



Holy Family School Family Newsletter



Dear Holy Family School Families,

January 10, 2008

GO PACK GO Students have the option to dress in Packer attire on Friday, January 11 (students choosing not to wear Packer attire must wear school uniform). We wish our Packer team the best!

FOUR YEAR OLD AND FIVE YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: If you have a kindergarten age child (age 4 or age 5 before Sept. 1, 2008) or know of a family with a kindergarten age child for the 2008-2009 school year please call the office. We have registration forms available for children entering four year old or five year old kindergarten in the fall of 2008. The office phone number is 494-1931.

FAMILY REGISTRATION: Enclosed in Dec. 13 brown envelope was a family registration form. Please complete and return it to school as soon as possible. The information helps us in determining budget plans and class sizes. Thank you. **If you have not returned your form there is one included in your brown envelope.**

2008-2009 Registration: Registration for new students for the fall of 2008 will be in late January 2008. A kindergarten information session for new kindergarten parents of five year olds will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00pm.

It's Geography Bee Time Again! Tuesday, January 15th at 10:00 A.M. the school wide National Geographic Bee will be held in the library. It is open to the public. Preliminary rounds of the Bee are being held this week during social studies classes. The students with the top ten highest number of correct answers will be taking part in the final rounds Tuesday. Good luck to all finalists! Congratulations and thanks to all who take part!

FOOD – GAMES – FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Want to get out of the winter chill for some family fun after the hectic holiday season? We have just the ticket! **SAT, JAN 26, 2008 FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT SEAS!**

We'll start with pizza after Mass and games will follow.

From cards and checkers to board games and Bunco! The experts from Gnome Games will supply the games, being together with family and friends will provide the fun! If you are interested in joining us, please call Annisa at 499-1546 ext 17 and let us know so we have enough food, (and let us know if there is a favorite game you might like to play)!

CHILI DINNER: Mark your calendars for **Monday, January 28th, 2008**. The 8th Grade graduation class is sponsoring the annual Chili Dinner from **4:30-7:00**. This event helps kick off Catholic Schools Week, and coincides with the Open House at Holy Family School (4:30-6:30 pm). Come and enjoy a Chili Dinner, Hot Dog Plate, Chili Dog Plate, or a Stuffed Baked Potato Plate. All school families, their extended school families, alumni, and parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend! We will be holding an oral auction at 7:00 that evening, along with Take a Chance items. The oral auction will include a ski weekend in a 16 person cabin, a four couple adventure dinner and autographed Packer mini helmets. See the enclosed flyer on how to order your tickets. Thank you in advance for supporting the 8th Grade Class in their fundraising efforts towards their graduation activities!

EINSTEIN SCIENCE EXPO: Foth Einstein Project Science Expo and WPS Science Fair will be held Sunday, January 13, 2007 at Shopko Hall from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

PHOTO FUN: How well do the students know the staff at Holy Family School? The bulletin board located in the center of the first floor has photos of the staff when they were in school. Students have an opportunity to take part in the photo contest by attempting to figure out which photo is which staff member. Forms are available from the homeroom teachers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.... FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 for the HFS *TASTE OF ITALY* spaghetti dinner fundraiser and auction (a third source funding event), **in unison with *THE SNOW BALL*** (a Home & School sponsored event). A fun evening for all families....let us prepare dinner for you and then sit back and enjoy a small auction while students dance around at the Snow Ball in the gym!! For those of you who are looking for Third Source Funding hours, this is one of the last opportunities to obtain them, with TSF hours being due by March 15. More information to come.....if questions about the Taste of Italy please contact Tina Pallini at 497-1541 or jtpallini@yahoo.com.

FROM THE KITCHEN: Mid year is a good time to remind parents of the Free and Reduced Meal Program that is offered at H.F.S. If your financial circumstances have changed at any time during the year and you think you might be eligible, please call Sally Karls at 490-1764. to see if you qualify.
Help Needed: If anyone is available to volunteer on Monday, Jan. 28th, we have need for one person. Call 490-1764 if you can help us out! Thanks. Sally Karls

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.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE IN NEED OF 3RD SOURCE FUNDING HOURS: The scheduling for the SNACK SHACK is under way. It will take place most Saturdays in Dec., Jan., Feb., and March. If you still need hours this is one of the last ways to get them. **Call Lisa Gegare at 494-6394 to schedule your time.** We need food or monetary donations for the concession stand. Please call Mrs. Otto at HFS with any questions. This too is part of your third source funding and we appreciate any means you can help.

Attention 6th -8th 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. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 7-11, 2008	Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week
January 14, 2008	Home & School Assoc. mtg. 7:00pm
January 15, 2008	Board Mtg. @ St. Agnes, 5:30pm
January 16, 2008	Bug Man Presentation

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: With the support of technology grant money and parent donations we are beginning our next advancement in technology at Holy Family School. Over Christmas break we installed LCD projectors and screens in the middle school classrooms and science lab. These projectors will be able to display computer programs, cable television programs, DVDs and VCR tapes. As future grant money or donations come available we will install more projectors in other classrooms.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 27 begins a week long celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Light the Way.

- Monday, Jan. 28 Open house and 8th grade chili dinner.
Open house is from 4:30-6:00pm
Chili dinner is from 4:30-7:00pm.
- Tuesday, Jan. 29 A day for students to celebrate their Catholic education.
K-2 will be going bowling, 3-5 will be roller skating, and 6-8 will be attending a program at the Weidner center.
Tuesday, Jan. 29 is a non-uniform day.
Please see the permission slips enclosed in this week's brown envelope.
- Wednesday, Jan. 30 A day dedicated to our nation.
Students are asked to wear red, white, or blue shirts on Wednesday.
- Thursday, Jan. 31 **All School Mass @ 8:45**
Volunteer Brunch after mass
A day of Vocations and learning about careers
- Friday, Feb. 1 A day to thank our staff
Students can wear their Comet Colors
Basketball Pep Assembly at 2:45pm

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT: St. Agnes Parish has an opening on the back of their bulletin for an advertiser. The cost is only \$200 per year. Approximately 47,000 bulletins are printed and disbursed each year which makes this a very reasonable way to grow your business. If you are interested, please contact Marci in the Parish Office at 494-2534.

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 with any questions.

CUB FOODS RECEIPTS Please continue to save your cub food receipts. We collect the receipts for our school. Thank you.

MEMORY BOOKS Orders for the memory books are now be taken. An envelope to order memory books are enclosed in this week's brown envelope. Turn in your orders by Thursday, January 31.

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

- *YWCA – DANCE
- *Youth Sports Clinic
- *YMCA Tae Kwon Do
- *GB Gamblers Create-A-Jersey
- *KofC Free Throw Contest forms
- *West Side League Baseball & Softball Registration
- *City-Wide Troyette Pom Clinic (Jan. 12)

God bless you,

Pamela Otto