



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PTO Newsletter

2nd Quarter
2015

Message from the PTO President

Brett Bosworth

This school year is flying by and our school property has seen some incredible changes. Our new Parish Hall is in the final stages of construction and we recently received the Certificate of Occupancy. The building will officially open in March!

The building looks great! I want to thank Bishop Estevez who blessed the building on the Feast of the Holy Family. Be on the lookout for updates from Mr. DeMaio through his "Reflections" or in the daily email blasts about the use of the building as we move through the rest of the school year.

Thank you to all of you who responded to the Fall PTO Survey as well as the recent Lunch Menu and Uniform surveys. Your comments are much appreciated! Mr. DeMaio and I have discussed several of these items and I look forward to sharing more information about these in the near future.

We appreciate all who turned in the Mega Money Raffle Tickets by December 8th. You will find out homeroom teachers one week early! The Mega Money Raffle and auction was held on February 6th at Deerwood Country Club. It was an exciting evening! The silent and live auction items included beautiful classroom art projects. Be sure to check the daily email blast for the ticket holders of the winning \$10,000 grand prize, as well as, the \$1,000 and \$500 cash prizes.

Last year's fundraising efforts have supported our school in multiple areas. Some of these include technology, annual subscription renewals, computer leases, equipment replacement, security, playground maintenance and improvements, and others. Additionally, based on your comments from the Fall PTO Survey, some of your suggestions are already in motion. As mentioned above, further details will be provided on these items as they are secured. Thank you!

I want to also thank the volunteers who help with the lunch service, carline, and in many other ways to help our school. For those of you who have not yet volunteered, there are many opportunities including the ones above. Please reach out to me or any of the PTO Board Members for more information.

Thank you again for your support and generosity to our school!

Upcoming Events:

- **February 11 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 217**
- **February 27 – 2nd Grade First Reconciliation**
- **February 29 – ITBS Testing**
- **March 4 – No Classes**
- **March 7 – ITBS Testing and 2nd Grade CogAT**
- **March 11 – End of 3rd Quarter**
- **March 23 – 11:40 Dismissal**
- **March 24 – Easter Holiday**
- **April 4 – Classes Resume**



Holiday Gift Card Contest Results!

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the December Gift Card Contest. During the three weeks of the contest, there were over \$37,000 in gift card sales! Congratulations to the top three classes who had the highest in gift card purchases: 1st place) Mrs. Harless' 3rd grade class, 2nd place) Ms. Lawler's 6th grade class, and 3rd place) Ms. Berrios' Kindergarten class. The 1st place classroom won a pizza lunch and pizza cookie/brownie. 2nd and 3rd place classrooms won donut snacks. All three homerooms won an extra recess in the 3rd quarter!

Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you for your continued support of the Gift Card Program!

Holy Family Sports



The 2015 basketball season came to a close at the end of October. The boys' team finished the regular season with a 3-6 record. They lost in the first round of the post-season tournament to conclude the season.

The girls' basketball team finished the regular season with a 5-4 record and finished in the semifinals of the post-season tournament.



A special thank you to our Wildcat Cheerleaders for cheering on our basketball teams and spreading school spirit throughout the season!



This year two soccer teams were formed, Varsity and JV. Congratulations to Varsity Soccer Team for being undefeated and winning the League Championship being victorious in all nine regular season games. They also had 3 victories in the Tournament.



Congratulations to the 2015-2016 HFCS Volleyball Team for their winning record this season of 10-8 which put them in 5th place in the league. Congratulations on a strong season.



The 2015 Cross Country Club had several successful meets this season. Examples include the BK meet where both boys and girls finished in 5th place. Another is the Middleburg meet, where the 7th and 8th grade boys scored in the top 15 with Ryan M. finishing 7th and Sergio S finishing 8th. Scoring in the top 15 for 5th and 6th grade boys was Alex J. who finished in 9th place. Congratulations to Ryan M. who ran in the Cross Country State Championship Meet representing our school and finished in the top half of all participants.



Mrs. Werner is looking forward to kick starting our Tennis Program in March. The club will work out of the gym for K-5 students with the Quick-Start 10 and under tennis program. 6th-8th graders will need a tennis court to accommodate their level of play. Anyone who has suggestions, please contact Mrs. Werner at mwerner@hfcatholicschool.com.

Girls and boys softball season is kicking off this month. We are looking for a coach for the boys team. If interested, please e-mail PTOSports@hfcatholicschool.com.

**HFCS Sports Banquet
Committee Chairperson Needed!**

**If interested, please contact
PTOvolunteer@hfcatholicschool.com and
PTOSports@hfcatholicschool.com.**





Volunteer Information

It's hard to believe the 2nd quarter has already come and gone! The PTO would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the time and energy our volunteers have invested in HFCS and their child's educational experiences.

Additionally, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out with Catholic Schools Week and the Mega Money Raffle. Your help is invaluable and always appreciated.

Mega Money Raffle

Thank you to all who made this event such a success! Those of you who turned in your tickets by December 18th will receive early notification of your child's 2016-2017 homeroom teacher. More details are soon to come about the prize drawings that took place during the event on *Saturday, February 6, at Deerwood Country Club.*

Thank you for helping to provide the necessary funding to keep our school on the leading edge of technology!

The PTO Board would like to especially thank Josh Stanley, Brett Bosworth, Kathy Devine, and Christina Brownell for their efforts to pull off such a successful event. There are many other individuals and teachers to thank who certainly had a hand in order to make this event a success. Josh and his planning team have received many compliments! We will report the final results in the next newsletter,



Spirit Days

The first spirit day of the New Year was on Friday January 8th and there will continue to be a spirit day every Friday unless otherwise noted. It will not come with a fundraising requirement to participate. See dress rules for what clothing is considered allowed for spirit wear.

The PTO would like to thank Leslie Brown for her help in spearheading the Spirit Wear store. We would like to also thank all the families who participated as the store generated \$6800 in sales with 20% coming back to the school. It is great to see Wildcat Spirit alive at Holy Family!

On Wednesday, April 20 there will be a Holy Family spirit day at Velocity from 1:00-6:00. It is an early dismissal day. One hour of jumping is \$14 and two hours of jumping is \$24