



Father Holland Catholic School

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"Where students shine with the Light of Christ"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

February is here. Valentine's Day, a shortened vacation week (thank you, Irene), and a Leap Day will certainly make for an interesting month.

During the week of February 6, the eighth grade will be taking ACRE tests to assess their knowledge of their Catholic faith.

Mrs. Catucci has once again offered to host an after school Games Club (3:15-4:15) for students in grades kindergarten through three. This is a great deal of fun and sign up is required as the club is limited to twenty-four students. The sign-up form is on the weekly reminder sheet found in your e-mail or on our Web site (www.frholland.org) under the News tab. The club will run for four weeks and end on February 28.

On February 10 we will be having our annual Movie Night (6:30-8:30). This gives our moms, dads, and guardians some quiet time near Valentine's Day. There will be two movies shown, one for younger students and one for older ones. Parents are always welcome to help chaperon and share this fun evening with your child/children. The cost is \$10.00 per family. What a deal – a movie, popcorn, beverage, candy, and two hours of babysitting. All proceeds will go toward our scholarship fund.

F.A.S.T.T. has once again organized a FHCS day at the Providence Bruins. Many thanks to Michelle Baillargeon for organizing this entertaining event. Go P-Bruins!

Valentine's Day, February 14, is always a fun time, especially for the younger students. Card exchanges and parties are at the discretion of your child's/children's teachers.

There will be a Valentine's Dance for grades 6, 7, 8 on February 17 from 6:30-8:00. Chaperons are always welcomed. Cost: \$3.00

Please remember that we do not have a real February vacation this year. The only days out will be Monday, February 20 (Presidents' Day) and Friday, February 24.

All the themes have been picked for the FHCS Auction baskets. Please send in the items requested A.S.A.P. (March 23rd deadline) so that the classroom baskets may be assembled. Also, please make plans to attend this fun and very necessary fundraising evening – March 31, - 5:00 →?? at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Pascoag. Babysitting services will be provided by Mr. Shunney and Mr. Smith here at school for a nominal fee. If you know of anyone who would like to donate items (gift cards are fine) or make a basket (perhaps promote his/her business) please let us know. If you use Facebook, please mention our auction. We really need this to be as successful as it has been in the past (perhaps even better!) Tickets will be available soon.

Good news and thank you to all who attended the *Chilis Gives Back* event. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and it raised \$440.00 for FHCS. Thank you Brenda Cassidy for organizing this night out.

This is a reminder that soup orders are due on February 10. (I recommend the lobster bisque – yummy!)

Boxtops for Education are due in February for the 2011-2012 school year. Please send in your Box Tops ASAP. (Boy, that's a lot of ASAPs). We made \$409.00 for our December submission, and it would be fantastic to top that amount.

If you would like to help us celebrate 50 years of Catholic education here at Fr. Holland Catholic School (a.k.a. St. Joseph School 1962-1978 and Northwest Catholic School 1978-1993, please consider joining our alumni sub-committee. If you have no time (and I can surely relate to that) but know alumni and use Facebook, please ask them to help spread the word. Golden anniversaries are so special – Let's work together to make this one outstanding!

Congratulations to Riana Gagnon and Peter Ruzzo who represented FHCS at the regional spelling bee. Peter came in fourth which is the best ever for a FHCS student. We are so proud of both of you. W-A-Y T-O G-O!

Fr. Cabral has made us aware of a "Cash in Your Used Cell Phones" program. If you have an inactive cell phone you do not want, please consider donating it to FHCS. Pace Butler Corporation will pay us for the cell phones (batteries included). We will end this collection at the conclusion of the school year.

Open House went well. Thank you Fr. Cabral and our other pastors for supporting FHCS. Please keep spreading the good news about our wonderful school. Word of mouth from you, our fantastic parents/guardians, is our best advertisement. Please send in your registration for next year by February 17. Fr. Cabral and I pray that our school family will grow so that more children will learn about Jesus' love for them as "unique creations of God in a safe and nurturing environment." (FHCS Mission Statement)

List of Coming Attractions

Feb. 7 – Games Club (runs for 4 weeks)
Feb. 10 – Movie Night
Feb. 10 – Soup orders due
Feb. 12 – FHCS at Providence Bruins
Feb. 17 – Dance for grades 6-8
Feb. 20 – No school – Presidents’ Day
Feb. 24 – No school – February vacation
Feb. 27 – Soup orders delivered
Mar. 3 – Mother/Daughter; Father/Son Bowling
Mar. 13 – Report cards
Mar. 13 – Lenten Crafts Club (runs for 4 weeks)
Mar. 20 – School Board meeting
Mar. 23 – Auction baskets due
Mar. 31 – Auction
May 4 – Bingo
May 25 – Golf Tournament
Learning Fair – TBD
Father/Daughter Dance – TBD

Basket Themes for the Live & Silent Auction 3/31/12

PK 3 – Pamper Yourself
PK 4 – Italian
K – Chocolate
1 – Dunkin Donuts
2 – Rainy Day & Movie
3 – Easter Dinner
4 – Chocolate
5 – New England
6 – Gardening
7 & 8 – Fun in the Sun (2 baskets – same theme)

God bless you,

Shawn A. Capron