The Principal’s Page

Welcome Summer Vacation! As we look towards summer break, it’s nice to reflect on how far we have come this year. It seems like just yesterday the students were being dropped off for the very first day of school. Throughout the year we have provided our students with many engaging activities. Once again, our 7th graders dissected frogs, 4th grade hatched ducks and 5th grade created roller coasters out of straws. All of our students had the opportunity of participating in destination education, that is, field trips to various locations via distance learning. All this brings us to today, the day before the last day of school. Where did the time go?

Thank You: I would like to take this time to thank all those who have helped to make this year a success. You are all truly great stewards of your faith. I also thank Parents’ Club for their endless energy as they continue to find ways to aid in the financial support of our school. I also want to thank Mrs. Boozer who took over for Mrs. O’Donnell in Art. She did an outstanding job keeping our halls filled with amazing examples of creativity.

Teacher Appreciation: A big thank you to all those who helped make Teacher Appreciation Week so special for all of our teachers and staff. Each year we are amazed at all the wonderful things that our parents do for us. We thank you for restocking the Keurig coffee supply and for creating a beachy themed place for us to relax. We are so grateful to have so many wonderful parents in our Holy Family community.

We also thank Parents’ Club and all the volunteers who helped with the All American Pizza Lunch! Students had a great time on Field Day. We are thankful to have so many wonderful volunteers to help make these events a success. Again, thank you for making us feel so special!

Good Bye: We say goodbye and good luck to our 8th graders and wish them well as they move on to high school. We also recognize Mrs. Gilda Grande, Mrs. Lisa Oeltjen and myself as we begin a new chapter in our lives, that is, RETIREMENT! I know we are all excited for what God has in store for us! I know you will join me in sending happy thoughts as they enter this journey.

Welcome: As you all know, Mrs. Heather Hawk Frank has been named Principal for the 2019-2020 school year. I am very happy to welcome her and know that I am leaving the school in good hands. I know you will make her feel as welcomed as I was all those years ago!

Final Thoughts: All year long we have made Holy Family School the best school around with our welcoming and enthusiastic attitudes. Even as school ends, students, teachers and staff continue to share their enthusiasm for school through their Christian attitudes and actions towards others. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community. Nowhere else in Summit County can we find a faculty and staff more dedicated to Catholic Education. The faculty and staffs’ dedication rings loudly with each interaction and activity within their classrooms. There is no task left undone. They continue to be models of good Catholic Christians. We are lucky to have such a committed faculty and staff ministering to your children.

I wish you and your family a fun and safe summer break. I will keep you all in my prayers. Remember to attend weekly Mass. In God’s love, Mrs. Fournier
For many of us, Summer comes as a time of repose. With school out and weekly activities on hiatus, we might enjoy the summer leisure by cooking out, taking in a ball-game, or going to the pool. The summer months offer us a respite from the eventful schedule of the busy school year.

The Church recognizes the importance of rest in our lives and therefore insists that we rest not only during the summer but each and every week of our lives. Sunday, the Day of the Resurrection, the Lord’s Day, is at once a day of worship and of rest. The Lord commands that we keep this day holy, and the Church instructs us on the importance of keeping this commandment: “Just as God ‘rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done,’ human life has a rhythm of work and rest. The institution of the Lord’s Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure...” (CCC 2184).

But we cannot achieve this rest without worship: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (CCC 2180). Since Holy Mass is a participation in the heavenly worship, when we assist at Mass we enjoy foretaste of the eternal rest of heaven! To attend Mass is to rest in the Lord’s company.

As we enjoy the summertime and the rest it offers, it’s good to remember that there is no rest from Sunday Mass. Instead, Sunday Mass offers us the true rest for which we are made and for which we long: the Sabbath rest of God.

See you on Sunday.

Fr. Klonowski

HFS Helps Mother Earth!

Every second of every day in the United States, 1,500 plastic water bottles are discarded. Americans send more than 38 billion water bottles to landfills every year, the equivalent of 912 million gallons of oil (www.greensheepwater.com). Holy Family School is now doing its part to help keep water bottles out of our landfills.

Some of the donations from our 2017 Giving Tuesday initiative were used to purchase seven new water-filtering drinking fountains. Since the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, HFS students have been bringing refillable water bottles to school and have been able to eliminate waste from 45,626 plastic water bottles that they didn’t have to use...almost 122 bottles per student! Not only do students get to enjoy cold, filtered water, but they are helping the environment in the process!
Second Grade students, Lilly Abeggian, Brayden Zaucha, Reese Riley, Vincent Schmitz, Aubrey DiGennaro and Giuliana Gray earned enough golden tickets to get to be teachers of the day. They all did a great job teaching about topics they love. They even graded the papers they assigned!
Parents,

Thank you for your support during our spring fundraiser! The March Madness event raised $1,612. All proceeds will benefit children with epilepsy and their families at the Akron Children’s Hospital. We thank everyone for helping the Gladiator X Project.
Thank You to the P.A.W.S. Club Members and Their Families

As the 2018-19 school year quickly comes to a close, we wish to thank the K-5 students and their families for making this year’s stewardship club such a huge success! Through the year, you have touched many hearts by showing compassion and generosity for those who needed to feel comfort and a bit of joy. Your participation and support of the P.A.W.S. Club is most truly appreciated! You are EACH such a blessing!

Mrs. Haught, Mrs. Kightlinger, Mrs. Oeltjen and Ms. Yeager
School Advisory Committee

To submit a concern, please email Advisor@holyfamilyschoolstow.org.

To view a list of the members and the minutes of the meetings follow this link: http://www.holyfamilyschoolstow.org/advisory-committee.php.

SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation preparation for teens currently in grades 8-11 will begin with a meeting for parents and teens on either

- Sunday, June 2 from 1-2 pm
- OR
- Tuesday, June 4 from 7-8 pm

in the lower church hall. Confirmation will take place in 2020. To begin the journey, please sign up via the parish website (http://www.holyfamilystow.org/Confirmation). Contact Abby Gresser with any questions (gresser@holyfamilystow.org).

CHIVALRY IS ALIVE AND WELL:

Holy Family 2nd grader Max Root knows when to lend a helping hand!

Mrs. Haught’s is in need of cleaned, emptied icing containers!

Please save them over the Summer and send to her attention in the Fall!
## 2018-2019 Art, Essay, Poetry Winners

### 5th Grade

**ART:**
- 1st Caterina Cavallaro
- 2nd Brendan Torisky
- 3rd Kira Brashear and Ally Shannon (Tie)
  Honorable Mention: Natasha Kannampuzha, Zander Minick, A.J. Skinner, Kristin Shah

**DIGITAL ART:** Honorable Mention: Dominic Brock

**ESSAY:** Honorable Mention: Mary Freemal

**POETRY:** Honorable Mention: James Incorvati

### 6th Grade

**ART:**
- 1st Jessica Polcyn
- 2nd Kaitlyn Casalinova
- 3rd Natalie Wilson

**DIGITAL ART:**
- 1st Anthony Bernard
- 2nd Ryan Rodenbucher
- 3rd Adam Chicoski

**ESSAY:**
- 1st Gianna Nykaza
- 2nd Gabriella Aloisi

**POETRY:**
- 1st Cassidy Wren

### 7th Grade

**ART:**
- 1st Rylee Zaucha
- 2nd Zoe Testa
- 3rd Claire Freemal
  Honorable Mention: Ryan Burns, Ryan Dodd, Maggie Novak, Cian Torisky

**DIGITAL ART:**
- 1st Zach Dillon
- 2nd Susan Marhofer
- 3rd Ava Heiser
  Honorable Mention: Noah Brock, Nicholas Cavallaro, Joey Minichillo, Ben Perduk

**ESSAY:**
- 1st Elizabeth Ewers

**POETRY:**
- 1st Cathleen Kershner
- 2nd Alex Hanff
- 3rd Delphine Crabiel

### 8th Grade

**ART:**
- 1st Carla Ponce Granados
- 2nd Sophia Igamino
- 3rd Nina Nguyen
  Honorable Mention: Madeline Ludwig, Jack Macinga, Macy Plizga, Spencer Rettkowski, Clare Rodgers

**DIGITAL ART:**
- 1st Alex Barry
- 2nd Nathan Hayne
- 3rd Joel McRaven
  Honorable Mention: Noah Novak

**ESSAY:**
- 1st Colin Coyne
- 2nd Lauren Powers
- 3rd Maria Armao

**POETRY:**
- 1st Colin Doss
- 2nd Dominic Henry
- 3rd Brendan Gallagher
LifeWorks Ohio had over 2,100 entries in this year’s LifeWorks Ohio “Respect Life” Art, Essay & Poetry Contest! This year’s Bible verse theme was “Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.” Matthew 7:12.

We are pleased to announce that the following Holy Family School students were winners in this year’s contest. Awards were presented at a ceremony on April 1st! Congratulations to:

Alba Mastromatteo — Art - First Place
Maggie Novak—Art - Third Place
Jessica Polcyn —Art - Third Place
Nathan Hayne-Digital Art - First Place
Anthony Bernard-Digital Art - First Place
Susan Marhofer-Digital Art - Third Place

Thank You!
The Dress Down for Dogs (& cats) event sponsored by the Holy Family 6th Grade Cadette Girl Scout Troop raised $830.81. All donations collected will benefit the Humane Society of Summit County.
Congratulations to 2017 HFS graduate JACOB JUVAN!

Jacob, a sophomore at Archbishop Hoban High School, has taken the National Spanish Exam two years in a row. Last year, Jacob placed in the 87th percentile (Silver Medal) and this year he earned the Bronze Award, Level 2. We salute Jacob on a job well done!

Each year the Akron Council 547 of the Knights of Columbus bestows a Manhood and a Womanhood Award to two graduating seniors from each of the Catholic high schools in Summit County. This year’s recipients from Hoban are Holy Family School graduates Michael Heller and Faith Brennan! They will receive their awards on June 4 at a dinner held at the Woman’s City Club.
Graeme Brodie was Principal for 1/2 day on May 16th! He had fun shadowing Mrs. Fournier and enjoyed lunch out at Pancho’s with Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Yannucci and his friend Cadderly!
Cam Shackelford was Principal for 1/2 day on May 2st! She had fun shadowing Mrs. Fournier and enjoyed lunch out at Olive Garden with Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Yannucci and her friend Jordan!