \$750 !

One last note about the Book Fair, if anyone has not received their paid order from the fair, please contact Molly Markland at 405-8022 or [mmarkland@new.rr.com](mailto:mmarkland@new.rr.com)

**Attention Eighth Graders and Parents of Eighth Graders:** On Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Notre Dame Academy is offering the EXPLORE Test free of cost to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders whether they plan to attend NDA or not. The test starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends between 11:30 and 12:00, and the test will be administered at HFS. No student may begin the test after the 8:30 time. Students should each bring two #2 pencils and a basic calculator. Also, please note that a group "Shadow Day" has been set up for the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade to visit Notre Dame Academy. That date is Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, and the trip is optional. Many students want to shadow at NDA, and this way they can go as a group and not miss classtime. More info. will follow on the group "Shadow Day," and you should already have received info concerning the EXPLORE Test.

**Wish Lists:** Thank you to all the families that have donated items and money to help fulfill our wish lists!! Your support is gratefully appreciated and helps us so very much. If you have not had the chance to contribute, it is not too late. Many items and needs remain. Stop by the office to see the wish list or view it on line at [www.stagnesgreenbay.org](http://www.stagnesgreenbay.org) , click on HFS and click on wish list. Thank you for your generous support of HFS!!!

**INKJET CARTRIDGES:** We have a box in the office for the collection of used ink cartridges. The cartridges will be recycled and the proceeds will be used at the school. Thank you.

**FAMILY ENVELOPE:** Note: If you or your organization has a message that you would like printed in the newsletter, including good news and prayer intentions, please feel free to send them to the school office via email to: [holyfamilyschool@gbhfs.org](mailto:holyfamilyschool@gbhfs.org) Thank you!

**Activities/Opportunities:** Below is a listing of the activities and opportunities that we have been made aware of. More information about any of these programs may be found in the school foyer.

\* NDA Boys Basketball Clinics (Gr. 1-8)

\* Youth Essay Contest – "For all the Saints"

Catholic Family Life Ins. is sponsoring the contest – deadline December 10, 2006.

\*KIDS SHARE – Ice Cream Social and Philanthropy Fair

\*Green Bay Nutcracker Ballet, Dec. 8 & 9.

God bless you,

*Mr. Malmberg*

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY FAITH ALIVE PROJECT**  
**NOVEMBER LISTENING SESSION OUTLINE**  
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2006; 7:00 – 9:00PM**  
**SITE: LEGENDS - DePere**

**PURPOSES**

- A. To provide an overview of the Faith Alive Project to Date
- B. To gather written and verbal feedback to the Preliminary Recommendations.
- C. To update participants on financial issues related to developing a more equitable funding formula to support all parish ministries.
- D. To respond to questions and identify next steps in the process.

**HOSTS**

- Director, Office of Catholic Charities; Director, Office of Education; Director, Office of Evangelization and Worship; Director, Office of Stewardship and Pastoral Services; Vicar for the Metro Green Bay Area

**1. INTRODUCTIONS & PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

- Welcome, Overview & Prayer
- Review of the Faith Alive Project
- This meeting will be successful if . . .

**2. REFLECTIONS ON ESSENTIAL PARISH MINISTRIES (15 MINUTES)**

- Adult faith formation                      Catholic Schools
- Evangelization                                Liturgy & Music
- Outreach                                        Pastoral Care
- Religious education for children        Stewardship
- Young Adult Ministry                        Youth Ministry

**3. A FOCUS ON THE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS & RATIONALE (45 MINUTES)**

- Things I appreciate are . . .
- Questions regarding the recommendations are . . .

**4. AN UPDATE ON FINANCIAL ISSUES (30 MINUTES)**

- Reviewing other Catholic School systems
- Review of the current reality for funding all parish ministries
- Reflections on a Cost-Based-Needs-Based Approach
- Possible impacts

**5. LARGE GROUP SHARING (15 MINUTES)**

**6. NEXT STEPS & CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)**