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Holy Family Catholic High School

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Mission Statement

Holy Family Catholic High School offers students excellence in education by providing opportunities to grow spiritually, morally, intellectually and physically within a community of faith. We empower and encourage our students to achieve personal excellence, to use their talents to lead, to serve God, one another and the larger community.

from the president/principal



Individualization is pervasive in all aspects of today's culture. Information is collected about each of us so ads can be sent to our devices based on previous buying habits. Magazines arrive unrequested because a current subscription triggers a network of similar publications. My favorite pizza place knows my name and preferences as soon as I call to place an order. It has become easy to expect others to anticipate what we want and provide it.

Personalization is a better philosophy when it comes to an effective educational environment. Personalization recognizes that each of us is continuously learning, developing, and strengthening our identities. We become different people after every experience that allows us to respond to someone or something new, evaluate a situation, or analyze a challenge.

At Holy Family, students are honored as they are and nudged out of the complacency of remaining that way. The acquisition of knowledge and skills builds a foundation on which teens form responsible work ethics, sound organizational strategies, resilience, integrity, and, ultimately, confidence. This is transformational education, through which minds and hearts are awakened to possibilities, not just grades and grade point averages.

The legacy is in the details: innovative lessons that are, at the same time, practical; immersion in service learning; frequent travel opportunities; leadership development; dozens of ways to participate in the life of the school outside the classroom; remembering we are always and everywhere in the holy presence of God.

Young people find their places in the world more readily when the adults around them are responsive to their needs. We work hard to be responsive. St. John Baptist de La Salle understood the large responsibility he was given to teach the young when he would pray, "Lord, the work is yours." It is. It is also ours. If we are to do it well, we must cherish our solidarity as one family with one shared mission.

Living Jesus in our hearts,

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Kathleen Brown
President/Principal

from the board chair



Welcome to the sights and sounds of autumn! The change of seasons stirs up a predictable set of routines—enjoying last warm weekends on the lake, raking leaves, and getting fireplaces ready for the cool evenings ahead. Ah, yes, the mix of savoring final summer pleasures and rolling up our sleeves for a little autumn work, too.

Autumn also brings the onset of another school year at Holy Family which stirs up our predictable routines— the start of classes and fall sports, Grandparents Day, alumni Homecoming events, annual recognition of our donors and our big social event of the year, Spirit of Fire. And, again, we're found savoring a few pleasures and, yes, rolling up our sleeves for a bit of work, too.

Like many chores, when we work together, we get more done and have more fun, too. Our community seems to be quite good at rolling up their sleeves. So many good people, so much good done for our school.

As a board member, I have the privilege of working with a group of people who are committed to support the fulfillment of the Holy Family Vision and Mission. The start of a new school year has meant that we, too, have taken a bit of time to savor the accomplishments of last year and have embraced another busy year. The diverse set of talents on our board is a reflection of our community as we are first and foremost, Holy Family community members. Our responsibilities as board members focus our diverse talents while also leveraging unique talents to support the operation of the school. We have also worked to strengthen our understanding of our LaSallian charism and to integrate this understanding even more deeply into our work as a board.

Together we make so much happen. Let's make this a year in which we deepen our faith, have some fun, and roll up our sleeves a few times.

In your service,

Mary Steiner *Board Chair*

academic scholars



Six Holy Family Catholic High Students receive National Merit recognition

William Farner '14 and Kevin Monahan '14, have qualified as National Merit Semifinalists. In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT, are notified that they have qualified as National Merit Semifinalists. To ensure that academically talented young people from all parts of the United States are included in this talent pool, Semifinalists are designated on a state representational basis.

Kathryn Galioto '14, Gregory Helmer '14, Carl Stone '14, and Connor Herd '14 have been selected as National Merit Commended Students. More than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT* receive recognition for their outstanding academic promise.

Pictured in the photo from L to R: Connor Herd, Greg Helmer, Kathryn Galioto, Will Farner, Kevin Monahan and Carl Stone

CollegeBoard AP

Fifty-two students at Holy Family Catholic High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program* (AP*) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 22 percent of the 2.2 million students worldwide who took AP exams in 2013 performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

At Holy Family Catholic High School:

Two students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are Robert LaRose '13 and Elizabeth New '13.

Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Alyssa Anton '13 , Alexis Gannon '13, Robert LaRose '13, Laura Muehlbauer '13, Elizabeth New '13, William Farner '13 and Kathryn Galioto '14.

Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Morgan McLinden '13, Conor Pausche '13, Matthew Pohlen '13, William Egan '14, Gregory Helmer '14, Luke Melander '14 and Kevin Monahan '14.

Twenty-eight students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Thomas Alleven '14, Emily Bodin '13, Haley Bremer '13, Kaylee Buesgens '13, Christopher Ceglia '13, Rebecca Cole '14, Alexandra Curoe '13, Patrick Danker '13, Daniel Dennehy '13, Andrew Elton '13, Daniel Gilles '13, Connor Herd '14, Lauren Hilgers '13, David Kemmerer '13, Lydia Kirsch '14, Nicole Kramer '13, Laura Kubisiak '14, Mason McCormick '13, Luke Miller '13, Brian Monahan '13, Dalena Ngo '13, Madeline Prosser '13, Emma Proudfit '13, Wilson Roen '13, Nicholas Smith '13, Brett Struthers '14, Andrew Sundquist '13, and Anne Velázquez '14.

myholyfamily Story







Elizabeth started on her path to becoming a designer when she was in middle school. She learned how to sew in a home economics class and was hooked. She saved up her babysitting money and bought a sewing machine. Elizabeth's grandmother, a fashion model and fashion show coordinator, saw something in Elizabeth's talent and gave her old dresses to work on. From those experiences she knew she would be a designer. Aware the East Coast was the best place for a young designer to train, Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Science degree in Apparel Design from the University of Delaware. She took advantage of every opportunity to learn from the top names in fashion such as Isaac Mizrahi, Elie Saab, Anne Bowen, and Mott 50, even if it meant working for free at times! Approximately a year ago, Elizabeth moved back to Minneapolis and decided to follow her dream and launch her line, Cocoon by Elizabeth Geisler.

Elizabeth's young business received some early recognition when her line was selected to be one of four designers shown at Minnesota Fashion Week this September and as a featured look in the "Minnesota Fashion" feature in the Star Tribune. The name Cocoon by Elizabeth Geisler comes from the shape of her signature piece, the Cocoon Coat. It was one of her original designs used to launch her business: a winter coat that not only has a cocoon shape to it, but also provides a cocoon of warmth.

Although she knew she was going to be a fashion designer before starting high school, Elizabeth appreciated the chance to develop and work on her sewing and production ideas through the mitten project she began at Holy Family with fellow alum Emily Rockers '06. The project brought a group of students together to sew mittens and blankets for the Visitation Sisters' annual Christmas gift giveaway. Elizabeth considers it her first full factory/production sewing experience. Over the years she has tried to stay involved

in the Christmas Project and is impressed with how it has evolved since her time at Holy Family and is happy to see the tradition continuing. Along with her connection to the annual Christmas project, her high school friendships continued through college and those HF friends now help with Cocoon by Elizabeth Geisler by offering the key to any new business- free labor!

When asked what she remembers from her time at Holy Family, Elizabeth reflects, "What I really loved about HF was that I got the chance to be in tons of groups and clubs and be part of lots of different sports teams even though I wasn't particularly athletic. I think my sister, Jackie '08, had a similar experience; we're both pretty adventurous and curious people, and we were lucky that we got to try out anything that we wanted." This encouraged curiosity and exploration and a naturally adventurous spirit has allowed Elizabeth to find work that brings joy for her and others as well.

See more of Elizabeth's line at http://cocoonbyelizabethgeisler.com

Share one of your family stories by clicking on the



On a beautiful July day, 134 golfers enjoyed a round of golf and helped raise over \$40,000 at the 17th annual Ready Tee Fire Golf Classic held at Deer Run Golf Course. Funds raised during this golf tournament help to sustain school programs and activities that are not covered by tuition.

Blue skies only seemed to add to the fun as golfers competed in longest drive, closest to the pin and longest putt competitions and even a hand of team poker. Those hoping to get a leg up in the longest drive competitions were assisted at two of the par fives by Holy Family golf team members Michael Dummer, Jack Cummings, Lydia Kirsch and Julia Andersen. Tournament prizes were handed out to four divisions including our first alumni division team winners: Cameron Cain, CJ Cain, Brian King, and Bennett Smed.

The golf tournament runs smoothly due to the assistance of many parent, student and alumni volunteers who help set up, provide hospitality, serve refreshments, supervise games, and fill in where needed throughout the day.

As raffle and tournament prizes were awarded over a delicious steak and chicken dinner, teams could be overheard planning next year's strategies for the 18th Annual Ready Tee Fire at Deer Run Golf Course being held on Monday, July 21, 2014. If you haven't done so already, save the date!

A special thank you to this year's Corporate Sponsors who contributed a cumulative of \$21,000 to the success of this event:

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Dinner and Lunch Sponsors – RJ Ahmann Company and West Bend Cart Sponsor- Corporate Health Systems and Trig Life Services Driving Range Sponsor- KleinBank

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1. Tom Boyce, Garth Johnson, Pat Minger and Dan Murphy have been loyal Ready Tee Fire participants for over 12 years! 2. Elisabeth Luke and Jenny Richelsen share a few laughs while golfing in the sun. 3. John Radick, Jack Kelly, Ryan Bash, and Drew Tvrdik stay cool in their lederhosen and kilts. 4. Lydia Kirsch '14 of the HF Girls Golf Team hits a long drive on hole 18 for one of our lucky golfers. 5. Colin King '09, Bennett Smed '11, Brian King '11, and Cameron Cain '08 took home a 1st place trophy for the new division added this year (Alumni Division) for Holy Family alumni. 6. Tony Kane hits a long drive on to the green.

Grandparents Day



Over 400 grandparents went back to school on October 11 as they joined their grandchildren in their classrooms as part of Holy Family's annual Grandparents Day celebration. Students guided their grandparents through computer design software in Technology Studies, taught them to create a wet slide in freshman biology, introduced theology projects, listened to music performed by the concert band, and met the teachers that educate their grandchildren.

Following refreshments, students escorted their grandparents to the gym for Mass. Brityn Ryshavy '14 welcomed and called students and their guests to prayer with a reminder of the important lessons grandparents teach through their love:

A call to unity is urged through today's reading, "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." On my first Grandparents Day freshman year as I walked down to the gym for Mass, I realized my friend Julia didn't have anyone to sit with. As we approached my grandparents, they immediately asked her if she had grandparents visiting. Once they learned she did not, they announced that they were her grandparents

for the day. Every year since, my grandma has brought double the candy that she brings me. And, of course, Julia has come with us to our "after Mass lunch dates." My grandparents truly showed me how to accept this call to unity by inviting strangers into our lives, ready with hospitality and love.

Following Communion, Nick DiLorenzo '14 offered a reflection on the blessings of unconditional love by sharing a story of a trip to the zoo with his grandparents and the lunch that got the best of him on the car ride home in his grandfather's prized car. Still vivid in Nick's eighteen year old mind is not only the gentleness with which they took care of him in that moment but the clear message that he was valued more than any possession and there was nothing he could do that would shake their love for him. Nick's final thought was simple and poignant:

Unconditional love isn't always seen through some grand gesture. It is often seen through everyday little things. Although these things may seem little to you guys, they can mean the world to your grandchildren.



1. Brityn Ryshavy '14 with grandparents, Shirley and Tom Jungels 2. Caitlin Shipp '17 with her grandfather, Loren Weed, and Jack Michel '17 with his grandfather, Richard Michel, demonstrate how to create a wet slide in their biology class.

3. Daniel Guillemette '15 shows grandparents, Harold and Sharon Bischel, design software in the ModTech Lab.

4. Jack Anderson '14 with grandfather, Gilbert Anderson 5. Angel Stoffel '17(center) with her grandmother, Darlyne Carson and Sydney Beckman'17 6. Jarod Devins '16 and his grandmother, Pat Devins.





Every generation has its identifiable popular music, stylish clothing, and idioms. Current students, however, have another distinction: how they learn. This generation has grown up surrounded and empowered by technology. Consequently, they appear to have innate abilities to use each new device as it becomes available. And, indeed, they may have developed the skills to use technology itself to learn how to maximize the use of devices while the generation before tries to remember where it put the manual - if there ever was one.

Knowing that students process information differently, our teachers are making sure technology is integrated into learning. The emphasis on key skills has not changed; the approaches to achieving the skills are different. For this highly visual, at the touch-of-an-app generation, our goal is to make sure students become wise and ethical users of the tools that surround them. Gifts from Strom Engineering and several individuals have given teachers contemporary tools to prepare students to be insightful innovators in their roles as skilled global citizens:



In flipped classrooms, teachers create videos of lectures and demonstrations for students to view (and review) at home;

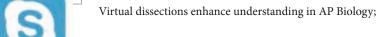
Valuable work done on white boards is photographed and posted on wikis for future reference;



QR codes send students straight to selected websites;

iPads are utilized in some classrooms for students to create their own textbooks;

Skype links our Italian classes with young people in Fano, Italy;



Online grading allows teachers to carry hundreds of assignments home, creating a paperless process;

Twitter feeds encourage students to ask questions during a presentation as they occur to them without interrupting the presenter;

Research is possible as soon as questions surface when the internet is accessible all the time and everywhere;

Computer animations demonstrate theories and processes.



helping hands

The challenge faced by 22 Holy Family students this summer was not only what they would bring on their journeys around the globe, but what would they take home spiritually.

Our student travelers arrived home inspired and prepared to put their faith into action, as called to do by Pope Francis. As he departed from Brazil's World Youth Day, the Pope proclaimed, "I ask that you be protagonists, overcoming apathy and offer a Christian response to social and political worries."

Upon their returns from Ethiopia and Oklahoma, our students are heeding the pontiff's charge to be one family, united in a mission of service.







After returning in July from a three-week cultural exchange and service mission trip to Ethiopia, the students shared their experiences through school presentations and preparation of an upcoming Water Week, focusing on the need for drinkable water

"In Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, part of the city gets water one day, and the other part gets it the next day. The local school helps students by having water for washing, which is essential and sacred in Ethiopia," explained John Dols, Assistant Principal/Campus

During Water Week, students hope to educate their peers and raise funds through between Holy Family's twin Ethiopian schools and the purchase of a specialized keep track of how many plastic bottles were "saved" in the process.



Oklahoma spirit

Oklahomans understand the wicked hand that nature and economic storms can deal. They also realize that helping hands come in unanticipated forms. This summer, assistance came by way of 300 Midwestern teenagers prepared to put their Catholic faith into action.

The students, including 11 from HF and their chaperones, participated in Catholic Heart Work Camp, a nationwide organization that connects youth groups from across the country with weeklong community improvement projects.

The HF group was scattered throughout different areas of Oklahoma City, painting and cleaning homes for the poor and elderly. Emily Vakulskas '14 and her group, for example, were assigned to work at a house belonging to an elderly woman and her daughter.

"My group and I painted the two bedrooms and living room of the house, scraped the old paint off the kitchen cabinets and repainted them, as well as painted the exterior of the house," Emily explained.

Group after group met with families and worked to transform their homes and hearts.

Maddie Balm '14 will always remember Patsy, another homeowner.

"On our last day of being at her house for the day, she bought us pizza for lunch and sat outside with us. The whole time we were working on her house, she wanted to get to know us as much as she could," Maddie said.

Katie Hanousek '14 recalled a great moment at the end of the week.

"I will never forget the last day we were there. All of the residents that we helped were able to join us for a goodbye ceremony. Each family was able to speak about how we helped them, and they were all so appreciative of our hard work. Knowing that the families we helped have a home they are happy to live in makes it worth it," Katie said.

Before heading home, the group decided to make a side trip to Moore, OK, where only weeks earlier, a deadly storm wreaked havoc on the region.

As the caravan moved into the heart of the devastation, students witnessed the destruction left by the May 20 tornado.

"We could clearly see the path of the tornado because there were no houses still standing, which went on for miles," Emily described. "This scene remained in our heads on the way back, which is when we decided to do something more to help the city. The leader of the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Oklahoma had mentioned that they were in need of clothes, so we decided that a clothing drive would be the perfect way to help Moore."

Nick Hanscom '14, Ian Cunningham '14 and Maddie Balm '14 made a short Oklahoma video that was shown at Convocation. Katie Galioto '14, Katie Hanousek '14 and Emily Vakulskas '14 spoke at Convocation to encourage their peers to participate in the clothing drive.

During the three-week drive, the students collected more than 500 articles of clothing and over 20 pairs of shoes which will be distributed to various Moore organizations.

gallery



















- 1. Patrick Reddan '17 and Ryan Pass '17 lend a hand at the fall marathon at St. Hubert School.
- 2. Kasey Ralston '12 helped kick off Health Club's Celebrate My Drive Week with a presentation at Convocation about his journey back from a serious car accident.
- 3. 8. And 9. Aubrey Marshall '16, Caitlin Hartman '14 and Megan Zeien '14 painted chairs for the 2013 Victoria Volkfest Chair Auction.
- 4. Holy Family Catholic High School hosted more than 1600 teens from the metro area for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Archdiocesan Youth Day 2013- Believe and Speak on Saturday, September 21.
- 5. Close to 300 area youth joined the HF community on the Hill for Fire Fan Night. Admissions Director Rob Bell handed out mini footballs to excited children!

- 6.~44~Holy~Family~students~joined~18,000~students~from~400~schools~at~WE~Day~Minnesota.~WE~Day~encourages~students~to~change~the~world~through~service.
- 7. Fall play, <u>A Profit New Inspir'd</u>. Cast: Kendall Werneiwski '14, Mark Foley '16, Christopher Pohlen '15, Katie Dennehy '15, Mary Pumper '14. Crew: Dominic Peichel '17, Jackie Zimitsch '14, Rebecca Cole '14. Student Director: Sydney Bork '15.



Part of the experience of a Holy Family student is embracing one of the core values inherent in the school's mission statement to use their talents to lead, to serve God, one another and the larger community. As alumni move out into the world beyond our walls, they continue to live this value.

Since 2004 Holy Family students have been given the opportunity to donate blood through drives held in the multipurpose room. During the 2012-2013 school year, two seniors began a blood donation club as part of their senior leadership project. So, when the alumni committee was seeking a service project to benefit our community the idea of a blood drive fell naturally into place.

Committee member and registered nurse Holli Hentges '08 quickly called the Red Cross looking for an available date in the remaining weekends of the summer. Fortunately, a recent cancellation opened up one spot, Saturday, August 17. Volunteers were recruited and alumni and families invited to donate. Over 50 units of blood, enough to benefit as many as 150 lives, were donated by alumni, alumni parents, current Holy Family students, and even a few Victoria residents. An alumni service project was inaugurated.

The alumni were not done putting lessons learned into action. A call to prayer became the answer for a graduate of 2012 trying to establish support for alumni

when needed. He recalled the power of Convocation at which prayer is central. Among alumni in need of prayer has been Peter Westerhaus '11 who is dealing with a long term illness and Kasey Raltson '12 recovering from a recent auto accident. After a visit to Peter's home to drop off a prayer shawl, HF parent Jennifer Fritz returned home to share an update with her son Michael '12 and Patrick Roberts '12. The three quickly decided on the most powerful tool available: prayer. Patrick asked St. Victoria pastor Father Bob White if a prayer service for Peter and other alumni in need of healing might be held at St. Victoria Church and agreed that the time designated for weekly Eucharistic Adoration would be ideal. Between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. on August 23, alumni, students, faculty, staff, families, athletes, coaches, and friends filled the historic St. Victoria Church.

When Holy Family seniors graduate, they are given a lifetime pass to all athletic events with a note that reminds them they are always a part of the family. Neither the pass nor the note bind alumni to Holy Family or each other; the life lessons and shared experiences create the community of faith, hope and love. In the summer of 2013, alumni built on what they had been given in high school and extended the influence of their experiences through a blood drive and a call to prayer.



2004

Rob Fafinski '04 returned to Holy Family as a guest speaker at a freshman session of Leadership Institute. Rob graduated from Marquette University in 2008 with a double major in history and political science. He then served in the Marine Corps from 2008-2012 and currently attends the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Alex (Stucki) Murphy '05 and Joe Murphy '04 welcomed the birth of their first child, Hadley Janet, on August 10, 2013 weighing 7lbs 12oz and 19 inches long.



2006

Elizabeth Geisler's '06 clothing line, Cocoon by Elizabeth Geisler, was one of four lines shown at Minneapolis-St. Paul Fall Fashion Week at Aria in Minneapolis.

2007

Nick Dahlke '07 graduated from Drake University with a Doctorate of Pharmacy. Nick is now living in Ankeny, Iowa and working for NuCara Pharmacy.

2008

Peter Bollig '08 graduated from the University of St. Thomas in May 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering. Peter is employed at Minnesota Mold Engineering in Vadnais Heights.

Amber Powers '08 married Ben Lazzari on July 13, 2013. The couple resides in Belle Plaine, MN.



2009

Grant Steiner '09 graduated in May 2013 magna cum laude from Creighton University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration & Finance. He is working at ConAgra as an IT Analyst.



Patrick Balius '09 graduated in May 2013 from the University of Wisconsin's honors program with a Bachelor degree in Psychology.

2010

Joshua Radick '10 worked in Washington D.C. this summer as an intern research assistant for the Social Security Advisory Board, an independent bipartisan board that advises Congress, the President and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.



2011

Bridget Cummings '11 finished third at the 2013 MIAC Women's Golf Championship on October 5 and was a member of the 2013 MIAC All Championship team. Bridget is a political science major at the College of St Benedict and completed a summer internship in Washington D.C. over the summer.



Looking for career advice? Wondering about college courses? Holy Family's Mentorship Program can connect you to a mentor with the answers to your questions. Find our more at: http://www.hfchs.org/alumnihome.php

european history trip

"It was an amazing experience traveling to so many different places and seeing so much of history, trying new foods and languages, and stepping out of my comfort zone to become friends with new people."

-Margaret Lindahl '15









Thirteen Holy Family students and their chaperone, Mrs Pottebaum, began their summer break with a two week European history trip. Whether the travelers had an interest in history, architecture, art or travel, this trip had something for everyone.

The group arrived in Frankfurt/Rothenberg where there is an American military base and a medieval town, known in the Middle Ages as the Imperial Free City. The students learned about architecture, government and the city's significant role in the 30 Years war in the 1600s. Before heading to Munich, they toured St. James and St. Wolfgang churches.

During their days in Munich, students learned how the capital of Bavaria was the political seat for Hitler during WWII. They toured Peterskirche, the oldest church of the inner city, located close to Marienplatz (the town square with the famous mechanical clock). The group moved to Neuschwanstein Castle, a 19th-century Romanesque Revival palace and the inspiration for Walt Disney's famous castle. I and toured the barracks, the killing wall, gas chambers, and crematoriums.

Following Munich a bus took the group to Venice, Italy, for two days of exploring architecture and political history. Here, they visited such landmarks as, Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Cathedral where St. Mark is purportedly buried. They saw a glass blowing demonstration and learned how Venice was the printing capital of the world in 1482. After a lesson on the role Venice played in the great Roman Empire and the Crusades, their

time in Venice was brought to a close with a gondola ride through the main

Lucerne, Switzerland was the next stop. Famous for its location in middle of the Alps, it became a dominate and influential Catholic city for 200 years in Europe. This stay included a visit to nearby Mt. Pilatus, believed to be the burial location of Pontius Pilate. It was a WWII fortified mountain, and the students learned the strategic role it played in WWII against the Germans. Evenings were filled with Swiss folklore, yodeling and flag throwing. Accommodations were in a little villa in the Swiss Alps with cows on the mountains grazing and most majestic views.

From Lucerne, the travelers were off to Heidelberg, Germany, to study the history of baroque music and architecture. Students learned religious history and the role Heidelberg played in the Protestant Reformation of the Middle Ages. They also learned more about its role in WWII as a stronghold of Nazism in Germany allowing Germany to take Luxembourg, Belgium, and France. The time in Heidelberg included a visit to Heidelberg Castle.

The journey ended with the beautiful cathedrals of Strasbourg, Germany, and Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and the Seine River in Paris, France.

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To witness the generosity of time, talent and treasure poured upon us from all of you is truly a humbling experience. Your gifts demonstrate a commitment to the vision of St. John Baptist de La Salle, founder of Lasallian schools, and to the mission of Holy Family Catholic High School. We are blessed and extend our heartfelt gratitude to all.

As depicted in the proceeding 2012-2013 annual report, annual giving reached \$1,076,276 - 5% better than budgeted. These funds touch every student, every day. They allow us to retain superior teachers and staff, provide excellent curriculum along with enhanced learning opportunities, contribute to financial aid, help pay for debt services, and ensure that we provide the type of education for which Holy Family is noted.

Annual Giving is important because, like most Catholic schools, the cost of tuition at Holy Family does not fully cover the cost of educating our students. The difference between the cost to educate and the tuition charged is approximately \$4,000 per student. Additionally, we have a debt service payment (like a mortgage payment) due annually of \$1.9 million dollars.

Throughout our 13 year history, we have been blessed by many loyal and dedicated benefactors. We also continue to seek the help of our ever-growing Holy Family community. Your tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, helps ensure that for years to come we will be offering students excellence in education while providing opportunities to grow spiritually, morally, intellectually and physically within a community of faith. Through giving, you help empower and encourage our students to achieve personal excellence, to use their talents to lead, to serve God, one another and the larger community.

Some of you have just begun your partnership with Holy Family while others cannot remember a time when Holy Family was not an integral part of your life. Just the simple act of choosing to support Holy Family is a testament to your great belief in the faith-based, personalized educational experience that Holy Family offers each of its students. So, we humbly ask you to continue to believe; continue to support; and continue to give of your time, talent and treasures.

Gratefully,

Mike McGinty

Vice President for Advancement

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Why does Holy Family ask for donations?

Holy Family Catholic High School is a non-profit school and receives no financial support from local, state, or federal sources. There is no subsidy for operations from the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis or any of its parishes. Tuition income & fees, charitable gifts and other fundraising make up the yearly operating budget. Donations provide for the excellence that is the hallmark of a Lasallian education.

Does tuition cover the annual budget needs?

No, it does not. Because Holy Family honors the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle, we charge less tuition than the true cost and provide financial aid to those in need. Therefore, tuition and fees provide approximately 75% of the annual budget. This creates a need to "cover the gap" between tuition payments and the actual cost of a Holy Family education.

Does Holy Family have any debt?

Yes. When Holy Family opened in the fall of 2000 we had a 30 year mortgage (debt) of \$28.5 million. We have just 17 years and approximately \$23.8 million left.

$How\ does\ Holy\ Family\ pay\ the\ mortgage\ (debt\ service)?$

Holy Family pays the mortgage though operational revenues and funds raised during campaigns. In the history of Holy Family there have been two campaigns completed and a third campaign is in the beginning phases. The annual mortgage payment, also referred to as a debt service payment, is approximately \$1.9 million dollars.

What areas does Holy Family target for annual fund raising?

Holy Family raises funds annually in four major areas: Holy Family Fund, Spirit of Fire, the Ready Tee Fire Golf Classic, and via Campaign gifts.

How can I give?

Holy Family gratefully accepts gifts of all amounts. Your gift – of any amount – helps us support our mission. Donations can be made in cash, check, credit card, stock, property, bequests or other estate planning methods. Gifts can be made with a credit card online via our secure server. Donors may pledge at any time and determine how they wish to pay the pledge over a time period.

Annual Report



One Family

The 2012-2013 Annual Report recognizes the community of friends, families, alumni, staff, and businesses who financially supported the mission of Holy Family Catholic High School during the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013). For this support, we are blessed and grateful.

Great care was taken in the preparation of this report. If your name has been omitted, misspelled or misplaced, please accept our apologies and contact the Advancement Office at 952.443.1955, so that we may correct our records.

One Mission

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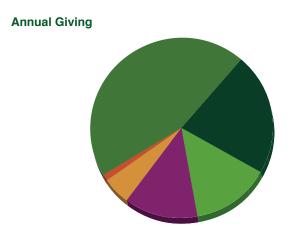
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Revenue		
Tuition and Fees	\$7,583,973	
Tuition Assistance	(\$913,500)	
Annual Giving	\$1,076,276	
Total Revenue	\$7,746,749	
Expenses		
Personnel	\$3,657,833	
School Operations	\$2,760,272	
Capital Investments	\$146,601	
Total Expenses (excludes depreciation)	\$6,564,706	
Resources From Operations (before depreciation)	\$1,182,043	
Debt Service Sources		
Capital Campaign	\$886,764	
Capital Campaign Receipts \$765,7	\$765,736	
Interest on Debt Service Reserve \$121,0	028	
Total Sources	\$886,764	
Debt Service Uses		
Interest on Debt Service	\$1,016,232	
Debt Reduction	\$75,000	
Total Uses	\$1,091,232	
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*Net Cash Flow	\$977,575	



Holy Family Fund	\$482,168	45%	
Spirit of Fire Dinner Auction	\$237,530	22%	
Major Gifts	\$149,255	14%	
Funded Tuition Assistance	\$134,815	13%	
Ready Tee Fire Golf Classic	\$59,041	5%	
Auxiliary Funding	\$13,467	1%	

statement of financial position

	2013	2012
Current assets	\$3,017,790	\$1,227,948
Property and Equipment	\$16,951,223	\$17,511,785
Other Assets	\$4,003,109	\$2,986,037
Total Assets	\$23,972,122	\$21,725,770
Current Liabilities	\$1,900,761	\$2,097,680
Long-Term Liabilities	\$23,074,302	\$23,075,000
Total Liabilities	\$24,975,063	\$25,172,680
Net Assets	(\$1,002,941)	(\$3,446,910)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$23,972,122	\$21,725,770

^{*}Positive Net Cash Flow was achieved by refinancing the debt of the school. Which resulted in a one time savings of approximately \$975,000.

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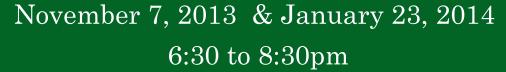
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