

November 30, 2016

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Wednesday 11/30/16	Thursday 12/1/16	Friday 12/2/16	Saturday 12/3/16	Sunday 12/4/16	Monday 12/5/16	Tuesday 12/6/16
Cycle B Day	Cycle C Day	Cycle D Day		Second Sunday of Advent	Cycle E Day	Cycle A Day
Purple Out \$1 Dress Down Day	Mid- dletown Municipal Bldg 6 PM	First Trimester Ends				Christmas Shop

A Note from the Principals

Happy Advent!

Welcome!

On December 5, we will welcome Mrs. Heather Farnell-Murphy to our faculty. She is replacing Mrs. Anne Alvino in pre K 4.

Mrs. Murphy holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and a Master's degree in Education Reading Specialist certification. She is also certified in Elementary Education K-6, and Early Childhood Education, N-3. Her six years of teaching experience includes Pre-K, Kindergarten and as a Reading Specialist.

Mrs. Murphy comes to us from Hallowell Elementary School in Horsham. She and her husband, Kevin, reside in Roslyn and are members of Queen of Peace Parish in Ardsley.

Holiday Spirit

We hope to see you Thursday evening at 6 P.M. at the Middletown Township Municipal Building. Our chorus will be singing carols for their Holiday Open House.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Robinson

Mrs. Haggerty





To Learn More about these topics go to hfrcs.org

and Click on the Student & Parents Page

and go to Forms

- Drawing Classes for Kids Enrollment
- Christmas Shop
- Catholic Schools Week T-shirt order form
- Globetrotters Order Form
- Pretzel Order Form

We still are still in need of lunch room

volunteers

for our Kindergarten classrooms!

A lunch room volunteer enables

our hard working

teachers to get a much needed

break for lunch!

If you are able to volunteer,

please contact the office!

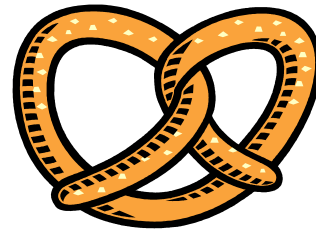
Thank you!

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Our CARES program is looking for an adult (over 21) Part-time employee. Please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Potalivo at 215-479-2664 between 8:30—1:00 p.m. for more information.



November 30—Purple Out \$1 Dress Down Day
December 6 & 7—Santa’s Workshop
December 7—Barnes & Noble Night
December 9—Report Cards

Looking Ahead

December 13—Discovery Day for Pre K 4
December 15—Joe Corbi’s Pick Up
December 16—Pre K 4 & K Christmas Pageant

Caroling for Gwyn: December 9, 2016 at 4:30 .

Open to students in grades 3-7. We will carol through Forsythia Gate and Red Rose Gates.

Donations will help to provide a Queen of the Universe family with their Christmas shopping!

Please email Eileen Doyle if your child would like to participate (Eileen.doyle@hfrcs.org). Parents are welcome to join us; your clearances will need to



School Newsletter

Have an item for the newsletter?

Email your information to:

Andrea Pendle—andrea.pendle@hfrcs.org
by noon on Monday.

Please put in the subject line of your email

NEWSLETTER

Holy Family Regional Catholic School will be selling soft pretzels for students to enjoy during snack time!

Pretzels MUST be ordered in advance! The Home and School Association will have pretzels available for purchase on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (including half days). Each pretzel will cost 50 cents.

Please return the form in an envelope labeled

“Pretzels” by 12-09-16. NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Please include your child’s name and homeroom on this form. Cash and checks (made out to HFRCS) will be accepted. Please do not include money for other events in this envelope. Contact Colleen Kane at 574-276-0280 or via email: ColKane914@gmail.com with any questions.

Pretzel order forms can be found on HFRCS website under the Forms page.

Holy Family Regional Catholic School

2016 Hawk Walk

Thank you to everyone who sent in
donations!

We had a 67% participation rate and ended at 72% of our goal of
\$20,000.

The total amount raised was \$14,535.82.

Our 2 classrooms with the highest average per student are

3B with \$75.71 and 6A with \$41.93.

Advent: A Time of Preparation

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.





Advent News!



- **Grades PK3- 3** will be collecting hats and mittens (both child and adult sizes) that will be sent to either St. Vincent de Paul shelter or Mother Bachmann Center.
- **Grades 4-8** will be collecting items to be put in "Stockings for Soldiers". HFRCs will be sending the stockings to young soldiers called the "Guardian Angels" who have been recently deployed. Some suggestions on what to include in the stockings are below.
 - Gum, hard candy, small toothbrush /toothpaste, small packs of tissues, comb, travel size shampoo and conditioner, small Sudoku and crossword puzzles, nail clipper set, hand lotion, dental floss, socks, etc.
- Anything you contribute is greatly appreciated. All hats, mittens and stocking items are due by **Thursday, December 15th**.
- Beginning the week of **December 5th**, every Monday will be an "**Advent Color Day**". Students may wear the color of what week it is during the season. For example, bracelets, headbands, socks, etc. Students **MUST** still wear their winter uniforms but can wear accessories of the Advent color of the week.
 - **Monday, December 5th** - Purple
 - **Monday, December 12th** - Pink
 - **Monday, December 19th** - Purple
- Each homeroom will also be collecting items for their grandparent over at Statesman to make a basket for Christmas. We are asking for items similar to what has been donated in the past. Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated! We will be collecting items until **Friday, December 16th**.

Any questions regarding Advent please feel free to contact Ms. Royer at Jessica.royer@hfracs.org or Ms. Karpinski at megan.karpinski@hfracs.org

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

January 29 - February 4, 2017

We are now planning for this exciting week of our school. This year, we are encouraging (not requiring) the students to wear a Catholic Schools Week T-shirt that can be worn Monday through Thursday of Catholic Schools Week. It is a week of four dress down days wearing this shirt.

The dress down days are free, but the t-shirts can be purchased for \$10.00 each, or \$12.00 for 2X and 3X.

Students may choose either black or purple, and more than one may be purchased, if desired.

Please go to the hfrcs.org/Students & Parents/Forms for the order form. Form and payment are due by Friday, December 9.



Ways to Give To Holy Family

#GIVING TUESDAY

GIVING TUESDAY is part of a national celebration of Generosity which occurs on the Tuesday that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It's a way to let your values be part of your holiday giving; it's a day to give a gift of any size that has an immediate impact on our students.

Give on Tuesday, November 29th.

Join the Giving Tuesday movement on November 29th and support the students at Holy Family Regional Catholic School. Our goal is to raise \$500.00 for technology. Donate today at www.hfrcs.org

**United Way
of Greater Philadelphia
and Southern New Jersey**



United Way of SE Pennsylvania and New Jersey:

Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and friends, you can support Holy Family Regional Catholic School through the United Way Donor Choice Program. If your employer has a United Way Workplace Campaign, you can designate Holy Family to receive funds through United Way by writing in United Way Agency Donor Code # 51525.

matching
gifts



Employer Matching Gift Program:

You can double or triple the size of a gift of any size through employer driven matching gifts simply by designating Holy Family Regional Catholic School, Levittown, PA. Questions about matching gifts and Matching Gift forms can be directed to Mary Ann Conway at maryann.conway@hfrcs.org. Ask your Human Resources



An interview with Mr. Snyder, Holy Family's First Teacher

Q - What inspired you to be a teacher?

A - As the oldest of six children I was always teaching someone something; how to tie shoes, play ball, read or draw. Our home was filled with continuous activity. I attended twelve years of Catholic school. It was there that I learned school was a safe, protective environment where learning was important. My teachers inspired me to do my best. I wanted to be just like them.

Q - What do you hope to achieve as a teacher?

A . I feel that teaching is not just a job or a profession. It is a "calling" where you have the chance to make a difference in a child's life. I try to bring out the best in every student, to make them life-long learners and in first grade, give them a positive start to successful school experience and make my classroom a special place to learn and grow.

Q - What do you do when you are not teaching?

A - When not teaching, I love to spend time with my wife, our children and now grandchildren. We are very active, running every day and competing in charity runs several times a year. We like to play golf, go to the movies and dinner with friends and spend time painting. I truly live a wonderful life!

Journalism Media Club

News

- Do you like to write?
- Would you like to contribute to a school newspaper?

Blogs

- Do you like to share up-to-date info?
- Would you like to help create a school related blog?

Media

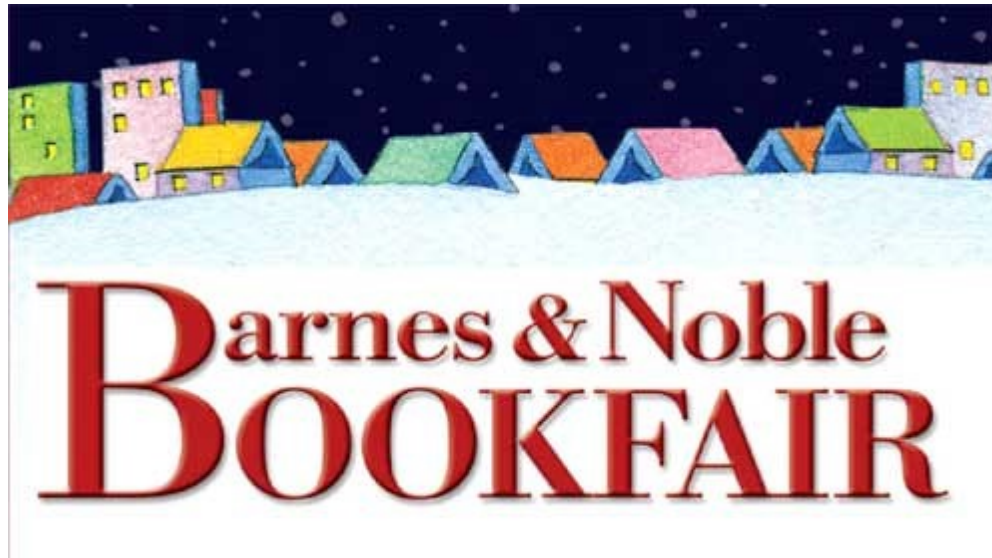
- Are you good with technology?
- Would you like to help contribute to and create news feeds for the school community?



Come contribute your talents as we start this new school club.

Interested students in grades 5 to 8 should fill out the form below and return to Mrs. Benoit (Gr 6), Mrs. Weed (Business Office) or Ms. Conway (Advancement Office).

We will contact interested students and set a date to meet soon. We would love to hear your ideas!!



Come to our Barnes and Noble Night!

When: Wednesday evening, December 7

Time: 6:00P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Where: Barnes and Noble Oxford Valley, 200 Commerce Blvd,
Fairless Hills

What: Christmas shopping, cupcake decorating (order form on school website), Ozobots demo, Harry Potter scavenger hunt, storytime with teachers and much more!

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS TICKETS

Recently we were visited by the Harlem Globetrotters who presented their anti-bullying message. In conjunction with this visit we have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters on Saturday March 4 at the Sun National Bank Center. These make great Christmas gifts and will go fast so get your orders in quickly! Tickets are \$22 and are on sale through December 16. The order form can be found under SCHOOL FORMS.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS COMING

Once again Santa's elves will be opening the workshop for two special shopping days in December. Children can shop for items ranging from \$2 to \$5 on December 6th and 7th during school hours. The younger children will have personal shoppers to assist them. See the flyer for this special event under SCHOOL FORMS.

HFRCS PRESENTS A NIGHT OF COMEDY – SAVE THE DATE

On January 21st Holy Family will present A NIGHT OF COMEDY to be held at St Frances Cabrini gym. Tickets go on sale soon! \$35 pp includes show, buffet dinner, beer & wine, dessert and coffee.

SHOPAROO CONTEST DURING DECEMBER

Snap your receipts and help your child's grade win a pizza party!
See details in Shoparoo Flyer under SCHOOL FORMS.



WIN A PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR CHILDS GRADE!!

We are holding a Shoparoo contest during the month of December. Download the Shoparoo App and start snapping pictures of all your receipts through the month of December. If you signed up last year make sure you have modified your grade for this school year!

At the end of December whichever grade has the most Roo Points will win a pizza party!

With Shoparoo Every Receipt Counts!

Grocery: Earn Roo Points for your receipts from any store, big or small, that sells **groceries, health items, beauty products and more!** You may upload your own receipts and any from your household member (not from friends). Roo points are cash donations to your school.

Non-Grocery: Earn sweepstakes entries for receipts from **restaurants, clothing stores, home improvement stores, electronic stores, sporting goods stores & more!** These entries for our monthly end-of-school-year sweepstakes could win your school up to \$15,000.

Any questions please contact Lisa Keehner at
lisa.cuffs@verizon.net



MEET & GREET

Conwell-Egan Catholic High School Admissions invites Holy Family Regional School/ Queen of the Universe parish parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to an informal social gathering with CEC admissions representatives, administrators, and parent ambassadors.

Allow us to answer any questions you have about our school, admissions, scholarships, financial aid, and meet our new Principal!

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
7 P.M**

QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE PARISH CENTER
2443 TRENTON RD
LEVITTOWN, PA 19056

Light refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to bkane@conwell-egan.org by Friday, December 9



**CONWELL-EGAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

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SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY



**POT OF GOLD
WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM**

November 28, 2016

23 - 26 - 28 - 29 - 34

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

(NONE)

CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNER

5 @ \$200

WINNER

**Rich R.
Ron & Denise Bearce
M. Ireton
Pat Sharp
Larry**

SELLER

**Patty H.
Bearce
Chris Zackowski
Erika Holden
Bill Phillips**

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE

\$18,000

**Thank you for participating in the Pot of Gold Program.
For more information, contact the Rectory at 215-946-4040.**

We are not responsible for typographical errors.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

MONSIGNOR WOODS HALL/SFC GYM



\$5/PERSON OR \$20/FAMILY

Please bring your own camera!