



## Holy Family School Family Newsletter



Dear Holy Family School Families,

Nov. 15, 2007

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Gabrielle Woleske and Olivia Dovorany wrote poems which have been published in the book The Teacher's Selection Anthology of Poetry, 2007 edition. A copy of the book will be available in the school library. Congratulations Gabrielle and Olivia!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATES:**

An evening with Christ Child (vocal concert)

Monday, December 17 @ 6:30PM

Band Concert

Thursday, December 20 @ 7:00PM

We confirmed with NDA and area schools prior to setting our concert dates. The evening with the Christ Child vocal concert date was posted in the parent/student handbook. We look forward to seeing you.

**ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Holy Family School middle school students are HIGHLY encouraged to participate in our school Service Program. Students need to complete a total of 12 hours of service for the year. This can include this past summer. At least one hour is required in each of the four categories: home, school, community, and church. Service hour slips are available in the office. The slips must be turned in by May 15, 2008.

**MARKET DAY – NOVEMBER 12** Thank you to all the families who ordered from Market Day. This month our school earned \$284.80. Our year to date Market Day profit is \$848.53!! To place an order you can go directly to: [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) and enter our school code 26149. Remember our school receives 10% of the profit!! Thanks again for your support of this program.

**ADVENT CALENDARS:** The HFS Comet Corner Store has purchased Advent Calendars for all school families. Please accept them as our gift to you, and encourage your children to open a door daily during the month of December to help them prepare their hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. If you are interested, we will be selling additional calendars as well as numerous stocking stuffers in the St. Nick's Shop at the "Breath of Christmas" event on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for your continued support.

**Franciscan Camp Experience** available for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, June 16-18. Lots of friendship, creativity, prayer and fun. Transportation available. Brochures on the rack near the office. Contact Sister Ann Carla for more information.

**REQUESTING DONATED BAKED GOODS** which will be sold at the Holiday Tour of Homes on Dec. 1st. Please bring your donation of baked goods to the Social Hall on either Thurs., Nov. 29th or the morning of Fri., Nov. 30th. All proceeds benefit Holy Family School. Thank you for your support!

**PACKER GAME PARKING:** The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have committed to a student-led fundraiser to assist in covering graduation expenses. They will be parking cars in the strip mall lot on the corner of Marvelle Lane and South Oneida Street, with Heid's Music as the anchor store, for the three remaining Packer home games. If you need a spot on game day, please keep us in mind. Ten dollars gets you a space in a lot that is only ½ mile south of Lambeau Field. Consider supporting our efforts on our next scheduled date, November 18<sup>th</sup>. GO PACK!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Holy Family School Fundraiser

***“BREATH OF CHRISTMAS” 2007 Holiday Tour of Homes***

**Tour 8 Beautifully Decorated Homes** by Green Bays Most talented DESIGN BOUTIQUES.

**Come Ready to shop** at YE OLD Marketplace, we'll have the Butcher, the Baker, the Flower Arranger.

Of course, the elves have worked steady and ST. Nick's Shop will be ready.

Christmas Carolers and Horse Drawn Carriage rides; this will be a delightful Holiday Surprise.

Watch for discounted advance ticket sales (\$15) starting in November.

We have an exclusive presale catalog available to you too for all of your holiday readiness items.

**Attention 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Graders Interested in the Geo. Bee:** Anyone interested in preparing for the 2008 National Geographic Bee can brush up on geography with GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee). Ten new questions from previous National Geographic Bees will be posted each day. The GeoBee Challenge board game also provides “geography fun” for students and their families. Ms. Van Dyke has copies of the games and others she'd be happy to share if you contact her. Games can also be purchased online and in stores like Target. Interested students are encouraged now to think about taking part in and preparing for the Bee which will be held in early January.

**FROM THE KITCHEN:** Just a reminder; the menu on Nov. 21st is being switched from **hot ham and cheese** to **pizza quesadillas**.

**\*A Few of our findings from the hot lunch survey:** Thanks to all who took the time to fill out our recent hot lunch survey. I'd like to share a few things with you about our findings.

First, there have been some concerns about the freshness of our milk. We did have a few problems with bad milk earlier in the year. The heat contributed to this problem. The dairy had been notified. Since the weather has changed we have not had a problem. The dairy delivers every Monday and Wednesday and expiration dates are checked regularly.

Secondly, there has been some interest expressed concerning fresh v.s. frozen when it comes to fruits and vegetables served in our lunch program. Studies have shown that frozen fruits and vegetables are as nutritiously rich as the fresh product. This has to do with shelf life of the fresh versus the immediate processing that frozen foods undergo before shipping. Also, cost continues to be a concern and we select the product that reflects the best value at the time of purchase.

Holy Family School does participate in a government fresh fruit and vegetable program. This program has been under going a restructuring and will soon be available again for purchasing. This is a terrific program but limits our purchasing foods grown in the contiguous United States, so things like bananas and grapes out of season are not available. We, in the kitchen, have noticed, however, when we do serve fresh produce (gala apples for example) about 1/3 of the product gets thrown away. (And these apples are cut and cored!) This is not unique to Holy Family School. The Appleton school district completed their own survey last year and their conclusions showed that fresh fruit and uncooked vegetables were the number one thing wasted in their program.

We continue to encourage less wasting and anything you share with your children about the importance of not wasting is appreciated. Again, thanks for sharing your concerns and opinions with us. There will be more information to come in this section of future newsletters.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT HELPERS:** Mrs. Krepline is looking for a few parents to help her with organizing after the Christmas concert December 17<sup>th</sup>. She would need about 3-4 parents to help put risers away, and pick up the church at the end of the evening. With the right help it will take about 15 minutes! If you are interested please contact Mrs. Krepline at 494-1931 ext. 308.

**SAFETY:** For the safety of all our children please do not park across the street from school and allow your child to dart across the street. The children are to walk to the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Fisk and cross at the light. Please wait for your child to get completely on to the sidewalk before pulling away. We have had a lot of close calls.

**SCRIP UPDATE:** We've had a great start to Scrip this year – let's see if it can continue thru the holidays! Don't forget to order early as we get closer to the holidays, as we may experience some delays or back-orders. Please continue to watch the order form for additions or changes as many are happening on a weekly basis. And finally, don't forget to support our HFS families and their businesses that are supporting Scrip. We can't do it without your participation and remember, it all supports our children and Holy Family School! Thanks! Cheryl – 498-9878

**TASTE OF POWER (TOP)** Taste of Power is a program designed to introduce parents and players to the world of club volleyball. There are no try-outs. Players in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. The season begins in January and ends in April. The program costs \$225. For more information contact Jill Kovalaske, Southwest Volleyball coach, at 492-2650.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Friday, November 16	School spirit day, Assembly @ 8:30am
Thursday & Friday Nov. 22 & 23	No School, Happy Thanksgiving
Tuesday, November 28	END OF TRIMESTER
Friday, November 30	NDA Shadow Day

**Non-Uniform Day:** The Student Council has requested non-uniform days to take place on early release days. The groups has a theme for each non-uniform day. The December 21 theme is "Cold outside, warm inside". This is a Friday early release day before Christmas break allowing students an opportunity to wear sweatshirts, sweatpants, and jogging suits. In following our uniform guidelines, we do not allow shirts with objectionable sayings or pictures nor do we allow sweatpants with words across the backside/seat.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY** Friday, November 16 is a Comet Day. Wear your purple and gold. Show your school spirit. There will be a pep assembly at 8:30am in the gym.

**Scrip** If you are interested in selling Scrip at St. Agnes please call Amy Dufek @ 498-1584 to schedule. Scrip is sold after the Saturday 4:15PM mass and between the hours of 8:30-11:00AM on Sundays. Double hours for Packer Home weekends for Saturday mass. Third Source Funding hours are earned for selling Scrip. Thank you!

**Sally Foster Gift Wrap Fund Raiser:** By now you should have received your Sally Foster order. Please check your orders! I need to submit all discrepancies by Wednesday, November 21st. You can still place orders online at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) with the Holy Family account number of 305696. If you have any questions about your current or new orders, please call Paula Zielinski @ 496-9213.

**GIRL SCOUTS (6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade):** November 17 (10am) – November 18 (10am) / Girl Scout Event: Maxin' and Relaxin' at the Girl Scout Program Center in Appleton. Develop a healthy lifestyle by discovering things that can help you reduce stress and relax, like karate, skin care, stress relief, and healthy eating. Girls in Grades 6-12 are welcome. Cost is \$20/girl or bring non-Girl Scout friend and pay only \$10 each with her \$10 national dues. Event #6231. Included in this event, the HFS Alumni Band Pink Confusion will entertain. Contact info: (920)734-4559 or (800)924-1211.

**American Cancer Society:** Secondhand Smoke and Asthma Program presented by Dr. Jim Warpinski at SC Grand on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007 at 6:00pm. Reception with light refreshments to follow kids activities.

**YEAR BOOK PHOTOS: SPORTING EVENTS/TEAMS, GIRL SCOUTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**  
**PLEASE GET YOUR YEAR BOOK PHOTOS IN ASAP...** Send in any photos of your group, special event, or even candid's from classrooms. We need them now so we aren't scrambling at the end of the year. Hard copies please labeled with all names of participants etc and your name so we can return them. Contact Ami Gracyalny 869-5409 or email to [amii@new.rr.com](mailto:amii@new.rr.com) with any questions.

**IN TOUCH WITH THE ARTS** fundraiser has reached a new selling benchmark with selling the ENTERTAINMENT 2008 BOOKS. We will now earn \$15.00 of the \$30.00 selling price for each book sold! Once again, Thank you to all the parishioners and school families that have purchased a book and helped us achieve this level of profit! You may still purchase a book at the school office for \$30.00. They make great Christmas gifts!

**Student Council says, "Please and Thank You!"** First, **thank you** to everyone who donated items to the Pillow Pals for Foster Friends program. We collected many toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, stuffed animals, and journals all thanks to your generosity. And second, may we **please** ask for any extra bars of soap or shampoo you may have around the house? In the spirit of giving this Thanksgiving time, we'd like to answer a call for need that Deacon Jim shared with us. Please drop off items near 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bulletin boards. 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!

**Flyers and Programs** that have been placed in the school lobby by the office include information from the following:

- \*YWCA – kids classes
- \*City of Green Bay-Parks & Rec Programs
- \*Ashwaubenon Bus N Bowl Program
- \*Learn to swim taught by Dan Teske
- \*YWCA – DANCE
- \*Tae Kwon Do Classes
- \*Learn French after school program
- \*Southwest Boys Youth Basketball form (**gr. 1-3**)
- \*NDA Boys Basketball (gr. 1-8) Sat. mornings(Nov.)
- \*Nutcracker Ballet, Dec. 7, 8, or 9

**NO ENVELOPE:** A reminder there is no brown envelope next week due to the holiday break. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

God bless you,  
*Pamela Otto*