



# ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

Dear AHF Families,

Everyone at AHF has been busy preparing for an exciting new school year, welcoming local families and families from around the globe. We are very grateful to the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, for the sacrifices they have made over the past 151 years to help our school thrive. I also feel incredibly blessed to be working with the most outstanding faculty I have ever had the privilege of serving alongside.

Please join me in praying for Miss Alice Crosby, who has concluded her service as our Spanish teacher. We thank her for her dedication and wish her every blessing in her future endeavors. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Bridget Pupillo, who will introduce Latin to our students. We are very excited to be offering Latin. Studying Latin strengthens language acquisition, expands English vocabulary through Latin roots, develops logical thinking and problem-solving skills, provides an excellent foundation for scientific, medical, and legal terminology, and opens the door to classical literature, history, and the philosophical foundations of Western civilization. We also are happy to announce that we will have a licensed and certified counselor on our school staff. Her name is Caitlin Gotch, MSW. She will be a wonderful addition to our AHF Family.

One of our largest summer projects has been transitioning our Student Information System from Rediker to FACTS. While many families already know FACTS for admissions and tuition, it will now become our comprehensive system for academics, medical records, scheduling (our daily schedule will be changing in a most efficient way.) and communication. Parents and guardians will be able to access detailed, up-to-date grade reports, medical information, applications, required documentation, report cards, transcripts, and school communications all in one place. Once fully implemented, families will also be able to select courses online with their daughters. Communication will improve tremendously with notifications delivered instantly through email, text messages, and voice mail. Families will be able to get real time information on grades and schoolwork.

May God continue to bless every member of our Academy of the Holy Family community, and may Christ remain at the center of all that we do. Please know that you are always welcome to email me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. For our new families, I warmly invite you to join our Virtual Meet and Greet on Saturday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our faculty and staff, learn more about our school, and begin building the relationships that make AHF such a special community. I look forward to meeting each of you soon.

God Bless!

*Henry Fiore, Jr.*

Principal



## **Travel Arrangements and Transportation to AHF**

This year we are changing our transportation policy. We will have a bus at Bradley Airport (BDL) in Hartford on Aug 31st from 3-5pm. We will also be at Framingham Massachusetts **Logan bus station** from 1-3 pm. Students who want transportation to AHF will need to be there by the designated time and to let the driver know ahead of time.

If the student can't make it to either of those times, please make private arrangements, such as an Uber. Another suggestion for arranging a ride in advance is Curtin Transportation Group 860-443-1655 ext. 2226

<https://www.curtintransportationgroup.com/> . Please keep in mind that if you wish to use Curtin Transportation, arrangements must be made well in advance and cannot be a last minute decision

Students may arrive between 9am and 8pm on August 31<sup>st</sup> .

Orientation Day, which is our first official day of school, Tuesday, September 1. The first day of classes will be Wednesday, September 2. Also, for Orientation Day, Sr. Rafael asks that you bring a snack to share with the rest of the school, preferably something unique to your part of the world. It doesn't have to be a lot, just something to give a taste.

Please note for international families: We are understanding of situations which are beyond your control, especially delays due to Embassy appointments, and will work with each family individually on these issues. A school calendar is also included with this newsletter. As we prepare to welcome our students back, I look forward to another year of growing together in faith, wisdom, and love.

## A Prayer for the New School Year

Gracious and Loving God,

We gather at the beginning of this new academic year with hearts full of hope, joy, and gratitude. We ask Your blessing upon the Academy of the Holy Family as we open our doors and our hearts to a new beginning.

Lord, bless our students, faculty, and staff. Guide our young women as they grow in wisdom, grace, and faith. May our classrooms be places of intellectual curiosity, compassionate learning, and mutual support, honoring the sacred dignity of every individual.

We pray especially for our new families—those joining us locally from Connecticut, across the United States, and around the world. We extend our deepest gratitude to all our parents and guardians for the heartfelt sacrifices you make and the immense trust you place in our school to nurture and educate your daughters. May You wrap our students in Your peace, calm any anxieties of transition, and help them quickly feel at home within our school family.

Through the loving guidance and spiritual wisdom of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, help us to emulate the virtues of the Holy Family in all that we do. May our school be a sanctuary of charity, hospitality, and unity where every student is empowered to discover her God-given gifts and purpose.

Place us under the loving protection and maternal care of Mary, Our Mother, and grant us a year filled with safety, academic fruitfulness, and lasting friendships.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.