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Mission

Holy Family Regional School provides a Catholic education fostering spiritual and religious formation, academic excellence, and service to others.





HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

October 2024

Dear Friends of Holy Family Regional School,

I am excited to share with you the Holy Family Regional School Annual Report for 2023-2024.

As a faith-filled, Catholic school community, we experienced many successes and blessings this past year. We saw continued growth in enrollment, spiritual and academic progress, and extracurricular and athletic achievements. We have made advancements in our long-term strategic plan and remain committed to the partnership with our family of parishes.

This past year, we experienced an outpouring of generosity from our parents, alumni, grandparents, and special donors. We raised over \$590,000 in financial support thanks to those who participated in the Annual Fund, Benefit Evening, Fund Our Future Raffle, and other fundraising efforts.

I would also like to thank our community for their generous gifts of time and talent. Our volunteers spend countless hours assisting with school operations such as lunch and playground help. Individuals serve in leadership positions, chair our social events, and help in classrooms and as coaches. These acts of service help our school to thrive and succeed.

I am pleased to join our students, faculty, and staff in thanking you for your support. It is because of you that our school advances our mission of fostering spiritual and religious formation, academic excellence, and service to others.

Thanks for your continued prayers and assistance.

Yours in Christ,

Mr. Jon Myers

President

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YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER

We thrive when we celebrate Mass together! What a joy to officially open the 2023-2024 Holy Family school year with our all-school liturgy. The entire school joined together with Father Brian, Monsignor Mike, and Father Joe to celebrate Mass. Father Brian encouraged the students to embrace our yearly theme "We were made for so much more... we were made to thrive!" He asked the students about what they think we need to keep in our lives to thrive; they said God, prayer, and kindness.

OCTOBER

Congratulations to the Holy Family Eighth Graders, now crowned CYO Champions! Our Seventh Graders and the 5th-6th grade team have also emerged as CYO division champions. Kudos to all our Wildcats! We're excited to see all our teams in action. What a fantastic season—way to go, Wildcats! We're incredibly proud of all our student athletes.



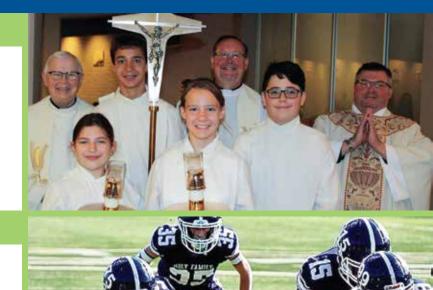
Our children took turns sharing what they were thankful for, including friends, teachers, and attending HFRS. Their gratitude was beautifully expressed through Thanksgiving projects displayed throughout the school. The students also celebrated their friendships with food and fellowship during their Friendsgiving gatherings. November truly is the perfect time to reflect on and celebrate our blessings.

DECEMBER

This year's Christmas program featured our entire second grade taking the lead in depicting the nativity story. The angels, shepherds, stars, and kings joined the Holy Family in this beautiful production, continuing a cherished tradition at HFRS.

JANUARY

We started the new year off with an Epiphany House Blessing. Mr. Myers used blessed chalk and marked above the entry door with the current year and the initials of the Magi; 20+C+M+B+23. The message also abbreviates the Latin phrase, Christus Mansionem Benedicat, meaning "May Christ bless the house."











FEBRUARY

Congratulations to all the Talent Development students who participated in the 24 Math Competition earlier this month. Players need to be the first to figure out how the 4 numbers on their card multiply, divide, add, and/or subtract to get '24'. A special thanks to the parent volunteers and Mrs. Nowak for all she does for her students.



Our Passion Prayer Service was led by our seventh-grade students, who guided us through a powerful portrayal of the final days of Jesus' life on earth. Attendees participated by dropping a nail into a basket at the altar, symbolizing the sins Jesus forgave through His death and resurrection. Eighth-grade students also showcased their talents as vocalists and musicians, adding to the service's depth and beauty.



APRIL

Thanks to the generosity shown by our school community, through our virtual food drive, we raised enough money to provide nearly 38,000 meals for the people served by Gleaners Community Food Bank. Congratulations to students in Mrs. Abbott's third grade class and Mrs. Metti's fifth grade class who raised the most donations. The generosity displayed by our students, families, teachers, and staff embodies our mission to serve those in need. Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Metti and a few HFRS students had an opportunity to visit Gleaners while Fox 2 News broadcasted live. We are a proud school community!

MAY

Our May Crowning took place at North Campus. Fr. Joe read "Mary's YES" from sacred scripture in the Gospel of Luke, the children prayed the Rosary and sang songs to honor our Blessed Mother as she was crowned Queen of Heaven by our Third Grade May Crowning Court. Many parents and even some grandparents joined us for this special day.



JUNE

Our Closing Liturgy was a grand celebration held outdoors on the South Campus field. During the Rite of Passage, Mrs. Hondzinski received a candle from each class representative and passed it on to the representative of the next year's grade. Following the mass, we enjoyed lunch, camaraderie, and a beautiful day before heading into summer.



A Letter from the Principal



Dear Holy Family Regional School community,

As we reflect on the past academic year, it is with gratitude and humility that I share our achievements and progress at Holy Family Regional School. Our commitment to fostering a nurturing and enriching environment for our students remains steadfast, guided by our faith and dedication to excellence in education.

Reviewing the Data

During the 2019-2020 school year, we began using Star Renaissance testing along with other Catholic schools across the archdiocese. This is an adaptive test, which responds to each student's unique learning progress. We have closely monitored math and reading academic progress during grade-level Professional Learning

Community (PLC) meetings. While both math and reading scores are above archdiocesan benchmarks, we have implemented new strategies to continue to increase academic learning for all students at our school.

This past year, our school has invested time and resources in professional development to assist teachers in implementing instructional strategies that include classroom differentiation, as well as providing staffing for specialized instructional interventions. We believe this additional support and structure will impact student outcomes, providing long-term success. I am unbelievably proud of our teachers and staff for embracing this change and we look forward to monitoring academic growth in the future.

Professional Development

Investing in our educators' growth is paramount to ensuring our students receive the highest quality education. This year, our faculty participated in a variety of professional development opportunities aimed at enhancing instructional strategies and embracing innovative teaching methods. Workshops and seminars on differentiated instruction, technology integration, and faith-based education have equipped our teachers with the tools they need to meet the diverse needs of our students. These opportunities not only enhance our teachers' skills but also inspire them to bring fresh perspectives and creative solutions into the classroom. I am grateful for their commitment to Catholic education and especially to HFRS.

Interventions

Recognizing that each student is unique and may face different challenges, we have strengthened our intervention programs to provide targeted support. Our Response to Intervention (RTI) framework has been instrumental in identifying students who require additional assistance and implementing personalized learning plans. By closely monitoring progress and adjusting strategies as needed, we ensure that every student receives the support necessary to succeed academically and personally.

Differentiation

Differentiated instruction has been a cornerstone of our educational approach this year. Our teachers have employed a variety of instructional strategies to cater to different learning styles and abilities. By offering a range of activities and assessments, we strive to engage all students and foster a deeper understanding of the material. This approach not only helps in addressing individual needs but also promotes a more inclusive and dynamic learning environment. We aim to encourage lifelong learning and a passion for curiosity and innovation.

Student Growth

The fruits of our collective efforts are evident in the remarkable growth our students have shown. Beyond academics, our students have exhibited growth in their faith, character, and social-emotional development. Our emphasis on a holistic education ensures that students are not only prepared for academic success but are also equipped with the values and skills needed to lead meaningful lives rooted in Catholic principles.

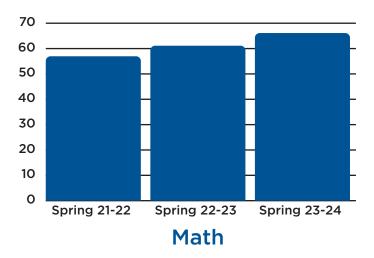
As we move forward, we remain committed to continuous improvement and innovation in our educational practices. We are grateful for the unwavering support of our dedicated teachers, staff, parents, and community members. Together, we will continue to nurture our students' potential and guide them on their journey of lifelong learning and faith. Creating joyful missionary disciples as we are called to do in Unleash the Gospel.

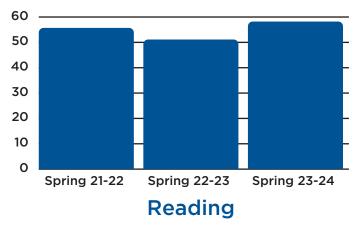
Thank you for being an integral part of our school community and for your continued support of Holy Family Regional School. We look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and blessings. We continue to hold you in prayer each day, and we appreciate you doing the same for us.

In Christ's service, *Mrs. Bridget Hondzinski* Principal

Holy Family Regional School Proficiency Rating

Percent of students at or above the archdiocesan benchmark







CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry Helps Students and Parents Grow in Their Faith



Students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade visit the Atrium each week as part of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) ministry. The Atrium is a dedicated holy space filled with materials where our children work independently and intentionally in the younger grades and cooperatively and contemplatively in the older grades. The children encounter Jesus as they hear, read sacred scripture, and work with materials that lead to understanding prayer and our Holy Mass. We continue to add a grade level each year and are blessed that more of our children are privileged to participate in this ministry. The materials and works offered in CGS are based on the child's developmental readiness.

We are also grateful to attend Holy Mass each week at both campuses, take part in Eucharistic Adoration, experience prayer throughout the day in all subjects, and learn what it is to be a disciple of Christ and a Catholic Christian.

Our Campus Ministry team is made up of HFRS staff and parent volunteers. Our goal is to meet the needs of our children as they grow in their faith but also help our parents obtain tools and guidance to raise their children in the faith.

We rely on the power of prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit to guide us in helping our children know God and our Catholic faith. It is because of you, your support and continued giving, that we can provide rich and meaningful experiences for our Holy Family community.

Thank you for all you do to help us reach our goals and needs.

Peace in Christ,

Kimberly Myers

Director of Campus Ministry



FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The HFRS Strategic Planning Team used the four domains identified by the National Catholic Standards and Benchmarks as the framework for the school strategic plan. Goals have been developed in the areas of Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality.

YEAR TWO PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Mission and Catholic Identity

Domain 1

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Students in grade four began to receive instruction in Level III Catechesis of the Good Shepard. An Atrium was established at the South Campus and dedicated teachers received training for the program.

Domestic Church

Parents received education and formation in understanding their role in the Domestic Church. Lessons and materials were distributed in the weekly newsletter and a video series was released during the season of Advent.

Service Opportunities for Families

Students and parents participated in service projects with follow-up opportunities for prayer and reflection. The students are understanding their role in being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.



Governance and Leadership

School Incorporation

The school administration took all steps necessary to bring the school to full incorporation. As an incorporated entity the school is positioned to secure its assets, protect the brand, and independently grow the school's financial position.

Board of Directors

As part of the school incorporation, a governing board was established to provide strategic guidance for the successful operation of the school. The newly formed board has a diverse background with representation from each of the Family of Parishes.

President-Principal Model

Administrative leadership responsibilities have been divided to support the growing demands of sustaining Catholic education. The school president oversees the implementation of the strategic plan, and the principal oversees the daily operations.



Academic Excellence

Domain 3

Professional Development

Additional days were added to the calendar for teachers to spend dedicated time in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). Teachers used computer adaptive assessments to monitor academic growth and adjust instruction to track progress.

Differentiated Instruction

New instructional strategies were used to engage students in learning at different levels. By offering a range of instruction and assessments, students were able to foster a deeper understanding of the material.

Social and Emotional Wellness

Students learned skills in self-awareness, decision-making, social mindfulness, and relationship building. Skills were presented in the context of a Catholic framework rooted in moral and virtuous living.



Staff Retention

Domain 4

Financial resources were allocated to compensate teachers with a retention bonus. A formalized plan is in progress to strengthen and improve teacher recruitment, salaries, benefits, and bonuses.

Enhancing School Safety

A comprehensive security assessment of all school buildings was completed, and full-time security guards were added to both North and South Campus.

Alumni Engagement

Class representatives have been identified for each graduating class and several alumni events took place throughout the school year. A quarterly alumni newsletter was distributed, and an alumni database is in progress.



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Athletics

During the 2023-2024 school year, our athletic program experienced an exceptionally successful season. At Holy Family Regional School, our athletic teams had memorable seasons marked by joy and a strong sense of accomplishment. The fall season was particularly notable, featuring a historic achievement with our teams winning the CYO Football Prep Bowl Championships in both the A-B and C-D Divisions. This milestone had never been reached before in the long history of Detroit CYO within the Archdiocese of Detroit. Our celebration at Ford Field in downtown Detroit truly embodied the spirit of Holy Family Regional School.

In addition, our cheer, volleyball, soccer, and cross-country teams also had outstanding seasons, promising a bright future for our student-athletes. The winter season saw HFRS field 15 competitive basketball teams across both boys' and girls' divisions, culminating in 3 division championships. Our top two boys' basketball teams advanced significantly into the postseason, while our bowling team also secured several division championships and achieved a 3rd place finish at the CYO Bowling Championships.

Spring brought further success with our varsity lacrosse team securing their second consecutive league championship, maintaining an unbeaten streak of two years—a remarkable feat. Our track team continued to excel, with the girls' team finishing second at the CYO League Championship meet and the boys' team finishing fourth.

Overall, HFRS remains vibrant and robust. We have revitalized our Athletic Advisory Council (AAC), which will collaborate closely with school administration to support our athletes. Over recent years, we have significantly invested in our student-athletes, updating uniforms for nearly all sports and enhancing our football equipment with new shoulder pads and helmets. Additionally, we have upgraded our volleyball net system to a state-of-the-art model.

Holy Family remains one of the largest CYO athletic programs in Michigan and the Midwest, having fielded over 55 teams and more than 400 student-athletes last year. We take immense pride in our student-athletes and coaches, with our all-volunteer coaching staff of over 200 parents and friends working tirelessly to support our athletic endeavors. We are deeply grateful to all our families for their contributions, which have made HFRS Athletics what it is today. God bless, and it's a great day to be a Wildcat!



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HFRS Alumni Share Talents at Benefit Evening

This year's Benefit Evening was held at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township on Friday, March 8, 2024. The event was a huge success thanks to the help of our high school alumni. These young alumni helped us to raise important funds to further the mission of Catholic education, fostering spiritual and religious formation, academic excellence, and service to others.

It was heartwarming to see these alumni generously share their talents by performing at the Benefit Evening and assisting with the live auction. Their willingness to give back to the school speaks volumes about their commitment to our school community and the values instilled in them during their time at HFRS.

We are incredibly grateful for their continued support and are honored to count them among our dedicated alumni. Their involvement in this year's Benefit Evening not only helped us raise important funds but also inspired the current students to embrace the spirit of giving back to our school.



Left: Gabrielle Fernandez '20 and Michael Kenny '20 hosted the event as Masters of Ceremony.

Top Right: Domenic Jesue '20, Charlie Seip '20, Caden Campbell '20, Annalisa Dilegge '20, Claire Schmitz '20, and Melania Yaldo '20 assisted as spotters during the live auction.

Bottom Right: Gavin Velicevic '23 (keyboard), Maksim Olijnyk '24 (saxophone) and Luciano Monterosso '24 (drums) joined Mr. John Garland in the band. Adam Kerr '20, Audrey Helms '23, Giulia Morreale '22, and Anthony Palazzolo '22 shared their musical talents as the Benefit Evening Singers.

Benefit Evening







HFRS Board of Directors

As part of the school incorporation, Holy Family Regional School formed a board of directors consisting of eleven directors appointed by the archbishop, superintendent, and local vicar, with three of the directors being the priests in solidum from the supporting parishes. We are grateful for the commitment and expertise of this group who are dedicated to ensuring our school continues to thrive and remain faithful to our school mission.

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Mark Mullen

Matt Neely

Mike Ringwood

Patrick Seyferth

Fr. Stan Ulman

HFRS Class Representatives

We have been able to find class representatives for 36 of our 41 graduating classes. We are still seeking class representation from the class of '85, '86, '87, and '90. If you know of an HFRS graduate from any of these years, please have them contact the advancement department. We would love to speak with them about connecting their classmates to our events. Please encourage all HFRS alumni to register on our website to receive alumni communications.

2023 Gavin Velicevic 2002 John Vandercruyssen

2022 Stella Babajan 2001 Melissa (McMahon) McIntosh

2021 Maria Saad 2000 Laura (Vandercruyssen) Nazione

2020 Charlie Seip 1999 Scott Doyle

2019 Lilyana Isho 1998 David Donoughe

2018 Chris Galle 1997 Marty Mackowski

2017 Drew Sands 1996 Tracy (Carey) Logan

2016 Sergio Guerra 1995 Aldo Salerno

2015 Evaristo Garcia 1994 Renae (Placinski) Godish

2014 Lauren Neiheisal 1993 Elizabeth (Dudek) Kennedy

2013 Marina (Izzi) DuBois 1992 Colleen (Doyle) McCabe

2012 Shawn Potwardowski 1991 Andrea (Burns) Thomas

2011 Jenna (Sassack) Bur 1990

2010 Maria (Redoutey) Hua 1989 Amy (Komendera) Berry

2009 Marissa DiMambro 1988 Julie (Camilli) Klotz

2008 Alex Ehms 1987

2007 Michael Boundy 1986

2006 Salvatore Munaco 1985

2005 Maggie (Klosterman) Decker 1984 John Paul Belanger

2004 Chris Maltese 1983 Katie (Babcock) Mason

2003 Anthony Stewart







REGISTER
TO RECEIVE AN
ALUMNI CARD



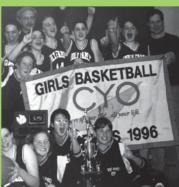
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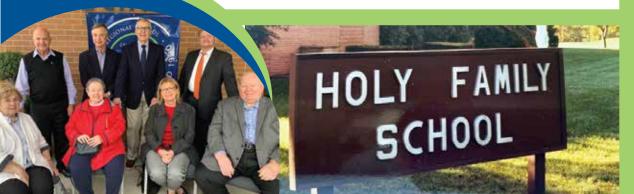
HOLY FAMILY WANTS TO CONNECT WITH ALUMNI

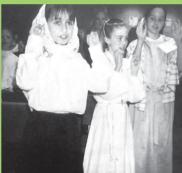


- **✓** Priority Enrollment
- ✓ Quarterly Newsletter
- Event Alerts
- ✓ HFRS Swag
- Discount Tickets to Fundraising Events
- ✓ Free Admittance to Sporting Events







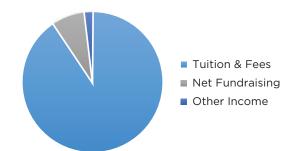


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

REVENUE

Tuition & Fees	\$ 7,103,265	90%
Net Fundraising	\$ 589,926	8%
Other Income	\$ 178,925	2%

Total Revenue 7,872,116



EXPENSES

Wages & Benefits	\$ 5,024,651	65%
Loan Principal	\$ 777,343	11%
Facility	\$ 746,736	10%
Instructional	\$ 326,959	5%
Technology	\$ 246,742	3%
Business Operations	\$ 246,152	3%
Capital Expenditures	\$ 180,238	2%
Loan Interest	\$ 50,685	1%

\$ 7,599,507 **Total Expenses**

Wages & Benefits Loan Principal ■ Facility Instructional Technology Business Operations Capital Expenditures Loan Interest

NET CHANGE TO CASH

272,609

FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 6/30/24

Cash		\$ 1,967,933
South Campus Building	Loan	\$ 406,971

COST PER STUDENT 8,105

Enrollment (K-8) - No. of Students 907 **Total Expenses** \$ 7,351,341

(Less Extra Loan Payment)

TUITION VS. COST PER STUDENT

Per Student	Reg.	Reg. & Tuition		Cost Per Student		Gap	
lst Child 2nd Child	\$	8,250	\$	8,105 8,105	\$	145	
3rd Child	\$	7,250 5,250	\$ \$	8,105 8,105	\$ \$	(855) (2,855)	
4th Child	\$	1,250	\$	8,105	\$	(6,855)	

SCHOLARSHIPS



Holy Family Tuition Assistance Fund \$261,057

Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance \$95,550

GIVE Scholarship \$23,000

TUITION ASSISTANCE

is made available by generous contributions through our Family of Parish contributions, the Archdiocesan Catholic Services Appeal, and private donations.



TO:

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendars for this coming school year's fundraising events in advance:

ANNUAL FUND

at our Family of Parishes St. Andrew, St. Irenaeus, St. Mary of the Hills

SKEET SHOOTING

October 17, 2024 Bald Mountain

BENEFIT EVENING KICK-OFF PARTY

November 14, 2024 423 Main Bar Grill & Rooftop

BENEFIT EVENING

February 8, 2025 Palazzo Grande

GOLF OUTING

May 19, 2025 Westwynd Golf Club

