



ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

Dear AHF Families,

As we usher in the month of November, we find ourselves in a time of reflection, gratitude, and community. November begins with the solemn observance of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, reminders of the profound connection we have with the communion of saints and the importance of remembering those who have gone before us. These special days invite us to honor the lives of those who have shaped our faith and community, urging us to live our lives following their examples of holiness and service. We also honor our veterans on Veterans Day, who risked their lives for our freedom and rights, including our in-house veterans Mr. Martin and Mr. Massad.

In this spirit of gratitude and service, our seniors will engage in a service trip this month, embodying our commitment to putting faith into action. On **Tuesday, November 26**, we will hold a service day for all our students. This special day emphasizes the importance of service in our faith journey. As we learn and grow in our spiritual lives, it is imperative that we remember the call to serve each other, just as Our Lord served us and continues to be a guiding light in our lives.

I am thrilled to announce some exciting upcoming events. Our award-winning Drama Club will be performing "12 Angry Women" at the St. Michael Center on **November 15 and 16**. I encourage everyone to support our talented students and enjoy an evening of compelling storytelling and performance.

As we approach Thanksgiving, a truly special holiday in the United States, I encourage all of us to focus on the essence of "Thanksgiving." While many affectionately refer to it as "Turkey Day," (which is a pet peeve of mine,) let us remember and keep the "Thanks" in Thanksgiving. This holiday is a beautiful opportunity to pause and express our gratitude to God for the countless blessings He showers upon us—our families, friends, and the vibrant community we cultivate at the Academy of the Holy Family.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your sacrifices to send your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to the Academy of the Holy Family are deeply appreciated. We are also immensely grateful to the Sisters of Charity, of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, for their unwavering commitment and daily sacrifices to ensure that our school remains a nurturing environment for all students.

May this month be filled with opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and acts of service. Let us all strive to embody the spirit of Thanksgiving in our hearts and actions.

God Bless!

Henry Fiore, Jr.

Principal


November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Friday Mass 9 am at St Mary Church All Saints Day 3:15- Drama 8pm- Merrimack College visits	2
3 	4 3:15- 5:00 Drama	5	6 3:15- 5:00 Drama	7 An alum who is a photographer will be taking new pictures for our website 1:00 School views a presentation at St. Joseph School	8 12:30- Miami University visits 3:15- 5:00 Drama	9
10	11 No School Veterans Day  Drama 9-2 lunch included	12 4pm Yearbook	13 3:15- 5:00 Drama	14 10:00 am Iona College visits 3:15- 5:00 Drama	15  10 am St. Michael Center	16  7pm St. Michael Center
17	18 3:15- 5:00 Drama	19 Basketball 3:30-5:30 4pm yearbook	20 2 nd Quarter Interim	21 Basketball 3:30-5:30	22 Progress Reports sent	23 Senior Service Trip
24 Senior Service Trip	25 Senior Service Trip	26 AHF Service Day Basketball 3:30-5:30 4pm yearbook	27 Thanksgiving Break	28 	29 Thanksgiving Break	30 Thanksgiving Break

Don't miss our award winning Drama Club's presentation of *12 Angry Women*

Friday Nov. 15 at 10am and Sat. Nov 16 at 7pm at the St. Michael Center!!!!

Order Your **YEARBOOK**



A Message from Sr. Rafael:

Starting on November 4, we will be taking pre-purchase orders for this year's AHF Yearbook. To place your purchase, click on the link below:

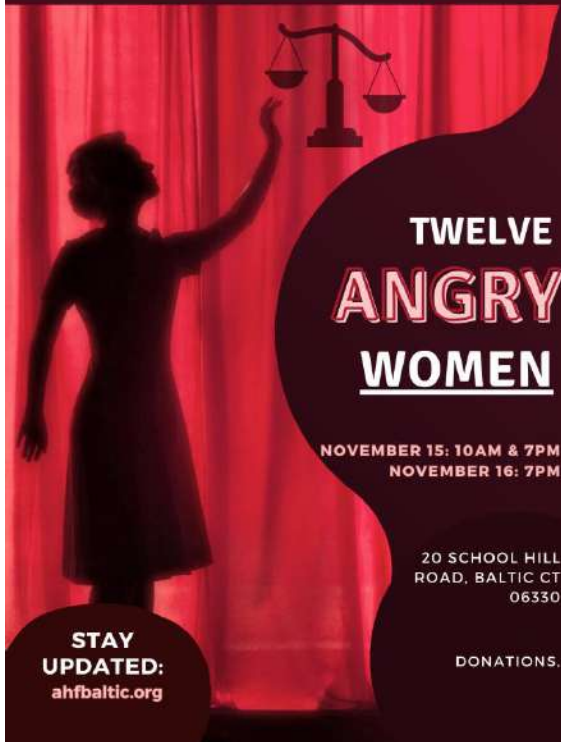
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Order before Dec. 20 and receive the discounted price of \$35

All orders placed from Dec. 20-March 28 will be \$40

March 28 is the absolute cutoff date for ordering. Orders start November 4 to receive the discount

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY PRESENTS:



**TWELVE
ANGRY
WOMEN**

NOVEMBER 15: 10AM & 7PM
NOVEMBER 16: 7PM

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Thanksgiving and Christmas Break Travel Protocol

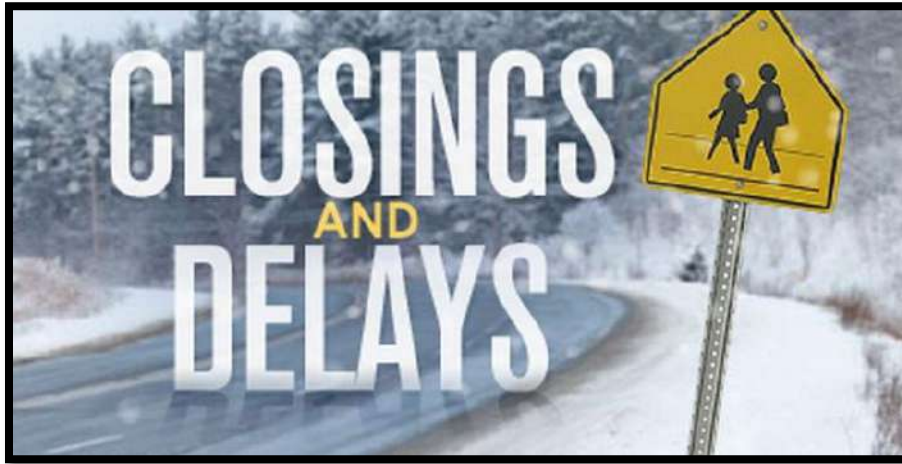
Thanksgiving break takes place from Wed. Nov. 27-Sun. Dec 1. Students may leave after 3pm on Tuesday Nov. 26. The dorms will be open. **Please notify Sr. Rafael (smraf@ahfbaltic.org) no later than Saturday, November 16 if your daughter will be staying in the dorm or travelling home or at a friend's house.** If travelling, students must return by 9 pm Sunday, Dec.1. Thank you for those of you who have already sent in your arrangements.

Christmas break will be upon us soon. It is best to make preparations from now, as our dorms are closed annually during the Christmas break. Students who are not travelling home are encouraged to visit sponsors in the US or plan on accompanying a friend from school to spend the vacation with her family. **It is imperative that all travel arrangements be emailed to Sr. Rafael (smraf@ahfbaltic.org).** Open communication is essential to ensure the correct travel arrangements.

Please note the following:

- Due to midterm exams, the soonest students may leave would be Friday, Dec. 20 at 10:15 if they have no exam during F period. Otherwise, they will be able to leave at 11:45am
- The dorms re-open on January 5th. Classes start on January 6th.
- We provide transportation only to Framingham, not Logan International Airport in Boston. If you book for Logan, the students will need to board the Logan Express bus for Framingham. We pick up directly only on January 2nd at TF GREEN International Airport in Providence (Warwick) RI and Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks (Hartford) CT. If the students are arriving on a day other than the 2nd, please arrange alternate transportation, such as an Uber or taxi.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at all, and we will be happy to answer them for you.



Soon, the winter season will be upon us, there is always a chance for a school delay, cancellation, or early dismissal. For our domestic students and for any family trying to contact the school, please note that all families will receive an email from me clearly indicating the status. It will also be posted on the local Connecticut television stations. We always strive to be proactive in alerting families, students, and faculty members well in advance as much as possible, depending upon the forecast.

In the event we have no school due to inclement weather, the school days will be asynchronous days, so the students will be assigned Google Classroom work, with the understanding that we are at the mercy of the weather, power outages, and no wifi, so this is done with as much flexibility as possible for our students.

*Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at
Academy of the Holy Family*

*Your daughters and granddaughters, and nieces are
among the many blessings we are thankful for, along
with your support and prayers for our school*



Heavenly Creator,
In this season of
gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks
for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong
as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow
through our hearts and hands
as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

A Thanksgiving Prayer