



# Father Holland Catholic School

"A Parish-Regional School of St. Joseph's Church, serving the Northwest Corner of our State"  
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*"Where students shine with the Light of Christ"*

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September 6, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fr. Cabral and I hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation. The weather certainly was beautiful for most of the summer. Thank you, Lord, that Irene said good night with only minor damage.

The Back-to-School Night will be held on September 14, at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. You may visit the teachers in their classrooms after the meeting, but please remember this is not the time for a parent-teacher conference. The evening will conclude at approximately 8:00 PM.

Our opening of school Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Cabral on September 15 at 9:15 at St. Joseph Church. Grades seven and eight will host. Fr. Cabral and I invite you to join us if you are able to get the year off on a prayerful note. Also, Fr. Cabral invites you to attend every daily Mass (Monday-Thursday) if you wish.

The annual magazine sale kicks off September 8. The last collection day will be September 22. Please support this most important fundraiser and help get us off to a good start. Sixty-five percent participation is needed for a classroom to participate in the famous "Pig Race."

On September 19 the Pascoag Fire Department will host a training session here complete with a Life-Flight helicopter landing in the school yard. Thank you, PFD, for helping us service our community.

There will be a School Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 PM in St. Joseph Rectory. Parents are invited to attend.

Fr. Holland Catholic School is looking for volunteers to serve on committees of the FHCS Advisory Board. Please call 568-4589 if you would like to help.

As part of our Feinstein Good Deeds program, the students will be participating in a mini walk-a-thon during the week of September 26 to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. More details will follow.

Our first major fundraiser will be an all paper Bingo on October 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. There will be several money prizes and specials. The cost is \$10.00 for 9 cards. Please watch for a special flyer for more details.

We will again be hosting a Christmas Bazaar/Craft Fair on December 3. This is one of our major fundraisers. If you can help with the planning of this event, please e-mail or call

us. We plan to have several raffles, outside vendors, a food court, children's room, a "gift worthy" white elephant room (only good items that can be re-gifted, please) and much more. Your ideas are needed and appreciated. If you would like to rent a table, please let us know. The cost is \$25.00.

Please save the *Boxtops for Education* coupons (please send in those you saved this summer) and empty ink cartridges (all sizes) again this year. The *Target Visa* program still continues. Thanks to all who have supported these "mini-fundraisers." Also, you can shop online at the *Boxtops for Education Marketplace* at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Our school's ID number is 132597 and we get a certain percentage of each sale donated to us. Every little bit helps! Also, you can designate FHCS for *United Way* donations. Our *United Way* number is 656427. Again this year, you may register your Stop & Shop card on-line at [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com) (starting September 8) and designate Fr. Holland Catholic School as your choice. We also continue to collect Dino's and IGA receipts.

All lunch, milk, and juice orders are due on Friday for the following week. The cost of hot lunch is \$2.50/day. This does not include milk or juice. Milk and juice are both \$2.00 per week and are ordered separately. Please send in lunch/milk/juice money in an envelope with your child's name and order clearly written on the outside of the envelope. Ice cream is sold daily for 50¢ a treat. **The hot lunch program will begin September 12 (order due on Friday, September 9).** Check the menu for lunch choices.

All special classes begin the week of September 6. Gym clothes are worn to school on Monday for grades 1,3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, Tuesday for K & 2, and Wednesday for grades PK (no uniform needed) & 8. Remember – black or dark blue shorts/gym pants with the uniform tee shirts.

All students in grades PK (4 year olds) – 8 need to purchase an official FHCS agenda by September 9. The cost of the agenda is \$2.50

Students may wear their summer uniforms (red knit polo and khaki shorts) until October 1.

Please use the Sayles Avenue entrance to the school for drop-offs and pick-ups. Also, to facilitate the traffic flow – please stay to the right and go counter-clockwise to exit the parking lot. Remember, no drop-offs at the cones. All non bus students enter by the upper doors near the office, drop off book bags, and go outside to wait for the 8:45 AM bell that signals the start of the school day.

Please check the FHCS Web site – [www.frholland.org](http://www.frholland.org) on a regular basis. All letters from the principal, menus, and general information will be posted on the Web site. If you need paper copies of the monthly principal's letter and menu, please let us know, and we'll be happy to accommodate you. Yellow envelopes will go home each Tuesday for "stuff" that cannot be put on the Web site.

## NOTICE

**In accordance with the Fr. Holland AHERA Management Plan, this notification is provided to inform all building occupants of the existence and availability of our asbestos management plan. The plan is available upon request for inspection by interested parties at the school administration office. Asbestos related activities scheduled for the present notification period include a six month surveillance check, a three year reinspection and training of the asbestos program manager.**

The extended day program will begin on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:15-8:15 before school and 3:15 to 5:15 for after school. Registration forms are available in the office. The one time registration fee is \$15.00 and is due ASAP. Payment for the program is done on a weekly basis at \$5.00 per child per hour.

Many thanks to all our pastors, especially Fr. Cabral, for their continuing spiritual and financial support of Catholic education. Their generosity helps mitigate the monetary sacrifices made by you so that your child/children can receive an excellent Catholic education.

If circumstances change financially for you during the school year, please notify me ASAP so that special arrangements can be made and FACTS will be notified.

To facilitate communication among all members of the FHCS community, all teachers will use [www.teacherweb.com](http://www.teacherweb.com). Also, thank you for sharing your e-mail addresses with us. If you are new to our school or you have not shared your e-mail address with us yet, please do so ASAP. It is a very efficient way to contact you if we need to during the day or to let you know about a change in schedule, program, etc. Strict confidentiality will be maintained at all times.

Yellow envelopes go home weekly on Tuesday. They should be signed and returned by Thursday.

Many thanks to Mr. Raymond McMahon and Mrs. Karen Saran for making our school shine! They work so hard and do a great job.

Dates to remember:

- September 8 - Magazine Sale begins
- 14 - Back-to-School Night at 6:30 PM
- 15 - Mass at 9:15 AM
- 16 - Early dismissal forms due
  - Parent-Student Handbook sign-off due
  - Updated information sheet due
  - All PK, K, grade 7 and new students - all up-to-date health and immunization records due
- October 7 - Bingo
- December 3 - Craft Fair & Christmas Bazaar - help needed - save the date

Again, Fr. Cabral and I thank all of you for choosing Fr. Holland Catholic School for your child's/children's education. Your support and generosity are always greatly appreciated. Let's work together to make our 49<sup>th</sup> year one of excellence!

God bless you,

*Shawn A. Capron*