

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWS

January 2012

Dear Parents,

How can we best prepare today's young students to thrive in the future they will face? With new discoveries in areas such as medicine and technology being made all the time, today's children will be part of a world that we can't really imagine. We hear about the need for teaching children 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills. What are they?

Children must become lifelong learners. They need to "learn how to learn". Since many of the jobs today's children will hold have not been developed yet, children must learn how to deal with uncertainty and change. The basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics will still be essential. Science will also play an important role. In addition, creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking will be key. Since our children will grow up in a global economy, they will benefit from knowing other languages as well as being skilled in information, media, and technology skills. Finally, communication and collaboration skills will be critical in a world in which we all must work together in order to make positive differences.

This appears to be a very long list; yet your children have the benefit of being a part of a Catholic school. The strong school community- grounded in a shared faith and the support and high expectations of parents, teachers, and the larger community- offers your children a foundation of facing the rapidly changing world around them. By sharing this belief in God's goodness and living out their faith every day, your children are blessed with a clear advantage in living and growing in our ever-changing world. Faith provides an anchor whose value can never be overestimated. It provides a compass and a touchstone that will serve your children well into the future.

May God continue to bless you and your family each day.

Blessings,  
Gayle Bauch

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK- SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH, ACADEMICS, SERVICE

The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish which make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. Holy Family celebrates the many accomplishments of our students, faculty and parish during this week with activities exemplifying our three priorities; Faith, Academics, Service. Please check the monthly calendar for specific events and times. We are proud of our students and the positive impact they have on our community and world as they grow in their foundation at Holy Family School.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

P/T/S Conferences-  
Jan 25&26. Wednesday  
dismiss at 12:30-  
Thursday – No School  
Friday- No School

Sunday- Jan. 29  
CSW mass 10:30

CSW activities-  
See Calendar

Saturday- Feb. 4  
Kids Trivia Night  
grades 5-8

Saturday- Feb.11  
Social Club Valentine  
Dance 9pm-1

PTO Family Movie Night  
Friday-Feb.17

No School- Feb.20

8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation  
Feb. 21

Ash Wednesday-  
Feb.22

Parish Fish Fry-Feb24

PTO Trivia Night  
Feb.25  
Doors open 6pm start  
7:00