

THE SENTINEL

2017 ∞ 2018

A YEAR IN REVIEW



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHALLENGING THE MIND.
INSPIRING THE HEART.

SUMMER 2018



HOLY FAMILY CORE VALUES

Holy Family Catholic School holds firm to four core values which define our identity and culture and are the fundamental beliefs that guide the daily life of the school. The core values of the school are Catholic Identity, Faith Formation, Academic Excellence and Stewardship.

Holy Family Catholic School is located on a beautiful, 20-acre campus in northwest Austin. We educate over 570 students, PK4-8. Our regional school works with parents to nurture the growth of the whole child, promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church and inclusive of diverse cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.

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JOAN WAGNER, Ph. D.
PRESIDENT

We've had a very busy and joyful school year and we end it with much gratitude for the many parents, students, faculty and staff that have supported us in our effort to nurture the growth of our students in so many ways. We are thankful for parents and guardians that have made a deep commitment to providing a Catholic education for their child. We understand the priority that this decision must receive in the family, as it requires significant time to support Holy Family students in their varied student activities and academic challenges. It is also a financial sacrifice, that we all readily recognize. Finally, our parents give selflessly to support the faculty and staff needs, from robotics and academic competitions to development activities and parent committees. It is with the help of these efforts, that we can end a school year feeling accomplished and grateful.

Students must be given credit for their desire to engage, learn and grow. Our students desire to do well in school and work hard to make that a reality. It's a joy to teach our students and to recognize their tremendous diversity, creativity and intellect. After a year of consistent effort, we thank them for a job well done and for their growing commitment to new learning, time management and personal responsibility.

We are thankful for a dedicated faculty and staff! In a year of growth and change, they deserve our highest praise for their commitment to our standards of academic excellence, faith formation and Catholic identity. May each of you enjoy a lovely summer with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you in August as we begin our 18th year as a school, enjoying the growth and enhancements that the new school year will bring.

As another year comes to a close, I continue to watch in amazement as even our youngest students allow themselves to be the hands and feet of Christ. This year, our students have participated in a number of service projects that support children and families both locally and globally. They have participated in retreats, Masses, group science projects, social studies field trips, and nine different sports throughout the year. We continue to learn from each other and how to live in community- a lifelong skill! I thank God for the incredible support our parents and teachers give this community each day. They spend endless hours in service to all of our children. My hope is that the summer months are a time of refreshment and renewal for all of our families.



KELLY LASTER, M. Ed.
PRINCIPAL



On January 27, **ELLEN MIRI** was honored by the Diocese of Austin Catholic School Office for her service to Catholic schools. Mrs. Ellen Miri has served as a parent for the last nine years, and has served joyfully as the Parent Association, Staff Appreciation Committee Chair, for the last eight years. Her genuine appreciation and thoughtfulness expressed to the staff is clearly inspired from the heart. She coordinates and oversees the District/State PSIA competition for the school and she is committed to a spirit of service. She eagerly rolls up her sleeves when it comes to encouraging and overseeing student participation in the History Bee and Quiz Bowl Teams. Her attention to detail and joyful service is admired by all!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We thank all of our advisors and board members for their dedication and long-range strategic planning for our school: **Peter Allman** (Treasurer), **Dr. Brad Bookmyer** (Chair of Advisors), **Dr. Shane Daigle**, **Carlos Estringel** (Vice Chair of Advisors); **Joseph Gonzales**, **Helen Haman**, **Michelle Kologinczak** (Secretary of Advisors), **Mary Beth Koenig**, **Rev. Edward Koharchik**, **Robert Neill**, **Misty Poe** (Superintendent of Catholic Schools), **Jeff Socha**, **Chris Tovar** and **Dr. Joan Wagner** (President).

SUPPORTING PARISHES



Faith Formation



ST. MARGARET MARY

Rev. Luís Alberto
Cáceres



ST. WILLIAM

Rev. Dean Wilhelm



ST. JOHN

VIANNEY

Rev. Tom Reitmeyer



ST. THOMAS

MORE

Rev. Michael
O'Connor



**ST. MARY, OUR
LADY OF THE
LAKE**

Rev. Don Loftin



**ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL**

Rev. Ed Koharchik



**ST. ALBERT
THE GREAT**

Very Rev. Matt Iwuji

Holy Family fosters a commitment to know, love and serve God and one another. Since the opening of the school, the community has been blessed by seven supporting parishes in the north Austin area. The pastors of these parishes have given their time, talent, encouragement to their congregations and to our school. We are most grateful!

All of our faculty and staff are dedicated to developing religious instruction through student participation in the Mass, class projects, Eucharist Processions, vocation presentations, Adoration, and retreats. Thank you to our Priests, Sisters, faculty and staff for enriching our students with the Catholic faith and religious instruction each week. Holy Family is blessed to have one religious sister in each of our three classroom buildings—Sr. Maria Fatima and Sr. Mary Rita (Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist) and Sr. Mary Blaise (Daughters of Divine Love). All three have brought the gift of their community and charisms to our campus.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

On Holy Thursday, fourth grade students reenacted the Passion of the Christ starting with Palm Sunday. They walked through each of the Biblical stories of Holy Week for the student body. The reenactment closed with the burial of Jesus.



RETREATS

Each year, Holy Family holds class retreats—second through eighth—to allow each student to step away from the routine for a day. This allows students the ability to encounter Christ through the retreats and through their peers, faculty and chaperones that attend the retreat.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JAN 28 - FEB 3

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week and recognized a unique theme each day. Monday, **we celebrated students**. Students chose a theme, and matched the theme with their clothes. Tuesday, **we celebrated benefactors** in appreciation for their support. Priests were invited to campus to join middle school students for lunch. Wednesday, **we celebrated community** and wore the school colors of our Houston sister school, St. John Paul II Catholic School. Thursday, **we celebrated vocations** and students led a Eucharistic Procession on campus with Fr. Dean Wilhelm. The students processed from St. Vincent de Paul to each building on campus. Friday, **we celebrated the faculty and staff**. Students wore crazy hairstyles to show their appreciation. Middle school students served our seven parishes by **cleaning**.



HATS OFF TO THE CLASS OF 2018!

Congratulations to class of 2018. We are proud of the dedication and hard work you have shown over the years at Holy Family. We look forward to seeing you at the Alumni Reunion on Thursday, January 10, 2019.



Cedar Park High School

Isa Iwinski

Founder's Classical Academy

Eco Gomez

Hendrickson High School

Elise Talamor

Leander High School

Salma Jimenez

McNeil High School

Ana Salas

Round Rock High School

Enzo Marcella

St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School

Alex Arcella

Kaylee Bevins

Molly Blood

Mireia Bustamante

Paris Calvert

Alejandro Camez

Ania Davila
Marcello DiBenedetto

Vincent Fedele

William Gaines

Michaela Gall

Aidan Garcia

Gabriel Garcia

Isabella Garcia

Caleb Gonzales

Alex Gray

Lily Hallum

John Halter

Anastasia Holmes

Natalie King

Piper Klein

Scout Kress

Alexander Lacayo

Evangelina McCabe

Camilla MacKay

Antonio Mata

Spencer McHugh

Katie Meadows

Johnny Miri

Braeden Murdock

Andrew Nicolas

Merritt Olsovsky

Kiera Regan

Dani Rosario

Ricardo Santos

Teresa Selvaraj

Sarah Shaw

Luke Sheguit

Caleb Simmons

Anthony Valastro

Janese Watts

John Paul Whitaker

Thomas White

Vista Ridge High School

Carolyn Krushefski

Daniel Warren



NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

Every year the eighth grade students compete in the National Spanish Exam against peers from all over the country. The exam consists of a variety of language acquisition skills such as grammar, vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension. There were 34 students that received national recognition for excellent performance and all students were awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze or Honor medals. The three gold medalists were Alexander Lacayo, Johnny Miri and Ricardo Santos.



PSIA

DISTRICT. PSIA (Private Schools Interscholastic Association) is a 1st-8th grade student academic competition. It is the equivalent of academic competitions like UIL competitions in public schools. In February, Holy Family competed in the District 6AA PSIA competition with schools from the Central Texas area and as far away as El Paso. Points were awarded for students finishing in the top six places in each event. Holy Family accumulated 872 points, over 300 points more than the second-place winner! We sent 66 students to compete in 137 events and over 45 students placed in 90 of our 137 events. For the seventh year in a row, **Holy Family was the district champion in the elementary division!**

STATE. Holy Family sent 19 students to compete in 35 events at the state PSIA championship. More than 50,000 students from 250 schools participate in Texas, and over 100 schools were represented at the state competition. We came home with 15 medals and as the **elementary state champions!**

Calculator Applications

GR5: Parker Huang, 5th

Listening Skills

GR7: Luke Mikosh, 10th

GR8: Johnny Miri, 1st

Map, Graphs and Charts

GR5: Parker Huang, 2nd

GR8: Johnny Miri, 4th

Mathematics

GR3: Bridget Hoang, 3rd; Mackenzie Huang, 2nd

GR4: Zac Sequeira, 5th

GR5: Parker Huang, 1st

GR8: Johnny Miri, 7th

Music Memory

GR3: Bridget Hoang, 4th

GR6: Alexander Ryan, 8th

GR7: Luke Mikosh, 10th

Number Sense

GR3: Mackenzie Huang, 8th

GR5: Parker Huang, 2nd

GR8: Johnny Miri, 6th

Poetry Interpretation

GR7: Juan Pablo Basualdo, 3rd

Science

GR7: Luke Mikosh, 10th

GR8: Johnny Miri, 6th

Spelling

GR3: Bridget Hoang, 1st

GR8: Johnny Miri, 3rd



Academic Excellence

Academic Excellence is one of four core values at Holy Family. Every child is encouraged to develop his or her fullest potential through the academic programs. We offer participation opportunities in various academic competitions and more. Lessons are enriched with unique circumstances that challenge students to strive for excellence.



DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR

On April 14, several students participated in the Diocesan Science Fair. Paula Warren received first place in the Physical Sciences category for her project, *Moisturizing Siding*, and Luke Mikosh received second place in the Life Sciences category for his project, *Slowing the Enzymatic Browning of Cut Potatoes*.

SIXTH GRADE SAINT PROJECT

The sixth grade students have the opportunity to research a saint of their choice by reading a biography to make their saint 'come alive' for the student body of the school. The students research and create a costume that would have been worn by their saint, as they step into the character of that saint through their words and actions. The day begins with a monologue to classrooms as the sixth grade students come dressed as their chosen saint. This gave the younger students exposure to learn more about saints like St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Helen, San Juan Diego and St. Teresa of Calcutta, to name a few!





QUIZ BOWL TEAM

This year, five participants traveled to Chicago for the Middle School National Championship Tournament. Maya Cooper, Jared Lillie, Luke Mikosh, Johnny Miri and Mariana Silveyra competed against 191 other teams for their participation in nationals. They competed head-to-head with public and private schools from across the country in this buzzer-based competition covering topics from science, history, sports and pop culture. After a full day of preliminary rounds of competition, the team finished with a 5-3 record, and qualified for final playoffs. The team finished the tournament tied for 21st place. Individual stats were recorded during the tournament, and All-Star Awards were presented to the top 30 students at the tournament. Johnny Miri received an All-Star Award as the 6th highest ranked student out of 986 students at the tournament this year!

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE

Six students competed at the Regional History Bee against public and private school students from central Texas. The preliminary rounds included two buzzer rounds and one written round of competition with questions from U.S. and world history. Isabella D'Alessandro, Reagan Hutchinson and Jackson Sloma competed in the elementary division. Luke Mikosh competed in the seventh grade division, Alexander Lacayo and Johnny Miri competed in the eighth grade division. The elementary and eighth grade divisions advanced to the final round. Johnny Miri was named the eighth grade regional champion. This was Johnny's fourth straight win as the Regional Champion in his division. All six students have qualified for the National History Bee in Atlanta, Georgia. We wish them well this summer.



SCIENCE BOWL

Earlier this year, Holy Family sent Luke Mikosh and Johnny Miri to a Regional Science Bowl sponsored by the US Department of Energy. Teams from both public and private schools competed at the regional tournament that includes almost 200 Texas counties. The buzzer-based tournament included questions from the earth science, space science, math, life science, physical science and energy categories. We finished the double elimination tournament tied for 13th place with a 4-3 win-loss record.



BEST ROBOTICS

In October, the Iron Angels competed in the Capitol BEST competition against 35 teams at Westwood High School. Most of the teams' present, were high schools and much larger teams than the Iron Angels middle school team. Holy Family concluded the day in 15th place after six rounds in the head-to-head competition. Holy Family was eliminated in the wild-card round by only a few points. This year, the mission of the Robotics Program was to create a hand-made, easy to control, and safe robot. The team wanted to use the robot to not only stop fires but to save firefighters from risking their lives to save others in a dangerous environment. The robot was named St. Florian, because he is the patron saint of firefighters. St. Florian's goal was to stop chemicals that could feed fires from spilling and help bring people out of the danger from quickly approaching fire. The team was a group of ten hardworking boys and girls. The students present at the October competition were Juan Pablo Basualdo, Mary Buckley, Matthew Burkhart, Campbell Harkness, Victoria Holmes, Brian Laster, Seth Magee, Teresa Selvaraj, and Jett Stringham.



DESTINATION IMAGINATION

There were six students in kindergarten through second grade that participated in the Destination Imagination Program. The program encouraged students to work in teams to solve problems and complete STEM-based challenges. The program explored creative thinking, building their own ideas and skills, with no help from anyone outside the team. The team name was Magical Cultures. Sydney Griser, Emily Nash, Sophie Jones, Arabella Jones, Hannah Pillsbury and Daniela Castillon were asked to explore two different cultures and create an environment where they could collaborate. The girls created a show where people from Italy and Australia met at an airport and shared experiences. This year's program was very rewarding for all involved.

Stewardship

HURRICANE HARVEY

It took many hands in our community to collect and assemble all the donations we received for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. All grades were asked to bring supplies and our 8th grade assembled and organized the items to be picked up and taken to coastal areas. The school also partnered with St. John Paul II Catholic School in Houston, and raised over \$5,500 for them during Catholic Schools Week.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL PROJECT

The eighth grade Social Justice class sponsored a school-wide service project for Lent. They encouraged the school to participate in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl project. This program invited students to encounter our neighbors through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each student was asked to make sacrifices and donate their earnings to their CRS Rice Bowl bank. The money collected supported CRS global projects such as access to clean water and home-building projects. The students were introduced to a different country each week that CRS serves.

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

On January 27, several students and parents organized and traveled to the Texas State Capitol to join the Texas Rally for Life. This event brings awareness to the greater community about the cause for life and educates those present about ministries and the churches who are dedicating their lives to assist with this cause.

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

In November, all Faith building students made prayer cards and Christmas cards as part of our Grandparents' Day Service Project to be mailed to a US Army unit, stationed in Germany. The army unit received the cards just before Christmas, and received comfort from our school during the Christmas season. A Holy Family mother is currently deployed in that unit.

INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GARDEN

Former HFCS student leaves an impact on campus



On January 23, we blessed a new Prayer Garden on campus. Fr. Edward Koharchik from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, visited the Prayer Garden site and led a blessing for the space. The prayer garden space will be available to parents and students before and after school. The Prayer Garden is a contribution from a former student that needed to complete an Eagle Scout project. These projects are needed by every Boy Scout working toward their Eagle rank. R.J Teran, a Senior at McNeil High School, was looking for a way to give back to the community. He was inspired to give back to Holy Family Catholic School, because he believes his Catholic education made him who he is today.

"My favorite thing about Holy Family was having recess with my friends and the field days. I remember how much fun those were and I remember all the games. It was a sad time when I left, but I left with memories to last a lifetime! What inspired me to contribute to

Holy Family was a need to give back to the school that made me who I am today. What better place than Holy Family Catholic School!"

Several months of planning took place over the summer, and into the fall to finish the prayer garden area. RJ installed a few prayer benches, pavers to distinguish the sacred space, along with several hedges, small plants and a statue of the Holy Family. RJ soon realized his project was making a difference from this learning experience.

"The project itself had many smaller projects combined together, which in a way is like life. Life is made of small projects. I learned a lot about leadership and how effective one can be. I learned how to guide others and teach them how to perform certain tasks. This project was nothing short of a learning experience." Our students will enjoy this beautiful prayer garden for many years to come.



Building Community

Holy Family guides students to become conscientious, successful members of a global community. There are numerous activities that support the students' development socially, such as introducing the Buddy Program between younger and older students, encouraging student involvement in Student Council, middle school dances, family gatherings and much more.

16TH ANNUAL SCHOOL CHOIR FESTIVAL

On November 3 our Choir Teacher, Mrs. Lake, led the 16th Annual Catholic School Choir Festival. She coordinated the event at St. Vincent de Paul and invited Catholic school choirs from around the diocese with ten schools participating. Holy Family students gathered to listen to their peers. Each school choir performed songs and all ten schools joined together to sing.



EAT-N-TREAT

The Parent Association hosted its annual Eat-N-Treat. Students and parents enjoyed food, fun and fellowship and all were invited to wear their costumes. There were a variety of characters in attendance, including ninjas, princesses and saints. After the community had a hot dog or two, everyone was encouraged to walk next door to join the St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School Trunk-or-Treat and enjoy games and sweet treats.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

On November 16, students invited grandparents or grand friends to school. The morning began with Mass, then middle school and their guests participated in a game of Bingo. Once it concluded, rotations began with an exciting stop to the book fair. In the faith building, a variety of crafts were made to be given as gifts. The hallways bustled with visitors and excitement.



VETERANS DAY

On November 10, the school honored family and friends that are serving or have served in the US military. A special flag raising ceremony at the flagpole started the day to honor and pray for all Veterans. The fourth grade classes made red poppy's to signify remembrance and their deep respect for all veterans.



ONE-ACT PLAY

On January 27, the One-Act Play team had a wonderful performance of Villains at the PSIA competition. Our middle school cast and crew did a fantastic job and loved the support that our families provided. The team received two awards—Kiera Regan, Honorable Mention for her portrayal of Hagatha, and Evangelina McCabe, All Star Cast for her role as Gisella.

BAND & ORCHESTRA

On April 6, the band and orchestra students spent the day at St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School for the Diocese of Austin Band and Orchestra Festival. The other schools that participated were St. Austin Catholic School, St. Louis Catholic School, and St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School. The Holy Family beginning band, advanced band, beginning orchestra and advanced orchestra performed music pieces for the festival. After all the bands and orchestras finished their pieces, all four schools joined to play *The Tempest*, composed by Robert W. Smith. The sound of all four bands filled the gym with excitement and enthusiasm!



Fine Arts

The focus on school programs is the importance of the emotional growth that students can have within our nurturing environment.

AN EYE FOR ART

Holy Family Catholic School recently expanded its art program for all grades. This year, there were two art teachers that implemented separate curriculums based on age group. Mrs. Angela Quinn taught PreK through 5th grade in a rotating, specials class period, and Mrs. Tiffani Paynter continued to teach middle school art as an elective.



With the school expanding, this was the first year that grades, PreK-5th Grade, had an in-depth art class curriculum separate from other classes. This opportunity gives students the ability to learn and understand the elements of art with various time periods of art history, artists, and styles, while grasping different art, materials and techniques. "I want the students to recognize artists, styles, and time periods, when they see images in books, on TV, or in a museum," said Mrs. Quinn.

When Mrs. Quinn was in high school, she was encouraged by her own art teacher to pursue her strengths, that aligned with a degree in art education. Mrs. Quinn had never considered becoming a teacher until she discovered she enjoyed art studies. Ms. Paynter on the other hand, attended college to study design, but stumbled on her passion for teaching after she started pursuing her degree. Together, they bring a unique perspective and encourage students to expand their knowledge and creativity in their art classes.

"I always encourage each student to be brave when creating art. It can be hard in middle school, since the students are so worried about what others will think," says middle school art teacher Tiffani Paynter. "I want students to experience as many different (art) mediums as possible, to stretch when learning to draw, and to be proud of their work. Anyone can draw, by simplifying your drawing into basic shapes. I want my students to leave knowing the elements and principles of art, art history and art careers."

This year an Art Technology class was added to the 6th grade elective courses. This class gives students the learning experience to draw, sculpt and paint along with applying the elements of art. The use of computer programs are added to their assignments to assist with learning the fundamentals of artistry on software programs, such as Paint 3D, Google Draw, Photoshop and MyStorybook.com. It is estimated 80% of the class focuses on applying these programs to their projects.

"When creating, I like to compare the project to living life. You have to be patient, you are always a work in progress. You can mess up, creating happy accidents, and this allows your art to be better than what was in your mind," said Mrs. Paynter.



Growth in Athletics

FLAG FOOTBALL

5/6 3A: **MVP**, Bernardo Castillon
Most Improved, Trip Brinegar

CROSS COUNTRY

GIRL 5/6: **MVP**, Olivia Jimenez
 BOY 5/6: **MVP**, Jake Espinoza
 GIRL 7/8: **MVP**, Salma Jimenez
 BOY 7/8: **MVP**, Caleb Simmons

VOLLEYBALL

5/6 A: **MVP**, Faith Reynolds
Most Improved, Mariana Calderon
 5/6 5A: **MVP**, Molly Brown
Most Improved, Isabella D'Alessandro
 5/6 7A: **MVP**, Natalie Boettcher
Most Improved, Sarah Pettinato
 7/8 7A: **MVP**, Ania Davila
Most Improved, Megan McNaughton

BASKETBALL

BOYS 5/6 6A: **MVP**, Will Garcia
Most Improved, Phi Tran
 BOYS 5/6 8A: **MVP**, Jake Espinoza
Most Improved, Kyle Simmons
 BOYS 7/8 8A: **MVP**, Gunter Daniels
Most Improved, Vincent Fedele
 GIRLS 5/6 6A: **MVP**, Delia Krushefski
Most Improved, Catherine Cedeno
 GIRLS 5/6 8A: **MVP**, Layla Tovar
Most Improved, Emma Tapia
 GIRLS 7/8 8A: **MVP**, Piper Klein
Most Improved, Michaella Gall

TENNIS

FEMALE: **MVP**, Merritt Olsovsky
 MALE: **MVP**, Alex Gray

SOCCER

5/6 1A: **MVP**, Bernardo Castillon
Most Improved, Dylan Hallenberger
 5/6 2A: **MVP**, Owen Clark
Most Improved, Catherine Cedeno
 7/8 2A: **MVP**, Nicole Keen
Most Improved, Mykayla Means

TRACK & FIELD

GIRLS 5/6 6A: **MVP**, Clare Kalapati
 BOYS 5/6 6A: **MVP**, Jake Espinoza
 GIRLS 7/8 6A: **MVP**, Salma Jimenez
 BOYS 7/8 6A: **MVP**, Vincent Fedele

Holy Family supports the physical development of our students in physical education classes and activities. Our PreK - first grade classes visit the gym daily and other grades visit the Holy Family gym every other day on an A/B schedule. Holy Family focuses on promoting a healthy lifestyle to support the health, athletics and science related programs. Holy Family offers a variety of sports activities and activities such as field days, Run with the Angels, Sound in Motion and much more.



MOST VALUABLE AND IMPROVED PLAYER AWARDS*

The MVP award is given to the athlete the coaches feel has made the most impact on the team—that not only contributed skill and athleticism, but also played a major supportive role throughout the season. The MIP award is given to the athlete who the coaches feel has made a significant gain in their playing abilities. This player is someone who, throughout the season, became a better player through diligence and commitment, to become that total athlete.

**Listed in left column*

FAITH IN ACTION AWARD

This award is chosen by the Athletic Directors based on a student-athlete who brings their best self to practice, games, and student-life. This student-athlete has demonstrated courage, determination, and persistence. They have developed good decision making, and strong leadership skills. These students are highly respectful, and are team players, both on the field and in school.





ALUMNI NOTES

Holy Family has celebrated fourteen years of graduates since 2003. The school is making an effort to stay connected with alumni as they leave the community and go out into the world. We are always thrilled to hear about all our graduates activities and experiences. **Join us for our alumni reunion and dinner on January 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Family gym.** All alumni should contact our Director of Communications, Cristina Almanza, at calmanza@holyfamilycs.org to send life changes and contact information updates.

2005

Emma (Miksch) Rieger^{*1} graduated from Sam Houston State University and married Seth Rieger in 2015. On November 20, 2017, their daughter Juliet Therese, welcomed her baby brother, Henry Wade.

2007

Katrina Bernhard^{*2} graduated with her BM in Opera Performance in 2016. She is teaching voice lessons at two high schools and a middle school. She assists with the high school youth program at St. William Catholic Parish, and is involved with the Young Catholic Professionals Association.

2008

Daniel Patrick Miksch^{*3} graduated in 2016 from Texas State Technical College with an Associate's degree in drafting and design. He is currently working for an engineering firm in Temple.

2009

Lucas Bolton is an incoming senior at Texas State University in San Marcos. He is majoring in journalism and mass communication.

2010

Gabrielle Bernhard^{*4} graduated from Catholic University with her B.S. in accounting, a minor in Spanish and a minor in harp performance. She will receive her master's degree in December and begin her new studies this summer.

Andrew McKenna^{*5} graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in May, with a B.S. in business marketing. In July, he will begin work at The Pines Catholic Camp as the Director of Logistics and Formation. Prior to starting his new job, he will be walking the Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile-long pilgrimage through France and Spain.

Abigail Miksch^{*6} completed her third year as a cadet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Miksch finished the season playing volleyball, ranked in the top 10 in the Mountain West Conference, for her number of kills and points per set. She will lead a squadron as a commander this summer.

Julia Small^{*7} graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in animal ecology, evolution and behavior, a certificate in marine science, and a minor in geography and climate in May. She was the President of Marine Science Club, active in Texas Royals and a Lead Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Volunteer at the University's Animal Rehabilitation Keep in Port Aransas. She will be working at SeaWorld San Antonio to Corpus Christi, where she will begin her career at the Texas State Aquarium as a volunteer Instructor in the Education Department and dive for shark and turtle exhibits.

Lucia Winkeler^{*8} graduated from Texas A&M University in international studies. She received a Russian language and culture double major in May. She graduated as a member of the research subcommittee for the MSC Student Conference on National Affairs and the Russian Club. She plans to earn her master's degree in international relations with a focus on Eurasia, and then enter a federal career to work on improving the state of U.S.-Russian relations and affect U.S. interests in the Eurasian region overall.

2011

Carmen Fumagalli is a junior at the University of Missouri and pursuing a B.S. in business administration, focusing on accounting. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, the Association of Trulaske Businesswomen, and United Way. She is the recruitment liaison for Miz-zouThon and on the Operations Committee for Relay for Life.

2012

George Miksch^{*9} is attending Texas State Technical College studying instrumentation and electronics. He recently entered the Air Force reserves and will be starting basic training soon.

2013

Madeleine Miksch^{*10} will enter her sophomore year at St. Edward's University. She is studying business and continues to play volleyball.

2015

Bianca Aridjis-Olivos^{*11} is a senior at St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School. She is on the Timothy Team and a House Prefect for her family, St. John Paul II. Bianca is also in the Savio string orchestra and received the St. Cecilia Orchestra Award for upperclassmen.

2016

Kendall Barclay^{*12} is a junior at Lago Vista High School. It is her second year to play on the varsity volleyball team and run varsity track. She recently won recognition medals for her self-portrait and original artwork at the regional level at the VASE competition. She is the yearbook assistant editor and a member of the Beard and Mustache Club, which provides volunteer and community services to the Lago Vista area.

2017

Chiara Aridjis-Olivos^{*13} is a sophomore at St. Dominic Savio. She is a cellist in the string orchestra and works as a music technician for Savio's musical. She recently received the Un-sung Hero award for cross country.

Sophia Miksch^{*14} is a sophomore at St. Dominic Savio where she plays varsity volleyball and soccer. She received 2D team All-District honors for soccer.

**Graduates pictured L-R, top to bottom.*

THEN & NOW *Alumni Spotlight*



JAKOB HURLIMANN, who attended Holy Family for nine years from PK4-8th, has finished his first year studying Theology in Rome, and is now at the halfway point in his seminary formation to become a Diocesan Priest. Last year in May, Hurlimann graduated from St. Joseph Seminary College in Louisiana and was asked to continue his formation in Rome. This summer he will be in Tanzania, helping with a mission parish, then he will return to Rome in August to begin his second year of classes. Hurlimann will back in Texas in 2019. He graduated from Holy Family in 2009 and is fond of his memories and faith formation that he received at the school. "I was involved in a variety of activities—lector, altar server, track, flag football and band—and was a member of the Pack 97."

PHASE II *is coming along!*

Holy Family Catholic School - Phase II
Site Plan



Holy Family Catholic School
September 12, 2017

Aries intexure

Holy Family Catholic School - Phase II
Axo View - Main Entry



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We anxiously await the construction of a new administration building, Pre-K building, music building, and Pavilion.

The school is working through the city approval plans and eagerly expects completion of the building this fall.

Future Phase III construction of a classroom building can be seen on the northwest corner of the campus.

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LOL KIDS DAY OUT



On April 27, our students, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and priests came together for our 15th annual Run With The Angels event. Everyone came together and had a great time in support of our students and Holy Family. We raised over \$45,000! RWTA would not be a success without our wonderful donors, sponsors and volunteers including our chairs, Stacy Brown and Bridget Clark. **This year's sponsors helped raise a record amount for this event!**

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The gala was a huge success complete with dinner, dancing, live music, friends, fun and stewardship. Together, we raised more than \$125,000! A special thank you to our amazing gala committee and event day volunteers: Tim & Kelli Witt, Perry & Shanalee Sharboneau, James & Lisa Caramanica, Rick & Kim Perez, J.D. & Rachel Gonzalez, Rebecca Tovar, Stacey Sherman, Larissa Brazener, Billie Buchert, Olivette Garcia-Holub, Jennie Huerta, Maria Krushefski, Jenna Lepak and Gretchen Parker.



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TWO WAYS TO *Give*

1 CHOIR OF ANGELS

We would like to thank our 2017-2018 chairs, Mike & Renee Blood, along with our many Choir of Angels class representatives for their hard work and dedication towards this year's appeal. Together, our community has raised the most at \$313,595! We believe that all of our needs are best served in a diverse community, where tuition stays affordable for the most number of families possible. For that reason, the full cost of educating each child is not charged to families, but is raised through the generous donations of friends and families of the school. Successful fundraising keeps tuition lower for our families. We are forever grateful for our many donors that include our parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, Board members, faculty and staff members.

2 MATTHEW PETTINATO SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

Holy Family Catholic School's endowment was recently renamed as, the Matthew Pettinato Endowment Fund, and provides a greater impact of tuition assistance in our community.

Matthew began Holy Family as a kindergartner and sadly passed away on August 26, 2015, following a long battle with leukemia. He would have started his fourth grade year at Holy Family. Matthew was an amazing child who loved helping others, had a keen sense of humor, and a deep faith in God. It was Matthew's love for his friends and his school that resulted in his parents' desire to establish a fund, in the hope that other students in need could experience the school and community of Holy Family. Initially, \$20,000 was raised from loving friends and family to support this cause. Holy Family merged these gifts with their current endowment fund creating Matthew's Fund. Of the combined funds, nearly \$200,000 will be dispersed over time as part of the tuition assistance program at Holy Family.

Matthew touched the hearts and minds of all of those who knew him. His classmates and friends experienced deep grief at his loss, but were also blessed to experience the faith filled witness of his twin sister Sarah, and his parents, Chris and Lisa Pettinato. Matthew will always have a place in the heart of our school families, faculty and staff. **For more information about making a gift to Matthew's Fund, please contact the Development Office, at (512) 244-4861.**





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