



ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

Dear AHF Families,

As the beautiful New England colors fade and we turn our attention toward the blessings of the coming holiday season, I write to share the many exciting and important events taking place in November, including basketball.

We begin the month by celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Then we extend a warm welcome to prospective students and their families at our annual Open House on Saturday, November 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We encourage you to spread the word to any friends or relatives who may be considering the gift of all-girls, Catholic high school education.

Please note that the school will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

Student safety remains our absolute top priority. To ensure we are consistently prepared, we will be hosting CT State Trooper Brian Sumner for comprehensive lock down drill training and a practice drill this month. We are proactively committed when it comes to the safety of our students, and Trooper Sumner has a wonderful way of explaining the reasoning behind these procedures in a calm and reassuring manner.

Our community's extraordinary talent will be on full display at our Fall Dinner Theater production of "The Westing Game" will be taking place on Friday, November 14th, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 15th, at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Michael Center. This cast and crew have worked tirelessly, and you won't want to miss their work. Even more talent will be displayed at the National Honor Society (NHS) Talent Show after school on Friday, November 21st.

November is also a time for service. The last week of the month marks a significant time for our students: our Seniors will be on their dedicated Service Trip and Service Day, and the entire school will participate in our school-wide Service Day on Tuesday, November 25th. These experiences truly reflect the mission of the Academy of the Holy Family and our dedication to serving others.

Finally, we look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our Thanksgiving break runs from Wednesday, November 26th, through Sunday, November 30th. The dorms will remain open for our national and international boarders. Please be sure to carefully review the important travel information in this newsletter regarding travel arrangements and logistics for the Thanksgiving break and the upcoming Christmas break. This information is vital for ensuring a smooth and safe departure and return for all of our students.

As we prepare for the holiday, please know that in my Thanksgiving prayers, I will include my deepest gratitude for the Sisters of Charity of the Mother of the Church, our outstanding faculty and staff, and all of our supportive AHF families, especially our incredible students.

God Bless!

Henry Fiore, Jr.

Principal



Thanksgiving Break Travel Protocol

Dorms will be open during the Thanksgiving break. We do celebrate Thanksgiving dinner. If you are planning on having your daughter home for Thanksgiving break, please send Sr. Rafael (smraf@ahfbaltic.com) your travel arrangements no later than November 17. Travel arrangement times for pickup and drop-off are to be made no earlier than 9am and no later than 9pm.

Christmas Break Travel Protocol

Christmas break will be upon us soon. **It is imperative that all travel arrangements be emailed to Sr. Rafael (smraf@ahfbaltic.org)** no later than December 15. 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. Open communication is essential to ensure the correct travel arrangements. Thank you to those of you who have already sent travel information.

Please note the following:

- Due to midterm exams, the soonest students may leave would be Thursday, Dec. 18 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 **no earlier than** January 4th. Classes start on January 5th.
- We provide transportation both ways to Logan International Airport in Boston, 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 January 4, please arrange alternate transportation, such as an Uber or taxi.

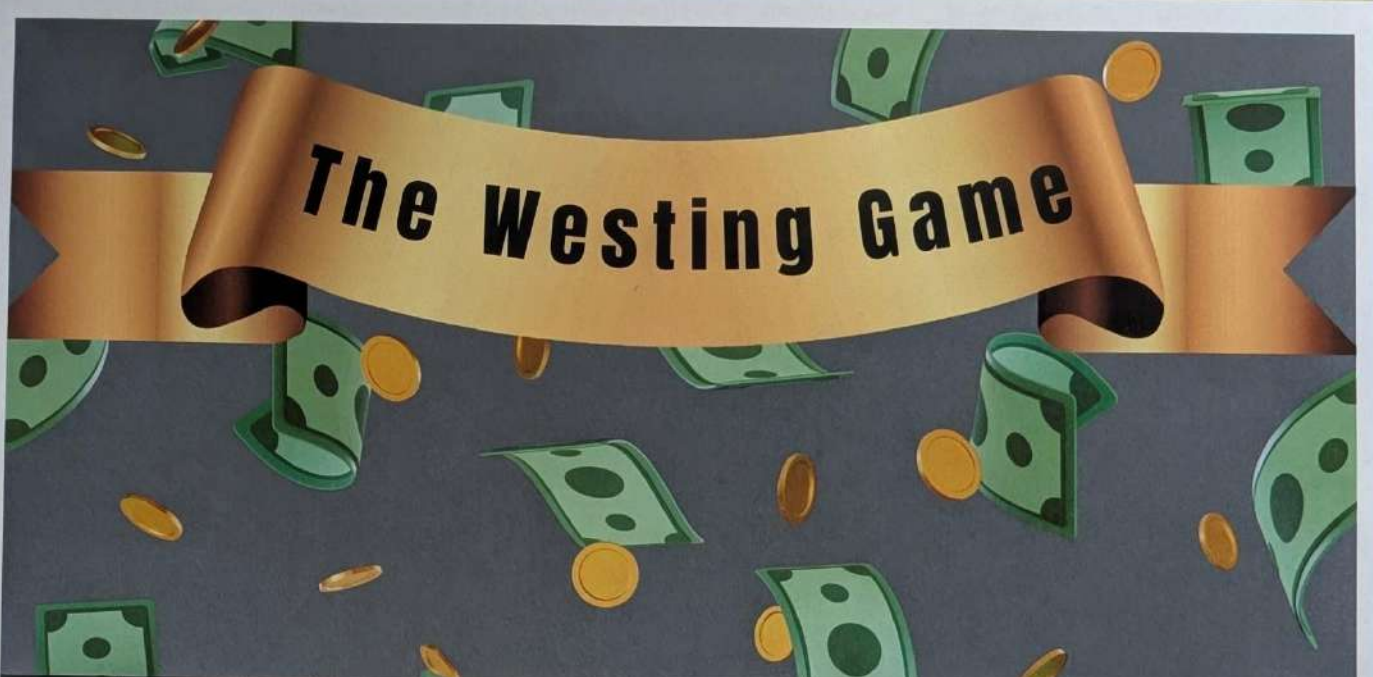
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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at all, and we will be happy to answer them for you.



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints Day
2	3 Drama 3:15-5:30	4 Basketball 3:15-5:30	5 Drama 3:15-5:30	6 Basketball 3:15-5:30	7 Drama 3:15-5:30	8
9	10 Drama 3:15-5:30	11 No School Veteran  Drama 9am -3pm	12 Iona College Visits Drama 3:15-5:30	13 9am Lockdown Instructions and Drill With Trooper Sumner Dress Rehearsal for Play 6-8pm	14 The Westing Game 9am performance for School only 6:30pm performance for public	15 The Westing Game 12:30 Performance for public
16	17 Second Quarter Interim	18 Basketball 3:15-5:30	19	20 Basketball 3:15-5:30	21 Progress Reports Sent NHS Talent Show 3:30	22
23 Senior Service Trip	24 Senior Service Trip	25 Schoolwide Service Day	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27 	28 No School Thanksgiving Break	29 No School Thanksgiving Break
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The Westing Game

The Academy of the Holy Family presents:

The Westing Game

**A thrilling dinner theater with Asian cuisine,
and a show with a mystery to keep you
guessing to the end**

Friday, November 14th at 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 15th at 12:30 pm

Cost: \$30 per person

\$ 50 per couple

Don't wait. Reserve your tickets today.

Scan the QR code or

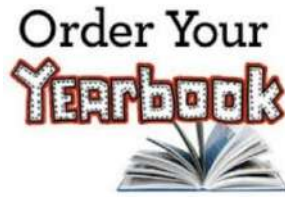
call: 860-822-8241.,

20 School Hill Rd

by Dramatic Publishing



Online tickets available



We have begun taking pre-purchase orders for this year's AHF Yearbook. To place your purchase, click on the link below:

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01013900>

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



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.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Loving God, during this month of Thanksgiving, with hearts full of gratitude, we, the Academy of the Holy Family, come before You.

We offer our deepest thanks for the unwavering dedication and profound sacrifices of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. For 151 years, they have been the steadfast stewards of this Academy, nurturing its growth, upholding its Catholic mission, and creating a sacred space for learning and faith. We pray for them, asking for your continued blessings upon their holy order and their invaluable legacy.

We thank You for our devoted faculty and staff, whose commitment to Catholic education inspires and guides our students each day. Their passion, wisdom, and tireless efforts illuminate the path of knowledge and virtue.

We are grateful for our parents and guardians, who, through their sacrifices and unwavering dedication to the faith, partner with us in forming their children in Christ. Their trust and support are a constant blessing.

And most especially, we thank You for our students—the heart and soul of the Academy of the Holy Family. Their respect, kindness, and mutual support fill our halls with joy and hope. They are a testament to your grace, and we cherish the unique gifts each one brings.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of reflection, appreciation, and renewed commitment to the values we hold dear. May our Academy continue to be a beacon of faith, knowledge, and charity for generations to come.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen