



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Second & Eighth Grade

In this school year's final installment of Classroom Spotlight, we are highlighting Second and Eighth Grades together in honor of them both receiving sacraments this year.

Second Graders at Holy Family experience a very special spiritual journey that starts with their First Reconciliation retreat through to receiving First Holy Communion. This journey will continue throughout their lives as they receive the sacraments. The students learn how to understand and appreciate the Eucharist. As part of their spiritual journey, second graders meditate every day as a form of prayer.

In October, students practiced estimation and measurement with a center-based activity: Pumpkin Math! Every month, students continue to practice with a candy estimation jar. They've learned about the human body by building a replica with recyclable materials, and students researched past presidents and American symbols like the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.





The **Eighth Graders** spent the year preparing for Confirmation with in-class discussions and study and three retreats, the last one at Camp St. John at Marywood.

They also were very busy studying Shakespeare and Mark Twain with interactive and fun projects including creating original songs, music videos and recreating Huck Finn's raft. In American History, students studied the American colonies and the Constitution. They wrote opinion papers to James Madison in either support or opposition to the War of 1812, and created and filmed documentaries on Andrew Jackson and the Trail of Tears.

Continue reading to meet the teachers...



Ms. Kapusta (*left*) joined our faculty this school year and is excited to be here! She graduated from UCF in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. After each fulfilling day at HFCS, she heads home to Luigi, her 9 year old yellow Labrador Retriever. We welcome her to our school!

Mrs. Medina (*right*) has been teaching at HFCS for five years, two years as our Second Grade teacher and three years in Pre-Kindergarten. Prior to teaching at Holy Family, Lily taught First Grade and PreK 3 at Hendricks Day School. When not at school, she loves to spend time with family and relaxing at home.

Mrs. Rosales (*center*) has been a Teaching Assistant at HFCS for three years, two years in Second Grade and one year in Pre-Kindergarten. She is originally from Brazil and is an Industrial Designer.

Heard in the Halls

What's Cool About Second Grade:

"Mrs. Rosales can draw the most amazing pictures! I like it when she doodles in my planner!"

"I love recess because I get to play with the other 2nd grade class!"

"I get to be closer to Jesus because of First Holy Communion."

This is Ms. Maher's third year at Holy Family, and she graduated from University of South Carolina with a degree in Middle Level Education. In her free time, Ms. Maher loves to run, go to the beach and take her dog, Sawyer, to the dog park.

In her 20th year teaching, Mrs. Huskey (*right*) has been at Holy Family for 11 years. She moved to teaching 8th grade this year after several years as the Computer teacher. Mrs. Huskey's undergraduate degree is in Middle School Education from James Madison University, and she has Masters of Science in Educational Media Design and Technology from Full Sail University. She loves playing with her kids, watching sporting events with her family and reading.



Heard in the Halls

What's Cool About Eighth Grade:

"I REALLY like Mrs. Huskey! She's such an interactive teacher!"

"The Confirmation retreat at Marywood was really fun!"

"I enjoyed creating the music videos in Ms. Maher's class!"



*Holy Family PTO would like to
congratulate the 8th Graders on their
upcoming graduation!*

Best wishes for a fun and safe summer!

