

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

Dear AHF Families,

I am happy to report that we are past the halfway point of the first quarter and everything is running smoothly at the Academy of the Holy Family.

Our intramural volleyball team has been meeting weekly, our drama club has excitedly begun to start working on our upcoming play, *The Phantom of the Opera (play version)*, which will take place on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4. Please mark those dates to see our outstanding performances! Our Human Rights Club hosted a successful Peace One Day recently, with presentations, activities, and the Rosary. This month, our Legion of Mary club will be participating in a day of Recollection, some members of our Environmental Club will be participating in an aquatics/forestry workshop on the, and our TOP LIFE club will be hosting guest speakers, activities, and student testimonies. In the meantime, our Fit Club, Yearbook Club, Debate Club, Multicultural Club, Campus Ministry, Student Council, and National Honor Society students have been actively engaged since the beginning of the school year. Please be sure to follow us on our website, Facebook, and Instagram to see all of the exciting developments and activities our young ladies are involved in.

Please note that Wed., Oct. 3 is an early dismissal day. (11:30), as our faculty and staff will be participating in Professional Development in the afternoon.

On October 30, we will once again participate in an assembly sponsored by the State Department of Transportation entitled the "Distracted Driving Save a Life Tour". The presenters arrive early and set up very realistic driver simulators which are full size simulators of the interior of the driver's entire area of a vehicle. It concentrates on the dangers of impaired and distracted driving, with particular attention to the dangers of driving while texting. This tour utilizes several extremely realistic effects and consequences that are direct results of poor choices and/or decision made by operators of motor vehicles. The large screens have real life/real time views simulating our students attempting to drive. It is a very successful program and an eye opener for all students. I have always been impressed by the quality of this program and the effect it has on our students.

This month, we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary. My prayer for you all is that Our Lady, whom we honor in a special way this month keep all of our AHF family, which includes you, the parents and guardians, under her protective mantle as she intercedes for us to obtain all of the wonderful graces which God, our Heavenly Father continues to bestow upon us.

May Our Lady shine her peace upon our exceptional school community now and always.

Henry Fiore, Jr. Principal

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	Albertus Magnus College Visits 10:45 am	3 University of Dallas visits 8 am Ambassadors at Ledyard High School Fair 6pm	Early Dismissal 11:30 Faculty	5	6 First Friday Mass 9:30 Hosted by sophomores AHF Birthday Celebration After lunch	7 Academy of the Holy Family celebrates 149 successful years as a wonderful, faith- filled school!
F8	9 Columbus Day No School	10	11 PSAT Testing Senior informal photos	TOP Life presents a guest speaker at lunch Activities to follow	13	14 Environmental Club Aquatics/Forestry
15	16 Senior Dinner	17	18 University of Connecticut visits 10:45am	19	TOP Life Day No morning classes First quarter ends	21 Legion of Mary 8:30 am
22	23	School picture day starting at 8:30	25 First Quarter Report Cards sent	26	27	28
29	Distracted Driving Save a Life Tour Visits starting at 9am	31	Drama Crew meets every Monday and Friday 3:30 Drama Cast meets Tues-Thurs3:30 The following clubs meet at regularly scheduled times: AHF Communications, Human Rights Club, Campus Ministry, Environmental Club, Legion of Mary, Multicultural Club, FIT Club, Student Council, Intramural Volleyball, Sports Practices, etc.			

REMINDER: If you have not already emailed the parent acknowledgement page of the Parent/Student Handbook, please do so as soon as possible, or simply send me an email indicating that you have read and understood the contents of the 2023-2024 Parent Student Handbook (principal@ahfbaltic.org)

To Our Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of your Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of the mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. lask this of you, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic and Blessed Bartholomew Longo, your sons of predilection, the renowned preachers of your mysteries and the faithful imitators of your virtues. Amen Anastpaul/18