



ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear AHF Families,

I am happy to report that our first week of school has been a successful one. Everyone has been extremely impressed with the newly renovated Hanlon Hall. There is much excitement this year, as it is the 150th anniversary of the Academy, and we have a full day of activities planned for Saturday, September 28, and have a new alumnae database (Thanks to the Alumnae Relations and 150th Anniversary Subcommittees, along with the Sisters of Charity Development Office!) We are making a concerted effort to reconnect our alumnae with their alma mater, share their success stories with our students, and be an additional resource in making connections with our current students. For more details, please visit our newly revamped website at ahfbaltic.com.

Our active Advisory School Board has been working behind the scenes to further enhance our success in a variety of good ways. We are blessed that God has sent us some of the kindest and dedicated professionals in their respective fields to help us grow.

We have instituted our “no cell phone during the school day” policy, as many schools have been doing. I explained to our students about the latest research about the psychological damage of an excessively phone-based life. I had them pause, close their eyes, and think of the family members and people in their lives who love them unconditionally. I encouraged them to make this sacrifice mean something and offer this sacrifice for the intentions and well being of the same people they had in mind when they closed their eyes, reminding them of the sacrifices you all make to send them here, and especially the sacrifices the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church make each and every day of their lives. Take comfort in the fact that this sacrifice will be offered up for all of your intentions and well being.

We have upgraded our classroom technology this year from a very generous donation of nine 65 inch Viewsonic interactive touch screen viewboards which we have in our classrooms and Hanlon Hall.

Thank you for entrusting your daughters, granddaughters, nieces and young women under your care to us. We are providing an ever improving academic foundation in spiritual environment which enables them to hone their moral compasses, which always point north to Our Father in Heaven.

As always, I am here to serve, so please feel free to contact me any time for anything. I encourage all of our students to do the same. I am a big proponent of being proactive vs. reactive and will always listen and act upon anything brought to my attention.

Henry Fiore, Jr.

Principal

Newly Renovated Hanlon Hall



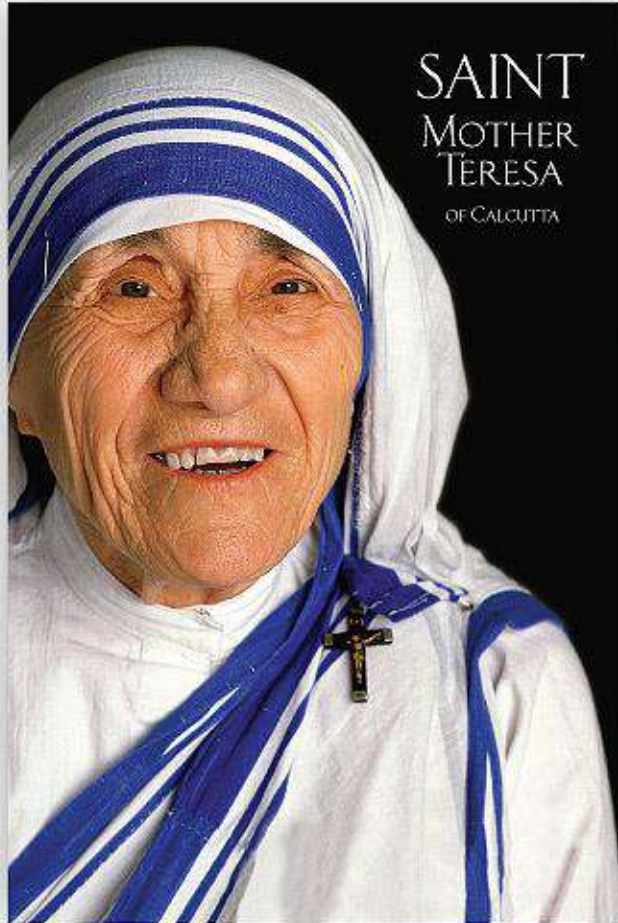
Sports

For the current school year, we have opted to plan for intramural sports, while still seeking opportunities to play other local schools competitively. This will also give us the opportunity to potentially add badminton and volleyball to our regularly scheduled soccer, basketball, and softball practices and games. Details on practice dates will be forthcoming.

SAT Preparation Classes for the November and December SAT Tests

We will once again be offering SAT Preparation Classes from Melita Motherway, who has been successfully helping our students in preparing for the SAT tests which are to be administered in November, to accommodate those who are seeking early acceptances to their prospective colleges. Mr. Massad, our IT coordinator and member of our college planning team has emailed you all the details of the classes, along with other information. The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 -8:00 pm in the History room starting on Tuesday, Sept 17th and will run for six weeks. The Cost is \$250 for the six weeks. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Mr. Massad at gmassad@ahfbaltic.org.

Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta September 5



SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

You and I have been created for greater things. We have not been created to just pass through this life without aim. And that greater aim is to love and be loved.

Give yourself fully to God, who will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in his love than in your weakness.

Never think that a small action done to your neighbor is not worth much. It is not how much we do that is pleasing to God, but how much love we put into the doing.

—*Mother Teresa*

Born: Agnes Gonxha Bajaxhiu on August 26, 1910
in Skopje, Macedonia

Died: Mother Teresa on September 5, 1997
in Kolkata (Calcutta), India

Beatified: October 19, 2003 by Pope John Paul II

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