September 27, 2016



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Wednesday 9/28/16	Thursday 9/29/16	Friday 9/30/16	Saturday 10/1/16	Sunday 10/2/16	Monday 10/3/16	Tuesday 10/4/16
Cycle C Day	Cycle D Day	Cycle E Day		27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Cycle A Day	Cycle B Day
Parent Info Night/H&S Meeting 7PM						

# A Note from the Principals

Dear Parents and Guardians,

#### **EVENTS/INFORMATION:**

Look inside the newsletter for these and more!

Parent Information/Home and School Night tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 P.M. in the large hall. We hope to see you there!

Also included in today's newsletter is an update on after school clubs and some important information from H&S, especially information about our upcoming Hawk Walk!

#### **MORNING CARLINE:**

Please note that if the car driver needs to exit the car to assist the child, or wants to walk the child to the door, the driver must park in the lot nearest the Parish Center. If you prefer, the staff is willing to assist any child that needs help exiting a car seat /car. For children using a car seat, please have the child's seat on the passenger side rear (if possible) so that the child can exit safely onto the curb. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**:

Monday, October 3, begins our breakfast program. Next Monday, for those students, K through 8, who are participating in the program, (and only these students) should go to the large hall upon arrival. Car line students should enter school via the ramp to the lower hall, and bus students should go to the large hall via the steps. Once they pick up their breakfast, they proceed immediately to their class-room. <u>Students arriving at school after 7:50 A.M.</u>, should first go to the classroom so as not to be marked tardy. Following prayer, they may go to the large hall to get their breakfast and immediately return to homeroom.

<u>Pre- Kindergarten students arriving at school should go directly to their classrooms. Their breakfast</u> will be brought to them there.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**! A message was sent earlier to all families, but in case you didn't see it, we want to share the following information from St. Frances Cabrini Parish:

On Monday evening, September 26<sup>th</sup>, as our St. Frances Cabrini PREP students were leaving the school at 7:45 PM, a fifth grade male spoke to the student, telling him that there had been an accident and his mother had been taken to the hospital. The man said that he was a friend of his mother and that he was to take him to the hospital. The student did not believe the man and told him "no!" At that same moment in time, the student saw his mother approaching in her car. The man drove off immediately.

The boy and his mother reported the incident to our Director of Religious Education, Miss Alixandra Holden, who immediately contacted the Pastor, Monsignor Michael McCormac and the police. Two Falls Township Police officers arrived at the school within minutes, and met with the boy, his mother, the Director of Religious Education and the Pastor. The boy explained to the police officers all that had taken place and gave the officers a description of the man and the vehicle. At the request of the police officers, and accompanied by the pastor, the boy and his mother went to the Falls Township Police station to meet with a detective for a further discussion of the incident.

The man was described as white, in his 40s or 50s with dark hair and some facial hair around the chin. The vehicle was described as a dark, perhaps blue, mini-van.

Anyone with additional information should contact the Falls Township Police Department at 215-945-3100.

The safety of all our children is paramount.

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS**: *Congratulations* to our new Student Council of <sup>D</sup>icers: Featured in the photo from left to right are:

President: Gavin Flanigan Vice-President: Isabella Lucano Secretary: Bella Arcur Treasurer: Josh Rifkin



Have a great week!

Mrs. Robinson





# Have an item for the newsletter?

Email your information to:

September 28—Parent Info Night/H&S Meeting, 7PM

Looking ahead...

October 7—<u>First Friday Mass</u>/Installation of Student Council and Safety Patrol October 10—**NO SCHOOL**, Columbus Day October 18—Evening Conferences, Grades 1-5 October 19—**NO SCHOOL Grades 1-5**, evening Conferences Grades 6-8 October 20—**NO SCHOOL Grades 6-8**. October 21–24—ART MOBILE! October 21—Hawk Walk (Walk-a-thon)



Andrea Pendle—andrea.pendle@hfrcs.org

Or **Kara Haggerty**—kara.haggerty@hfrcs.org by noon on Monday.

> ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS JAMES F. CAWLEY SR. DIVISION 5 BUCKS COUNTY PA.

5TH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2016 NOON TO 6:00PM FALLSINGTON AMERICAN LEGION 300 YARDLEY AVENUE FALLSINGTON, PA 19054 (OUTDOORS - PAVILION, PICNIC TABLES)

\*ENTERTAINMENT: THE SHANTY'S, BIRMINGHAM 6, and FITZPATRICK SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

\* VENDORS ON SITE

\* CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

\* FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

\* ADMISSION \$5.00

\*100% of the proceeds from the Irish Festival go towards Catholic Education and various charities.





Our PK and K classes are in <u>desperate need</u> for lunch Moms (or Dads, Grandmoms/Grandpops) who would be willing to come in to their classroom and supervise during the lunch period. The time needed is from 12:00—1:00. Any days that you could volunteer would be so greatly appreciated! Lunch volunteers afford our teachers the opportunity to take a much needed lunch break with other teachers.

If you are new to being a volunteer, please see the Volunteer page under the Parent Tab of our website or contact Mrs. Eileen Doyle, 215-269-9600.

#### Want to order a pretzel?



Pretzel order forms can be found on the website under the Blue Parent Tab and then under School Forms. Pretzel orders are **due this Friday, September 30** 



Please check your child's Nicky folder for the updated yearly calendar which reflects the changes in the October and November days off.

The updated calendar can also be found on our school website on the home page under the tab "Full Calendar."



The Artmobile is coming to Holy Family!!! October 21—October 24



*Structures & Stories* investigates artists' books in expressive and unique structures – from traditional scroll, accordion and codex, to pop-up, tunnel and carousel books. Three dozen culturally diverse artists, many of national stature, exhibit more than 50 works that are sculptural and kinetic excursions into

printmaking, photography, collage and papermaking.

#### WHAT'S NEW IN CLUBS!!!!

Information is available in this newsletter about getting involved in clubs and activities!

See page 5 if you are interested in joining our all new **Ozobot Club**! Registration form is included and is due by October 5th!

See page 6 if you are interested in playing an instrument in the band or singing in the Holy Family chorus!

**Band lessons** are available to students in grades 4-8.

**Chorus** is for Students in 4th-5th grade and also 6th –8th grade.

Coming Soon... **4th Grade Quilting Club** Flyers will be sent soon to 4th grade students!

#### SAVE THE DATE!!

Holy Family Regional Catholic School Halloween Ball October 23, 2016



St. Frances Cabrini Gym 1:00—3:00 PK3—Grade 4 4:30—6:30 Grade 5-8

If you would like to help out with the younger kids ball, please contact Kelly Brennen @ 267-690-1274. If you are interested in assisting with the older kids, please contact Colleen Meehan @ 267-981-0413



# Catholic Schools { The Equation for a Superior Education }

#### HFRCS introduces STREAM (science technology religion engineering art and math)

Holy Family Regional Catholic School is excited to be rolling out STREAM for the 2016-17 school year for its middle school students (6th – 7th and 8th grade). Each student will spend one Trimester working on a STREAM project. The class will meet once a week. Topics will include Green Engineering, Biomechanical Engineering, and Agricultural Engineering. While in the classroom the students will work on a project and make a multimedia presentation to share with their classmates and the community at the end of the trimester.

#### What is STREAM?

STREAM is an expansion of STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math) with the inclusion of Religion and Art. Our mission is to educate the whole child; therefore, we have taken the principals of STEM and infused religion across all subjects and added the arts to provide students the creative thinking skills necessary to communicate and advance STREAM in the real world.

STREAM is not a new curriculum, but a framework for creative instruction. STREAM uses the engineering and design process to tackle real world problems. Students will be given open-ended challenges that have multiple solutions to communicate and collaborate in innovative, active problem solving. Not only will students use cutting edge engineering and design curriculum, but they will also use Smart Boards, iPads and computers to access the internet to explore, process and learn.

While students from Catholic schools consistently out perform their peers in public schools, we are raising the bar to keep our competitive edge. Across the US, business leaders are having difficulty finding enough talent to stay competitive. Our children need to be able to inquire, think, investigate and innovate to succeed. STREAM will help prepare our students for successful careers in the 21st century workforce.

To learn more about HFRCS, visit www.hfrcs.org or call 215-269-9600.



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#### EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Inspiring Faith • Challenging Young Minds • Nurturing the Whole Child

### **Register for the Ozobot Club**



Ozobot is a powerful, tiny robot that expands STEM and computer science learning through a collection of game based activities and digital apps. Smaller than a golf ball, Ozobot is a fun way to learn coding and programming.

Who: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students, limit of 20 students.

What: Ozobot Programing Club

When: October 13 and 27

November 3 and 10

Where: Mrs. Gottshall's classroom



**Why:** It's amazingly fun and there will be 1 million more computing jobs than students over the next 10 years (adding up to \$500 billion in salaries).

**Cost:** \$20 make check payable to HFRCS. All club fees will be used to purchase STREAM materials for our school.

**How:** Register by using the attached link or scanning the QR code. Please submit payment in an envelope by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

https://goo.gl/forms/mSsPlvffPdrNcvO52



"The Holy Family school band is beginning another year!!!

Band lessons are available to any student in grades 4 - 8.

For more information and to sign up visit Miss Haneman's music blog <u>http://misshanemansmusicblog.blogspot.com/</u> and fill out the attached form by : <u>Tuesday, September 27th."</u>





"Come join the HF chorus and sing your heart out!

We start the year off with two chorus groups.

The 6th - 8th grade chorus which meets Tuesday's after school from 3pm - 4pm beginning Tuesday, October 18th.

The 4th & 5th grade chorus meets Wednesday's during lunch recess beginning Wednesday, October 26th.

Please visit Miss Haneman's music blog <u>http://misshanemansmusicblog.blogspot.com/</u> to sign-up and for important performance dates."

#### HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS AND UPDATES

## THANK YOU to everyone who came out to Designer Bag Bingo! Everyone had fun and there were some big winners!

### Parent Info Night/ Home and School Meeting Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 PM

Please come hear some important news about the school year and all the events that H&S has planned. Mingle with parents and make new connections!

Refreshments will be served and babysitting will be available.

H&S will be handing out punch cards – attend all 4 H&S meetings and have your name put in a drawing for a \$100 Flynn & O'Hara gift card at the end of the year!!

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### 2016 Hawk Walk

#### **October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Holy Family Regional Catholic School 2016 Hawk Walk is October 22. Students will be coming home with information/donor packets this week.

See the attached flyer for additional details. Contact Amy Naylor to join in the planning!!

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## Holy Family Regional Catholic School Halloween Ball October 23 See attached flyer!

Amy Naylor, President Amynaylor601@gmail.com Colleen Meehan, Vice President Colleen.meehan01@yahoo.com

April Borman, Secretary agordon82@comcast.net

Tina Patitucci, Treasurer tinapat@live.com

# Holy Family Regional Catholic School 2016 Hawk Walk

# Friday, October 21, 2016

## 9:45 a.m. (PK3-K), 12:45 p.m. (Grades 1-8) Rain Date: October 24, 2016

On Friday, October 21, 2016, the Home & School Association will host the 2016 Hawk Walk. It is similar to the Race for Education in several ways. The walk takes place in the same neighborhood behind Holy Family. Parent volunteers help the day of the race joining students and faculty in the walk. Money raised goes back into supporting the school. The Hawk Walk varies from the Race for Education in how your student identifies potential sponsors and collects donations. Each family is provided a sponsor sheet which can be used to identify sponsors. The family then reaches out to the sponsor and collects the donation. The last day to send in donations will be November 4, 2016.

# If your company offers a matching gift program, please include the form with your donation.

## The homeroom with the highest dollar average raised on each floor (PK3-Grade 3, Grades 4-8) will receive their choice of an ice cream or pizza party!

(The highest dollar average is determined by the number of students per classroom. The winning class on each floor is the class with the highest average donation per student.)

Questions? Please contact your Walk-A-Thon Committee:

Walk-A-Thon Committee:

Amy Naylor <u>amynaylor601@gmail.com</u> Gina Mazzocchi <u>rmazzocc@gmail.com</u> John Jones johnjjones3rd@gmail.com

Bridget Baill madamebaill@yahoo.com

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## <u>The Pot of Gold Challenge</u> <u>begins today!</u>



SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY POT OF GOLD WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM

September 26, 2016



GRAND PRIZE WINNER (NONE)

#### CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNER 4@ \$250

Packets containing Pot of Gold Challenge materials are being sent home with all students on Tuesday. The Pot of Gold drawings during the Challenge will held on Monday evenings, **October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31**. Please review the letter and the instructions enclosed in your packet. You'll see how **the Pot of Gold Program can help to reduce your tuition expenses**.

The classroom who sells the most tickets over the fiveweek period wins a special Pizza Lunch! There will also be prizes for the highest sales each week. The winning classroom is determined based on a percentage calculated on the number of ticket sales divided by the number of students in the class.

If you have any questions, please call **Karen David at 215-946-4040.** 

Best of luck to all our participants!

WINNER	SELLER
MIB	T. Quinn
Ralph Connor	Pam McGrath
Pat Fidanza	Drew Hensor
Pablo J. Rios	Jen Bell

# NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE

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





# <u>The SCRIP Program – another opportunity to reduce tuition expenses – purchase through HFRCS</u>

The St. Frances Cabrini SCRIP program provides an excellent opportunity to reduce your tuition payments by purchasing gift certificates and gift cards to your favorite stores, restaurants, movies and local retailers. With each purchase, you earn tuition credit of 2.5% of your total purchase amount (Target, Walmart/Sam's Club, Shell and WaWa provide a 1% credit.) And, each month we designate special stores which will give you a higher percentage.

Your Scrip tuition credit can be redeemed in the form of a check made payable to Holy Family Regional Catholic School, or any other educational institution including elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities, or college loan programs. We keep track of your credits and, at your request, we send you a check...it's that simple!

SCRIP can be purchased at the St. Frances Cabrini Rectory, Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 7 PM, Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM and Sunday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

#### PURCHASE THROUGH HFRCS

For your convenience, SCRIP orders can also be processed through HFRCS by completing an <u>ORDER FORM</u> and sending it with full payment in cash, or check payable to SFC SCRIP, to the School office. Your order will be processed and delivered to the school, where it can be picked up from the office, or sent home with a student (signature required). You can also choose to pick up at the St. Frances Cabrini Rectory.

Additional order forms are available on the HFRCS website or the SFC website at www.saintfrancescabrini.net. <u>CLICK HERE FOR AN ORDER FORM.</u>

For more information please call the St. Frances Cabrini Rectory at 215-946-4040.



## Queen of the Universe Parish **Festival of Families** September 30 - October 2, 2016

#### Friday Night Events:

Opening Prayer Service	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.		
Movie Night under the	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.		
tent			
Cash Bingo in the Large	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.		
Hall			



For more information, to volunteer, or participate please contact: Sharon Fedor (267-585-3023) or email sharon.fedor123@gmail.com Karen McCaw (267-251-2940) or email skmccaw@verizon.net

