



# ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

Dear AHF Families,

Happy New Year! I pray that the joyous and reflective spirit of Christmas continued through the holiday break, offering everyone a chance to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with loved ones. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5th. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready to begin the second semester with renewed focus and energy.

Shortly after we return, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday, January 6th. This beautiful feast, which celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world, sets a wonderful tone for the new year—reminding us that Christ's light is meant to be shared with everyone. Following the Epiphany's theme of sharing light, we are incredibly proud that our TOP Life (Teens of Pro-Life) students will be participating in the March for Life on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Washington, DC. This is a powerful, educational, and spiritual opportunity for our students to witness to the sanctity of human life and join thousands of others in advocating for the most vulnerable among us. We hold them in our prayers as they travel and participate in this important mission.

On Monday, January 12th, our dedicated Advisory Board will hold its first meeting of the new year. We are truly blessed to have this board—a group comprised of experts in various professional fields—who volunteer countless hours and contribute their wisdom, strategy, and experience. They work diligently behind the scenes to ensure the school continues to grow in excellence, stability, and adherence to its core mission. Please join me in offering sincere gratitude for their essential time and effort.

Please note that there will be no school on January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The last week of January marks the national observance of Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community," perfectly encapsulates the mission of the Academy of the Holy Family. It allows us to celebrate our unique environment where solid academic rigor and intellectual curiosity are nurtured within a profound spiritual atmosphere. Our Catholic identity is the very foundation that supports our academic excellence, allowing our students to grow into women of intellect, compassion, and faith. We have arranged a real treat for our school for Catholic Schools Week. In collaboration with St. Joseph School, the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters will be performing at the St. Michael Center! For those unfamiliar, the Harlem Globetrotters are an iconic exhibition basketball team known globally for their astonishing feats of skill, thrilling trick shots, and comedic routines combined with impressive athleticism. This promises to be a fantastic, fun-filled event celebrating teamwork and incredible talent.

May your new year be filled with grace, peace, and the love of the Holy Family.

*Henry Fiore, Jr.*

Principal

January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 Christmas Break →	3 Christmas Break →
4 Christmas Break	5	6  Epiphany Basketball 3:15-5:30	7	8 Basketball 3:15-5:30	9	10
Residents return						
11	12 AHF Advisory Board Meeting	13 Basketball 3:15-5:30	14	15 Basketball 3:15-5:30	16	17
18	19 No School	20 Basketball 3:15-5:30	21	22 Basketball 3:15-5:30	23 TOP Life March for Life Washington, DC	24
25	26	27 Basketball 3:15-5:30	28	29 Basketball 3:15-5:30	30	31

**Please note the following change to our calendar:**

**Thursday, February 5 is an early dismissal day for Faculty Professional Development. Day students may stay until regular dismissal time if needed if transportation is an issue**

## A Prayer for the New Year 2026

Almighty God, Source of all life and grace, as the calendar turns to a new year, 2026, we gather our intentions and lift our voices to You, asking for Your abundant blessings upon the entire Academy of the Holy Family community.

We pray first and foremost for the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. We thank You for their incredible fidelity and their tireless stewardship over this institution for more than 151 years. May this New Year bring them renewed strength, peace, and deep spiritual fulfillment in their vocation. Bless the vows they have made, protect them in their sacrifices, and confirm Your presence in every action they undertake for the glory of Your kingdom and the welfare of this school.

We pray for the students of the Academy of the Holy Family. May they enter 2026 with open minds and eager hearts, ready to embrace the challenges of learning, to deepen their faith, and to grow in virtue. Guard their friendships, guide their studies, and grant them the wisdom to use their talents for good.

We pray for their families, the first teachers of the faith. Bless their homes with harmony, stability, and enduring love. Reward their commitment to Catholic education and grant them the grace to support their daughters in their journey toward Christ.

We pray for the faculty and staff. May You grant them patience, dedication, and joy in their vital work. Bless their efforts to impart knowledge, model faith, and inspire excellence in the students entrusted to their care. Give them discernment and energy as they serve the mission of the school each day.

May the Holy Family guide our steps, protect our community, and draw us closer to Your heart in this New Year. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen