

# PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Spring/Summer 2019

Holy Family is blessed with amazing parents that contribute countless hours and hard work to enrich our children's experience at HFCS. Many programs from which our children benefit wouldn't be possible without the effort and enthusiasm of our parents!

**We welcome the 2019-2020  
Parent Association Executive Committee  
as we look forward to the new year ahead.**

President | Dineen Mansfield  
Vice President | Tricia Swan  
Treasurer | May Nguyen Mitchell  
Secretary | Crystal DuRette

### What does the HF Parent Association and its Volunteers Do?

*We organize...*

- Morning car line where volunteers greet your children in car line each morning
- The lunch program for which volunteers deliver lunches to your child's classroom
- Volunteers to staff the Book Fair and help in the library
- Volunteers for the Health Committee to provide vision/hearing screenings for the students
- Volunteers to assist in preparing weekly Mass
- Rosary Group who meets weekly to provide support for our families, friends and community
- The Uniform Resale events in January & June
- Freedom Friday, a day where teachers get a duty free lunch
- The annual Halloween Eat-N-Treat
- Room Parents to support the teacher & classroom
- A teacher appreciation gift and event during Catholic Schools Week
- ...and much, much more



### Parent Association Accomplishments

The Parent Association and the respective committees helped raise approximately \$9,000 from membership dues, the Uniform Resale, Lunch Program, Box Tops Program, Spirit Wear Sales, and Spirit Nights.

To summarize a few highlights, this year the PA provided snow cones for kids at orientation and Run With The Angels, treated the teachers to Bowling Night to celebrate staff appreciation, held the annual Eat N' Treat, and hosted the 2nd Summer Movie Night.

The funds raised will be pledged to support the new pavilion as part of the school's expansion.

### Upcoming Events

Orientation  
August 8, 2019

Coffee & Kleenex  
August 13, 2019

Service Committee Mtg.  
August 2019 | Date TBD

Room Parent Meeting  
August 2019 | Date TBD

Eat-N-Treat  
October 31, 2019

Book Fair  
November 18-21, 2019

Grandparent's Day  
November 21, 2019

Teacher Appreciation Day  
TBD

Gala  
February 22, 2020

Run with the Angels  
April 3, 2020

There are many opportunities to become or remain involved at Holy Family. It's a great way to meet parents and a wonderful opportunity to become a model of stewardship. Be on the lookout for the online volunteer sign up link in the Summer E-Newsletter for information on ways you can volunteer and make a difference this year, or contact Parent Association Vice President, Tricia Swan at [tricia.tambo@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.tambo@gmail.com).

Please consider sharing your time and talent with one or more of the service committees or volunteer opportunities below:

**Room Parent** - Serves as liaison between teacher and parents; assist with classroom communication to enlist parents to participate in classroom events and activities.

*Chair/Co-Chair - Open/Open*

**Health Committee** - Schedules and conducts required hearing, vision, diabetes and spinal screening throughout the year and offers first aid assistance at school events.

*Chair/Co-Chair - Clarisse Roquemore/Billie Buchert*

**Morning Supervision**- Safely assists children out of their cars during morning drop-off.

*Chair/Co-Chair - Open/Open*

**Staff Appreciation Committee**- Plans activities to express parent support and appreciation to the faculty and staff such as birthdays and staff lunches.

*Chair - Ellen Miri*

**Liturgy Committee**- Assists with preparing for weekly Mass; this includes setting up before Mass and putting items away after each service.

*Chair/Co-Chair - Monique Urtado/Kristen Brown*

**Lunch Program**- Organizes and delivers pre-ordered lunch to students four days per week.

*Chair/Co-Chair - Christian Ryan/Liesl Smaistrla*

**Prayer Group** - Meets Friday mornings to pray the rosary for our school community.

*Co-Chair(s) - Lindsey Smischney/Mirna Solano/Laura Barretto*

**Book Fair/Library Committee**- Organizes volunteers to help set-up and staff the annual Book Fair. Volunteers from this committee also assist in the library during classroom library time (shelving books and helping students find books).

*Chair - Melissa Madison*

**Uniform Resale Committee**- Prepares for and works the Uniform Resale events. (set up/take down, serve as cashiers, sort and tag merchandise).

*Chair/Co-Chair - Shannon Masterson/Nicole Blair*

**Community Partners** - Organize and implement approved programs that raise money for the school (e.g., Box Tops for Education™ program, spirit nights at local restaurants, and sale of spirit merchandise).

*Chair - Allen Christy*

**Silver Angels | Grandparents Association** – Works with and provides support to the faculty and staff, the Board of Directors, and as appropriate, the Blue Angel Parent Association of the school as a Christ-centered educational institution.

*Chair - Carlos Estringel*

**Choir of Angels Committee** - Volunteers will be needed to communicate with classroom parents regarding Choir of Angels participation and assist in the Phone-a-Thons in the fall.

**Gala Committee** - Volunteers are needed to help with procurement of auction items, entertainment, silent auction, live auction, decorations, audio visual, website/multimedia, signage, class projects, check-in/out, and publicity.

*Chair/Co-Chair - Kelli Witt/Shanalee Sharboneau*

**Run with the Angels Committee** - Volunteers are needed for the day of the event to assist with set-up and take down, registration, passing out water and monitoring the runners.

*Chair/Co-Chair - Stacy Brown/Bridget Clark*

**Classroom Gala project coordinator** - Coordinates the Gala project for the individual classroom; these are the class projects that are auctioned at the Gala.

**Classroom Worker Bee** - Names of "worker bee" volunteers will be sent to the teacher and room parent to use as a resource pool for various classroom needs (making copies, craft preparation, etc.).

#### **EASY WAYS TO HELP HOLY FAMILY EARN FUNDS OR MERCHANDISE:**

##### **Holy Family Spirit Wear**

Show your school spirit by wearing Holy Family tee shirts, hat, and other merchandise. Kids can wear spirit items outside of class or on "free dress days". ([http://nannieandpal.com/?page\\_id=17097](http://nannieandpal.com/?page_id=17097))

##### **Box Tops for Education™**

For every box top the school collects, the Box Top for Education program will donate \$.10 to Holy Family Catholic School. Most household and food items in your home participate in this program. You simply cut the box top out and bring them to your child's homeroom teacher. The funds collected go toward instructional materials for the school.

##### **Summer Competition**

##### **Box Tops for Education™**

Tell your family and friends to start collecting this summer and bring your collected box tops & labels to orientation in a zip lock bag with your family name on it. The family with classroom/building competitions continue throughout the school year.

##### **Amazon Smile**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Holy Family Catholic School as your charitable organization. Bookmark your AmazonSmile to make it even easier to return and start shopping. Tens of millions of products are eligible for donations. You will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping

experience as Amazon with the added bonus that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to Holy Family. You can even use your existing Amazon account.

#### **ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

**Choir of Angels** - this annual appeal is at the heart of Holy Family's fundraising efforts. Every year, we experience the generosity of parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, Board Members, faculty, and staff as they help us raise needed dollars for the operating budget. Volunteers will be needed to communicate with classroom parents regarding Choir of Angels participation and to assist in the Phone-a-Thons in the fall.

**Gala** - the annual Gala is an evening of fellowship and fundraising that provides a wonderful opportunity for our Holy Family community to partner together to raise funds that directly benefit our students and faculty. Volunteers are needed for entertainment, silent auction, live auction, decorations, audio visual, website/multimedia, signage, class projects, check-in/out, and publicity.

**Run with the Angels** - you can sense the anticipation and excitement as 500+ children eagerly jog/walk around the campus track. This event brings out dozens of parent volunteers, raises funds for the school through student stewardship while also raising school spirit and improving physical fitness. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event to assist with set-up and take down, registration, passing out water and monitoring the runners.