

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

## Sowing Seeds of



### Plant a Seed

"When you plant a seed, you put it in the dark quiet ground and nothing happens: no violins sing, no trumpets blow, no drums roll. Nevertheless, the spark of life begins to ignite and, slowly but surely, the seed takes root and a plant pushes itself through the ground: there is a harvest!

When you turn your mind and heart to God, nothing happens—or so it seems. No heavenly choirs sing, no thunder rolls, no lightning strikes. Nevertheless, in the quietness of your prayer, the Divine Spark ignites and begins to take root in your being and, as it grows, it shows forth in your life. Something has changed. You are reaping a God-centered harvest of thought and action, different than ever before." *Sunday Sermon Masterpiece Collection, Vol. 1, p. 142*

## Accreditation Teams Visits Holy Family

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*After a year long in-depth study on the quality of education and functioning of Holy Family School, we will be assessed. A Quality Assurance Team trained by the Archdiocese of Louisville and following the National Advance Education Standards for accreditation will visit Holy Family **October 17 & 18**. Their purpose is to affirm the documentation submitted for Holy Family school improvement plan. Over 48 people associated with the*

*school and parish gathered information and conducted an intense self-study that highlighted the strengths and areas of concern in the school. This self-study then laid the ground work for a 5 year long range improvement plan. To accomplish this various groups examined & analyzed 8 standards: Catholic Identity, Commitment to Continuous Improvement, Documenting & using Results, Governance & Leadership, Communication & Relationships with Stakeholders, Teaching & Learning, and Vision*

### *& Purpose.*

*Satisfaction surveys were provided on-line last year for parents, students, teachers & staff to give their input into the quality of education experienced at Holy Family. There was an overwhelming satisfaction rate to the school program. A special thank you to Jason Estep for coordinating all of the survey information. The survey results will be in the next pony.*

*The Quality Assurance Team will be meeting with most of these 48 people. I am asking some parents to meet and answer questions concerning our school as well.*

## Bring Your Best Smile To School

**October 5th** Lifetouch Photography will be at Holy Family beginning at 8am to take fall pictures of all students. These pictures are used in the school yearbook so

it is important for all students to have their school picture taken this day. Order forms are in this weeks PONY for parents to order pictures for grandparents, relatives and gifts. This is

an out of uniform day for all students. Please check the handbook to make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

# What does Assessment Mean To You?

*Ask anyone involved in education and you will hear that it is in continual change. Medical research has opened many doors in to how the brain learns and processes information. Educational professionals have studied the best educational methods to promote long term learning for a variety of learning types. Each year Holy Family teachers spend two weeks*

*in the summer attending programs, classes and workshops to address the latest findings in education and the best practice to meet the needs of their students. The implementation of our primary literacy program and the all school implementation of differentiated instruction over the past few years are just two examples of changes in education since you were in*

*school. Each of these program asks teachers to re-evaluate how we assess knowledge and performance. On Oct. 11 the teachers will spend the day with renowned national researcher & speaker, Dr. Rick Wormelli, discussing theories on assessment. Throughout the year we will share information on education with you. In this newsletter please read about our literacy program.*

# FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY- PTO FALL FESTIVAL

*It's that time of year, leaves are falling, nights are cooler, days are getting shorter. Time to celebrate the fall season. Oct.15 the PTO will host our annual fall festival in the Safin Center. Games of chance, a full dinner and terrific prizes await each family.*

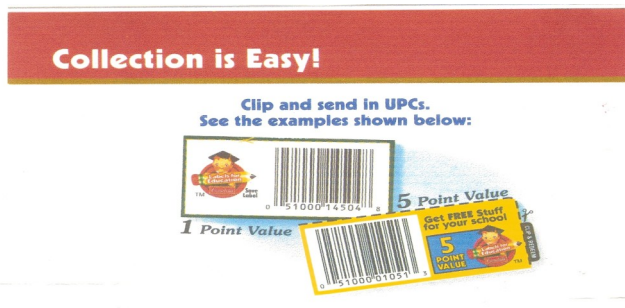
*Keep up with school news and calendar updates through the school website*

[www.manyareone.org](http://www.manyareone.org)

*Your support is GREATLY needed to make this main fundraiser a success. Each*

*family is asked to provide a gift basket for the prize booth, a cake for the cake wheel, and the sale of raffle tickets. Plus we need your attendance at the festival. If every family would help by bringing a guest family to the festival we could really make this night a HUGE success.*

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