



# Holy Family Catholic School PTO Newsletter

## Message from the PTO President

*Brett Bosworth*

School is off to a fabulous start! I want to welcome our new and returning families to the 2015-2016 school year.

The PTO board is comprised of a group of volunteers who serve to support the education of our children and improve the social, athletic and volunteer activities that enhance the experiences of our students, teachers and families. Each of us, as parents or guardians of a student, is a member of the PTO. The board enthusiastically welcomes your involvement at the monthly meetings, social and athletic events, or the many volunteer opportunities in our school. We encourage you to look for ways to get involved.

We enjoyed a fun-filled Family Movie Night on September 11th as we socialized and watched "Home." A special Thank You to our fantastic chairs Bonnie Mulhally and Liz Giglio and their team of volunteers.

Please mark your calendar and join us at our next PTO meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:30 am in the Media Center. Your participation is appreciated. Along with remaining apprised of school happenings, your family will receive one volunteer hour per meeting attended.

Thank you to all who have shared their time, energy, and talents this school year. You have responded to my request at Back to School Night. There will be several more chances to volunteer. Please be on the lookout for those opportunities. Our PTO continues to be successful because of your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Brett Bosworth

## Upcoming Events:

- Nov 9 – Diocesan In-Service (No School)
- Nov 17 – Picture Retakes
- Nov 18 –  
7:30 am - PTO Meeting  
11:40 am - Early Dismissal
- Nov 25 – Discretionary Day (No School)
- Nov 26-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday

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## Volunteer Information

The PTO would like to thank our families at Holy Family Catholic School. If not for your time, talents and treasure we would not be able to offer fun and exciting activities intermixed with our necessary daily activities. We had 26 families completing more than 50 hours of service and 13 families completing more than 100 hours during the 2014-2015 school year. THANK YOU!

Thank you to all families who returned the Volunteer Survey. We had a fantastic response which gives us a great pool of volunteers to draw from for individualized activities. We are still looking for three chairs – Grandparents Day, Sports Banquet, and Sports Concessions. We are also looking for people interested in helping out with afternoon carline and the mega money raffle. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering.

Please remember that all volunteers must have taken the Protecting God's Children class and have current finger prints on file at the school. The Volunteer Service Hours Log Form for the 2015-2016 school year can be found on the school's website under the PTO/Volunteer Information tab. Please be sure you are logging your hours as we will be requesting that you submit an electronic copy in January.

If you have any questions please feel free to submit them to: [ptovolunteer@hfcatholicschool.com](mailto:ptovolunteer@hfcatholicschool.com)

## Social Activities

The PTO is very excited about the Social Events planned for the 2015-16 school year! The New Year started out with a fantastic K-8 **Boo Hoo Breakfast**. The turnout was wonderful and many parents had the opportunity to re-connect with and meet other Holy Family parents. We did get the opportunity to meet several new parents and welcome them to our wonderful school. Welcome to those we didn't get a chance to meet!

**Movie Night** was a great time for all. The smell of popcorn filled the parking lot. Not to mention there wasn't a bad seat in the house to watch **Home** on the gigantic screen. The children were stretched out and comfortable with blankets and pillows while they munched on popcorn. Thank you to chair people Bonnie Mullahy and Liz Giglio and all of their amazing volunteers who worked so hard to ensure a seamless evening. Great job! Thank you, as well, to all of the families who joined us for the show!

The **Fall Festival** will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please come out to enjoy the games, rides, raffle prizes, food and to see the teachers get covered in silly string!

We still have plenty of volunteer opportunities. Please remember, we are the only ones who can make the experience a special one for our children. There truly is something for everyone, regardless of time constraints.

Please email [ptosocial@hfcatholicschool.com](mailto:ptosocial@hfcatholicschool.com) if you would like to share your time or ideas. Thank you!



### Upcoming events include:

Mega Money Raffle:  
January 23

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:  
February 4

Grandparent's Day  
February 5

Mother and Son Bowling  
March 5

Father and Daughter Dance  
April 29

# Mega Money Raffle

What would you do if you won \$10,000? On January 23, 2016, HFCS friends, family and parishioners will have the opportunity to find out.

The 2016 Mega Money Raffle committee is busy making plans to ensure this year's raffle is a resounding success. We are currently working on the addition of special auction items and other wonderful prizes.

Ticket sales will begin soon and Mega Money Raffle winners will be drawn and announced during the evening of the raffle.

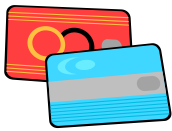
Stay tuned for more details regarding the 2016 Mega Money Raffle. In the meantime, if you have questions or you would like to volunteer, please e-mail: [hfcshaffle@gmail.com](mailto:hfcshaffle@gmail.com).



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## Gift Card Program

### Reduce Your Annual Fee!



Gift Card order forms can be found in your weekly Friday Folder

Would you like your Annual Fee reduced? When you purchase gift cards through the PTO, you receive credit towards your Annual Fee that will be due in May. How does the credit work? You receive 65 percent of any profit that the school makes on the gift cards you buy. The amount earned is deducted from your annual fee for the following school year!

Gift Card order forms can be found in your Friday Folder or you can stop by the school office and purchase from some of the favorite gift cards we keep in stock.

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## Label Program

Our school earns money and obtains items for our classrooms and extra-curricular activities through the Labels Program. The last day to participate in the Fall Label Contest is October 23. Please start collecting your **Labels for Education**, **Box Tops for Education**, and **Tyson** labels now. The winning homeroom with the most labels will receive a reward at the end of the contest.

For more information on collecting your Campbell's Labels, Box Tops for Education and Tyson labels, please refer to the following websites:



[www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)



[www.boxtops4education](http://www.boxtops4education)



[www.projectaplus.tyson.com](http://www.projectaplus.tyson.com)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [ptofundraising@hfcatholicschool.com](mailto:ptofundraising@hfcatholicschool.com).

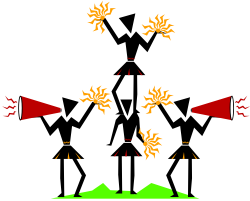
**START CUTTING AND HOLY FAMILY WILL START SAVING!!!!**

# Holy Family Sports

Holy Family competes in athletics as part of the Catholic Grade School League. The league oversees boys and girls basketball and cheerleading in the Fall, girls volleyball and co-ed soccer in the Winter, and softball for boys and girls in the Spring. In the Spring, there will be an Intramural tennis team.



Holy Family basketball and cheerleading tryouts were held the first week of school and regular-season game schedule started September 8. The cheerleaders perform their routines during and between games. The season concluded with the last regular season games on October 15. Playoffs started this week and an all-conference game is planned for Tuesday, October 27. The girls team ended the regular season 5-4 and the boys team ended the season 3-6. The girls won the first playoff game, but then lost to Palmer in the semi-final game. The boys gave a solid effort in their first playoff game but lost to Palmer. It was a great season for both teams!



New this year is the addition of the Intramural Cross Country running club. They have had several successful meets with the recent being a meet held at Bishop Kenny where both the boys and girls teams placed 5th. Finishing in the top 20 was Ryan M. who not only finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place, but qualified for the Middle School State Championship in Lakeland on October 31.

Tryouts for girls volleyball and co-ed soccer are typically held around November 1. This year there will be two co-ed soccer teams: Varsity (for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and JV (for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades). Volleyball and soccer games are scheduled starting around Thanksgiving and run through late January. Tryouts for girls fast-pitch softball and boys modified-fast-pitch softball are usually held in early February with games in March and April. Each season concludes with a tournament and all-conference games.



*It is important to note that completed and notarized diocesan sports physicals (completed after June 1, 2015) are required for all athletic participation, competitive and intramural. **Your child may not participate in any school sports activity unless those completed forms are on file in the office.***

Keep an eye on the website and Daily Announcements for reminders of upcoming dates. There are volunteer opportunities available during the home volleyball games, working the concession stand and selling tickets at the door.

## Communications



The Holy Family Catholic School website ([www.hfcatholicschool.com](http://www.hfcatholicschool.com)) contains in-depth information about the school, and includes detailed pages under the headings *Faith, Academics, Admissions, Athletics, Activities, For Parents, For Students* and *PTO*.

Please be sure to read **Daily Announcements** which go out via email and are also posted on the home page. These include upcoming events and any updates from the school. The website and announcements are maintained by Ryan Slater.

A website called PlusPortals ([www.plusportals.com](http://www.plusportals.com)) is used for access to classroom specific information, as well as access to your student's grades. A shortcut to the website can be found on the Holy Family Catholic School home page by clicking **Parent Portal**. The teachers update the portals on Mondays by 5:00. If you have any questions about PlusPortals, please email Kathy Gregson at [kgregson@hfcatholicschool.com](mailto:kgregson@hfcatholicschool.com).

We encourage all parents/guardians to participate in the PTO meetings located in the Media Center. You will earn one volunteer hour for every meeting you attend! Due to time restrictions, if you have a specific question that you would like answered at the meeting, please e-mail that directly to Brett Bosworth at [ptopresident@hfcatholicschool.com](mailto:ptopresident@hfcatholicschool.com). You may also submit your questions in writing to the PTO Suggestion box located in the school foyer. Time will be allotted on the agenda for answering questions from the floor, but by submitting questions in advance you ensure that we are addressing the issues that are most important to you.