



# ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Dear AHF Families,

October is a special month for us as we honor Our Blessed Mother by dedicating it to the Rosary. This devotion is a beautiful way for us to reflect on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary. As we begin this busy month, let's keep her love and guidance at the forefront of our hearts.

This month is filled with wonderful opportunities for our students to grow academically, spiritually, and socially. We'll start with an early dismissal for a faculty professional development day, though some afternoon club activities will still take place. We'll also hold our First Friday Mass, and soon after, celebrate the 151st anniversary of the Academy of the Holy Family!

There will be no school in observance of Columbus Day. Later in the month, our seniors will enjoy their special Senior Dinner, and we are honored that Bishop Reidy will celebrate a special Mass with our community. Students will also participate in a TOP Life day, which is dedicated to our commitment to promoting our Catholic Pro-Life beliefs. Report cards for the first quarter will be sent home toward the end of the month.

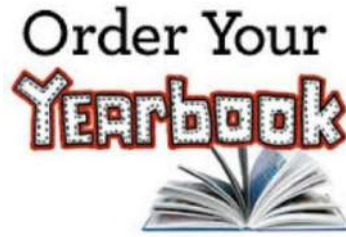
Throughout October, we'll welcome various college representatives to campus to meet with students. Additionally, our students will participate in the annual Fill the Bus food drive to collect food for the needy and a Save a Life tour, sponsored by the State of Connecticut, which will feature presentations and simulators to demonstrate the dangers of distracted driving. We will also host a Legion of Mary retreat for members.

As we navigate this busy and blessed month, my prayer for all of our AHF families is that Our Blessed Mother, whom we honor in a special way this month, places everyone in our AHF community under her protective mantle. May she always inspire us to instill the importance of the grace of Mary in our daily lives.

*Henry Fiore, Jr.*  
Principal

## October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Dismissal PD for faculty & Staff. Drama 3:30	2 University of New Haven Rep Visits	3 First Friday Mass 9:30 in Chapel	4 SCMC Benefactors Gala  SAT Tests
5	6 3:15- Drama	7 AHF 151 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Soccer 3:15	8 3:15 Drama	9 3:30 Drama  Soccer 3:15	10	11 Legion of Mary Retreat
12	13 Columbus Day No School	14 3:30 Drama UCONN Tour Soccer 3:15	15 3:15- Drama PSAT Senior Informal Pictures	16 Soccer 3:15	17 Bishop Reidy celebrates Mass at 10 followed by Lunch	18 Junior Car Wash Taftville Fire Dept 9am-3pm
19	20 End of First quarter	21 School Photos 9am Senior Dinner 6pm	22 Albertus Magnus visits  3:15 Drama	23 Top Life Day  Soccer 3:15	24 Report Cards Sent	25 Cup Stacking- St. Michael Center  Fill the bus for the poor
26	27 3:15- Drama	28 Soccer 3:15	29 3:15- Drama	30 Soccer 3:15  Halloween Party 6:30	31	



**A Message from Sr. Rafael:**

**Starting on October 1, we will be taking pre-purchase orders for this year's AHF Yearbook. To place your purchase, click on the link below:**

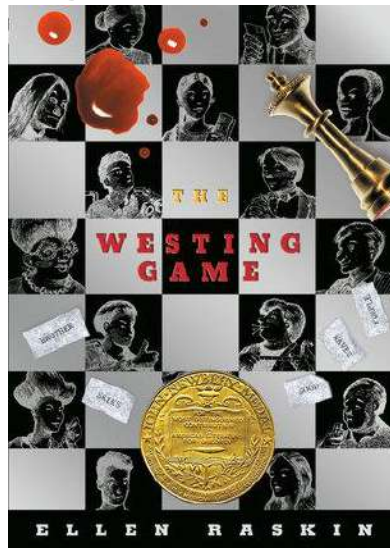
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**Order before Dec. 18 and receive the discounted price of \$35**

**All orders placed from Dec. 19- April 3 will be \$45**

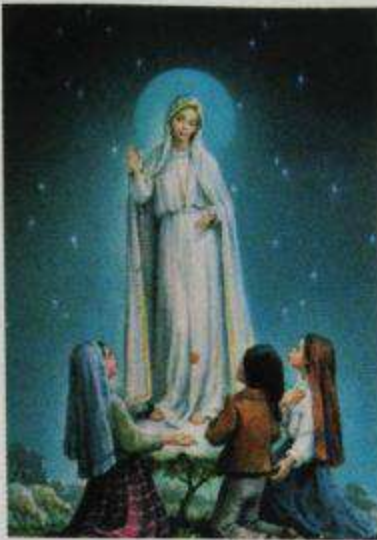
**April 3 is the absolute cutoff date for ordering. Orders start October 1 to receive the discount**

## **Save the Dates! The Drama Club Presents The Westing Game Dinner Theater**



**Friday, November 14- 6:30pm  
Saturday, November 15 -12:30pm**

**St. Michael Center**



### **'Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima'**

"I am the Lady of the Rosary.  
Continue always to pray the  
Rosary every day."

*Our Lady at Fatima*

"Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you.  
My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge  
and the way that will lead you to God."

*Our Lady at Fatima*

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we  
cannot resolve by the prayer of the holy Rosary. *Sr. Lucia of Fatima*

"You must know that when you 'hail' Mary, she immediately greets  
you! She is utterly courteous and pleasant. If you greet her, she will  
answer you right away and converse with you!" *St. Bernadine of Siena*

### **Pledge to Our Lady and to the Holy Rosary**

O Blessed Rosary of Mary,  
sweet chain which unites us to God,  
bond of love which unites us to the angels,  
tower of salvation against the assaults of hell,  
safe port in our universal shipwreck,  
we will never abandon you.  
You will be our comfort in the hour of death:  
Yours our final kiss as life ebbs away.  
And the last word from our lips will be your name.  
O Queen of the Rosary,  
O dearest Mother,  
O Refuge of Sinners,  
O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted.  
May you be everywhere blessed,  
today and always,  
on earth and in Heaven.

*Blessed Bartolo Longo*