



# ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

# 150<sup>th</sup>

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024

Dear AHF Families,

This month is a very important one at AHF, as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school. The celebrations have begun with a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumnae Reunion recently. It was incredible seeing alumnae from graduating classes ranging from the class of 1961 to 2023. It was beautiful to see all of the generations of alumnae intermingling with our current students and sharing stories. Our AHF students rose the occasion and I was pleasantly overwhelmed with compliments about our students by the alumnae. I made it a point to praise them for their excellent job assisting in all aspects of the weekend. Many of our Sisters here are also alumnae and were thrilled to reconnect with their former classmates and students. Many thanks to Ms. Deb Pratt, Mr. Martin, Sr. Faustina and the committee for all of the work that went into this endeavor for months.

Last Friday, I hosted our first Town Hall Meeting in Hanlon Hall. We formed a circle with chairs occupied by all students, faculty, and staff present. I wanted to assure our students that their voices need to be heard. I only asked two questions. The first one was to be open and honest about any worries or anxiety that they had since school began or any suggestions for improvement. Our faculty and staff were so impressed with the amount of respect, dignity, poise, and sincerity with what they had to say and we are going to act upon everything they had to say. The second question was for everybody to mention one blessing that they are most grateful for since the beginning of the school year. It was one of the most touching hours I have spent in the school listening to your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces speak straight from the heart about how this school has blessed them. The adults in the room were touched deeply by all that they had to say. It was a beautiful way to end the week and the month.

On Friday, October 4, Fr. Brian Romanowski, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich will preside over our first Friday Mass and officially bless and dedicate the newly renovated Hanlon Hall before lunch. The alumnae were all so impressed with the renovations. Thank you to all of the donors and workers who made this possible.

On October 9, 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.

May Our Blessed Mother shower you and your families with blessings during this month of Our Lady of the Rosary.

*Henry Fiore, Jr.*

Principal

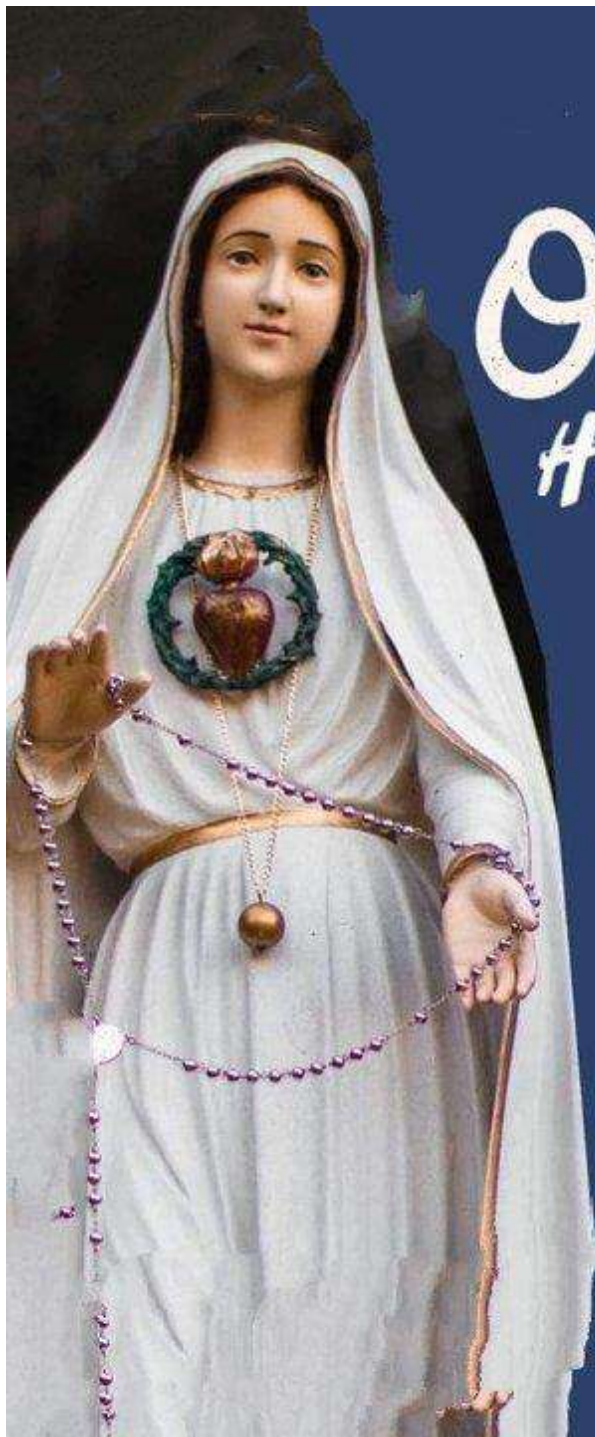
**Please note that Wed., Oct. 2 is an early dismissal day. (11:38), as our faculty and staff will be participating in Professional Development in the afternoon. Day students are welcome to stay until our usual pick up time. We ask that you please contact us to let us know what time you will be picking them up before Oct. 2.**

October 2024						
←September						November →
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm SAT prep	2 Early Dismissal 12pm	3 6:30 pm SAT prep	4 10:00 First Friday Mass Dedication of Hanlon Hall at lunch	5
6	7 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AHF  Festivities 11:07- 12:24	8 6:30 pm SAT prep  6:30pm Ambassadors at Ledyard High School Fair 6pm	9 Distracted Driver presentation 9am- 1pm	10 6:30 pm SAT prep	11	12 Junior Class Car Wash fundraiser Taftville, CT
13	14 No School Columbus Day	15 9:00am- UCONN visits  6:30 pm SAT prep	16 PSAT- testing  Senior Informal Pictures	17 6:30 pm SAT prep	18	19
20	21	22 End of First Quarter  6:30 pm SAT prep	23	24 TOP LIFE DAY  6:30 pm SAT prep	25 First Quarter Report Cards sent	26 9am- Enviromental Forestry/Aquatics Workshop
27	28	29 6:30 pm SAT prep	30	31 6:30 pm SAT prep	Drama Crew meets every Monday ,Wed, & Friday 3:15-5 Yearbook Tuesdays 4pm Ambassadors TBD The following clubs meet at regularly scheduled times within the school day: AHF Communications, Human Rights Club, Campus Ministry, Environmental Club, Legion of Mary, Multicultural Club, FIT Club, Student Council	

## AHF 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ALUMNAE CELEBRATION







# October:

THE MONTH OF THE

## *Holy Rosary*

"To pray the  
Rosary is to hand  
over our burdens  
to the merciful  
hearts of Christ and  
His mother."

—Pope John Paul II

