The Principal’s Page

Welcome, Spring! Yes, the actual season is here! Let’s pray for abundant sunshine that makes us feel so good. We hope the nice weather will enable all the signs of Spring that will soon be popping up everywhere. During the last few weeks of Lent, these signs of “new life” are significant reminders of everything that God has given us and all that we should be thankful for.

Time flies when you’re having fun! We have had a busy quarter. Teachers and students have been working diligently to complete the necessary goals and objectives set at the beginning of the year. We are looking forward to Spring Break!

I can’t believe when we return from Spring Break it will already be April. We will be very busy here at Holy Family School during April and May.

During Holy Week on April 18th, we will be celebrating an all School retreat. We will begin the day with a prayer service and end the day with our 8th grade students presenting the Stations of the Cross. They do a magnificent job depicting the stations in a very reverent manner. We hope you are able to join us that afternoon.

On April 25th, our entire student body will display their artwork and many of our students will entertain us with their musical talents during our Spring Arts Festival. Please join us and invite your extended family members and neighbors!

Another popular event is Grandparents’ Day. This year we welcome Grandparents on Friday, April 26th. We look forward to seeing so many attend this fun-filled day. The very next day, our second grade students are looking forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion. We celebrate and rejoice with them.

It is amazing to me how fast the school year passes. One way we know time is zipping by is the creation of next year’s school calendar. We have submitted our calendar for next year and hopefully will get approval sometime in April.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful Spring Break. I look forward to seeing everyone back again on April 1st.

God Bless,
Mrs. Fournier
The PAWS Club gathered for their March meeting to assemble "Bunny Baskets" for the upcoming Easter holiday. Because of the members' overwhelming candy donations, the children assembled 60 baskets FILLED with candies, Easter cards and special tissue pouches (made by our very own Ms. Yeager). These Bunny Baskets were delivered to the elderly residents at The Heritage of Hudson in hopes of bringing much holiday joy to each who received one. (Thanks to Mrs. Krinsky for delivering the baskets!)

For their April meeting, the PAWS Club members will be creating "Cancer Care Bags" for the patients who receive treatment at the Akron General Cancer Treatment Center. The club is accepting donations for these bags. Our drawstring bags will hold items to help make the patients treatment time a bit more pleasurable. The collection includes: lip balms, individual snack items: candies, granola, jerky, nuts, gum, mints, single serve drink mixes; adult coloring books/colored pencils; magazines/Readers' Digest/Chicken Soup for the Soul books and puzzle/game books. All donations can be dropped by Mrs. Haught's room by April 9th. Thanks for your help in making our bags a memorable gift.
Students from 4A and 4B going back in time and learning about what life was like in the Summit County Historical Society’s presentation "A River Through Time" and "Towpath to the Past".
Save the date! Holy Family School’s annual Lenten canned food drive will be the week of April 8-12, which is the week before Holy Week. We are collecting canned goods and dry grocery items for the Blessed Trinity Food Pantry in Akron and we hope to be able to help many families in our area during the Easter season. We appreciate your generosity!

The Faith in Action and Lenten Committees

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Arts Festival

April 25, 2019
Student work displayed in gym.
Performances: 6:30 pm Band
7:00 pm Grades 1, 3 & 5

Mary Poppins
May 17 & May 18
7:00 pm
Szabo Parish Center

Mrs. Haught’s class is in need of cleaned, emptied icing containers!
On February 28th, the fifth graders participated in the American Heart Association’s “Hoops for Heart” fundraiser. To help raise funds, each student created their own personal fundraising webpage on their Chromebooks in Health class, and sent emails to family and friends to solicit donations prior to the event. Each class then spent one 40 minute gym class focusing on heart conditioning basketball activities such as knockout, half court, and Pig!

Donations from Mrs. Gregrich’s and Mrs. Burke’s rooms totaled a whopping $4,659.00! The top three donation raisers were Makenna Zaucha (5A) with $510.00, Camryn Shackelford (5A) with $410.00, and Payton Snyder (5B) with $325.00. Money raised will help fund new research projects, medicines, surgeries, and resources to fight heart disease and strokes. Congratulations to our fifth graders on becoming Heart Heroes and doing a “sHOOPer” job for the American Heart Association!
Beacon puts Snyder in the High School Spotlight

HFS Alumni and Hoban Senior basketball standout Jake Snyder was recognized by the Beacon Journal/Ohio.com in the Feb. 14 installment of its weekly High School Spotlight. According to the paper, Snyder “helped Hoban (14-4) win three games in a row. He had 10 points, four rebounds and three steals against Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin; 20 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals versus Massillon (63-46); and 14 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals against Canton Central Catholic (61-57).” Great job, Jake!

Art student win awards at Holocaust arts contest

HFS Alumni and Hoban Sophomore Cerafina Corley received honorable mention in the Division II visual art category at the high school level in this year’s Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest. She will be honored at a ceremony at the main branch of the Akron Public Library on April 30. Winning entries will be on display at the library from April 11 to May 8.

HFS Alumni excel on Hoban Swim Team

HFS Alumni and Hoban senior swimmer Michael Heller placed fourth in the state in the 50-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle on Feb. 22. He was Northeast District champion in the 50-yard freestyle, breaking the school record with a time of 21.37 seconds. Next fall he continues his academic and athletic career at John Carroll University. Heller, along with the boys 200-yard freestyle relay (which includes HFS Alumni and Hoban sophomore Luke Minick and Heller) and the girls 200 medley relay (including HFS Alumni and Hoban junior Megan Zaucha) advanced to the state meet in Canton.
Holy Family Vacation Bible School 2019
June 17-21 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Children entering grades K-4 in the fall
Students entering grades 5-6 – Jr. Bible School
Registration fee: $25 per child (includes VBS shirt)
Register online or download the registration form and return to the parish.
Registration begins April 9th. Deadline for registration is June 4th.
See the Holy Family parish website for details.
Student volunteers entering grades 7-12 are needed.
Students attending a Catholic high school can use volunteer hours for school requirements. Contact Diane Hurtuk to volunteer: hurtuk@holyfamilystow.org.

To help keep the cost down, we are seeking donations for our snack area. Below are some of the items we need to feed 100 children. Drop them off in late May - early June in the VBS donation box in the bell tower entrance. (Thank you!)

- small and regular paper plates
- paper napkins
- small bottled water
- 5 oz. paper cups
- plastic spoons
- pretzel sticks
- vanilla wafers
- paper towels
- fish-shaped cheese crackers
- graham crackers