



# 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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Dear Parents/Guardians,

October is my favorite month. The vibrant colors of the leaves and the lack of annoying insects make this time of year awesome. It is also the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother as Queen of the Rosary. To honor Mary we will be praying a decade of the Rosary each morning as part of our opening exercises. Please join us if you are able. The decade will be led by our Students of the Day for October.

School pictures will be taken on October 4. Information went home in the September 27<sup>th</sup> yellow envelope. All students K-8 must be in their school uniforms for these pictures. Mr. Smith will modify the activities planned for physical education on picture day to accommodate the students' wearing of their regular uniforms.

Our first **major** fundraiser is planned for October 7 – a good old fashioned Bingo! (quite appropriate for a Catholic school, I must say). Please join us at the Knights of Columbus Hall (doors open at 4:00, food served beginning at 4:30, games at 6:15) for a fun night and the possibility of winning cash prizes. We will use all paper so bring (or buy them there) your dabbers and get ready to yell, "BINGO!" We are asking for your help with the baking for this most important fundraiser. Send in to school your individually wrapped baked goods on that Friday (October 7), please. If this is a success (and it really needs to be) we may consider holding another Bingo in the spring.

Thank you so much for supporting our magazine drive. We'll let you know the final outcome as soon as we know that all Internet orders have been received.

The *TerraNova* standardized tests will be given to all students in grades 3-8 from October 11-28.

The Pascoag Fire Department will present its program for fire safety on October 11 & 12. Thank you for keeping us safe and informed.

On October 14 there will be a dress down for science kits. The cost is \$3/student \$5/family. Please help us raise the funds necessary to purchase one or more FOSS kits for our new science program.

Also on October 14 there will be a Pre-Halloween Dance for students in grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:00. The cost is \$3.00 per student/guest. The money raised helps defray the cost of the annual semi-formal in the spring. Chaperones are always needed and appreciated.

On October 17 the students will celebrate Mass with Fr. Cabral at 9:15. This Mass will be hosted by grades 5 & 6. Please join us if you are able.

Progress reports will go home in the yellow envelopes on October 18. Please sign and return them by October 21.

On October 28 we will be very busy having fun. First there will be spinning of the big prize wheel at lunch time for those students who sold 6 or more magazine subscriptions. Then there will be the annual Pig Race for those classes which met their 65% participation goal as a class. Then at night we will be hosting the third annual FHCS Family Halloween Party in St. Joseph Church Hall 6:00 – 8:00. Thank you Fr. Cabral. (Phew! What a way to end my favorite month.)

This `n That

We need candy donations for our Family Halloween party. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy (Please, no nuts or peanut butter products), please send them into school by October 25.

Thank you for honoring our NO Peanuts at FHCS policy. We want this to remain a "safe and nurturing environment" (Mission Statement) for all of our students.

FHCS goes greener – Beginning in November, the weekly reminders will only be sent out via e-mail. If you need a paper copy, please let us know, and we will be happy to put one in the yellow envelope which will still go home each Tuesday as there always seems to be something that needs to go home.

The Gym uniform consists of the FHCS tee shirt with logo and either black or blue shorts or sweatpants (Hanes type). The FHCS or Feinsein sweatshirt may be also worn on gym days (or any day for that matter). Socks should cover the ankle and be either white, blue, red, or black. Please help us enforce the dress code. I just hate being the "uniform police."

Several of our younger students (PK4-1) have not yet purchased the official FHCS agenda. Inside there are puzzles, a calendar, and the most important Parent-Student Handbook. The cost is \$2.50.

We are looking for a few (quite a few would be great) good people (do I sound like a recruiter?) to serve on subcommittees of the FHCS Advisory Board. Please read the enclosed attachment if you would like to serve.

On behalf of Fr. Cabral and the entire FHCS staff – Happy October.

God bless you,

### A VOLUNTEER'S PRAYER

I thank you Lord as I volunteer for the chance to serve our school this year; And to give of myself in some small way to the children in need of our prayers each day. I ask for your strength and extra time to give of my family as the school bells chime. I ask for eyes to see good in all and a hand to extend before a fall. For legs to go where the need is great, learning to love and forgetting to hate. I ask for ears and a heart to care, when someone's cross is hard to bear. I ask for a smile to show my affection with energy enough to provide direction. And all I ask, if I may, is to serve you better day by day.

### **May God Bless All Those Who Volunteer**

#### **The need for you is great!**

This information is a follow up to our Back-To-School night. It has been brought to our attention that there is a willingness from the Fr. Holland Catholic School Community to offer your gifts of time and energy to fulfill a need on one of our school board committees. Unfortunately, little information was provided about each of these committees. Below is an overview of each of the committees:

**Buildings, Grounds, and Security** – Evaluates the needs of the physical aspect of our school, school grounds, and the security of our children and staff. They pursue grants and donations to help fund these needs.

**Development** – Collectively works to lessen the school's dependency on tuition and fundraising by pursuing corporate grants and philanthropic endowments. Also works to strengthen and expand our alumni network.

**Mission and Education** – Evaluates curriculum to be sure we are meeting or exceeding diocesan, state, and national standards.

**Planning** – Establishes short term and long term planning for our school. Establishes means to gain insight on how we are doing as a school and how we are viewed in our community.

**Policy** – Evaluates policies as they relate to the student body and the school board.

**Technology** - Evaluates the needs of technology and improved technology at our school and pursues grants and donations to help fund these needs.