Academy of the Holy Family

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2026

Dear AHF Families,

As we enter the month of November, our hearts naturally turn toward the virtue of gratitude and the abundant blessings Almighty God bestows upon our school family each day. In the Catholic tradition, Thanksgiving is not merely a seasonal holiday, but the very core of our spiritual life—found most perfectly in the Eucharist, which literally means "thanksgiving." 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

The month begins with dedicated preparations for our upcoming fall play, with our talented students gathering for drama rehearsals on November 2nd, 4th, and 6th. On Tuesday, November 3rd, our girls will participate in the Save A Life Tour (the Distracted Driving Program postponed from September), an important presentation fostering driving safety and personal responsibility. Higher education remains a focal point as we welcome Post University to campus at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 5th, followed by our high schoolers taking the SAT on Saturday, November 7th. That same Saturday at 10:00 AM, we open our doors to prospective families for our Fall Open House, inviting new young women to experience the warmth of our school community.

As we move into the second week of the month, we take time to honor those who have bravely served our nation. School will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. That same day, student actresses will complete their final rehearsal, leading into dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 12th. Their hard work culminates in the production of *The Trial of the Wicked Witch*, performing on Friday, November 13th, and Saturday, November 14th. We encourage all families to join us for an evening of theatre and community.

Our spirit of joyful engagement continues into mid-November with a unique school-wide activity on Tuesday, November 17th, when our students participate in a Guinness Book of World Records speed stacking event in the gym. On Friday, November 20th, we mark two key milestones: the end of the second quarter interim and our National Honor Society Talent Show at 2:00 PM, showcasing the wonderful gifts God has given our students.

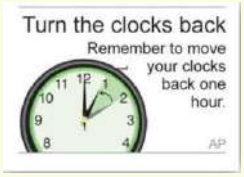
Living out our call to Christian service, our seniors embark on their Senior Service Trip on Monday, November 23rd, putting faith into action through loving outreach. Second quarter progress reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 24th, just before we begin our Thanksgiving Break, which runs from Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th. Classes will resume on Monday, November 30th

May God's blessings be abundant upon you always,

Henry Fiore, Jr.

Principal

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	**2** Drama Rehearsal	**3** Save A Life tour	**4** Drama Rehearsal	**5** Post University- 2pm	**6** Drama Rehearsal	**7** SAT testing Open House 10am-1pm
8	**9**	**10**	**11** **No School Veterans Day** Drama 9-3 lunch included	**12** Drama Dress Rehearsal 5pm-8:30pm	**13** **School Play** **The Trial of the Wicked Witch** **10 am & 7pm**	**14** **School Play** **The Trial of the Wicked Witch** **7pm**
15	**16**	**17** Speed Stacking event at St. Michael Center for the record during gym periods	**18**	**19**	**20** Second quarter Interim Ends NHS Talent Show 2pm	**21**
22	**23** Senior Service Trip	**24** Second quarter interim progress reports sent	**25** Thanksgiving Break	**26** 	**27** Thanksgiving Break	**28** Thanksgiving Break
29 Thanksgiving Break	**30**					

WHERE:

St. MichaelCenter
22 School Hill Road
Baltic, Ct

WHEN:

- November 13 at
  - 10 am & 7 pm
- November 14 at 7pm

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY
PRESENTS

THE TRIAL OF THE WICKED WITCH

You be the jury!

Admission is
by donation!

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Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Travel Protocol

As you begin making travel arrangements for the upcoming holidays, please review the transportation details and schedule guidelines below. It is important that all travel arrangements and/or questions be communicated to Sr. Rafael (smraf@ahfbaltic.org)

School-Provided Transportation

For returning students, school bus pickup will be available at the following locations:

Framingham, MA (Logan Express Station): 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Bradley International Airport (BDL - Hartford, CT): 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Students requiring school transportation must arrive during these specified times and notify either the bus driver or Sister M. Rafael (smraf@ahfbaltic.org) in advance.

Alternative Travel Arrangements

If your student's schedule falls outside of these pickup windows, please arrange for private transportation, such as a taxi or rideshare service. For advance bookings, we recommend Curtin Transportation Group at **(860) 443-1655 ext. 2226**. Please note that reservations with Curtin Transportation must be scheduled well in advance, as last-minute bookings cannot be accommodated.

Holiday Travel Schedule

Thanksgiving Break

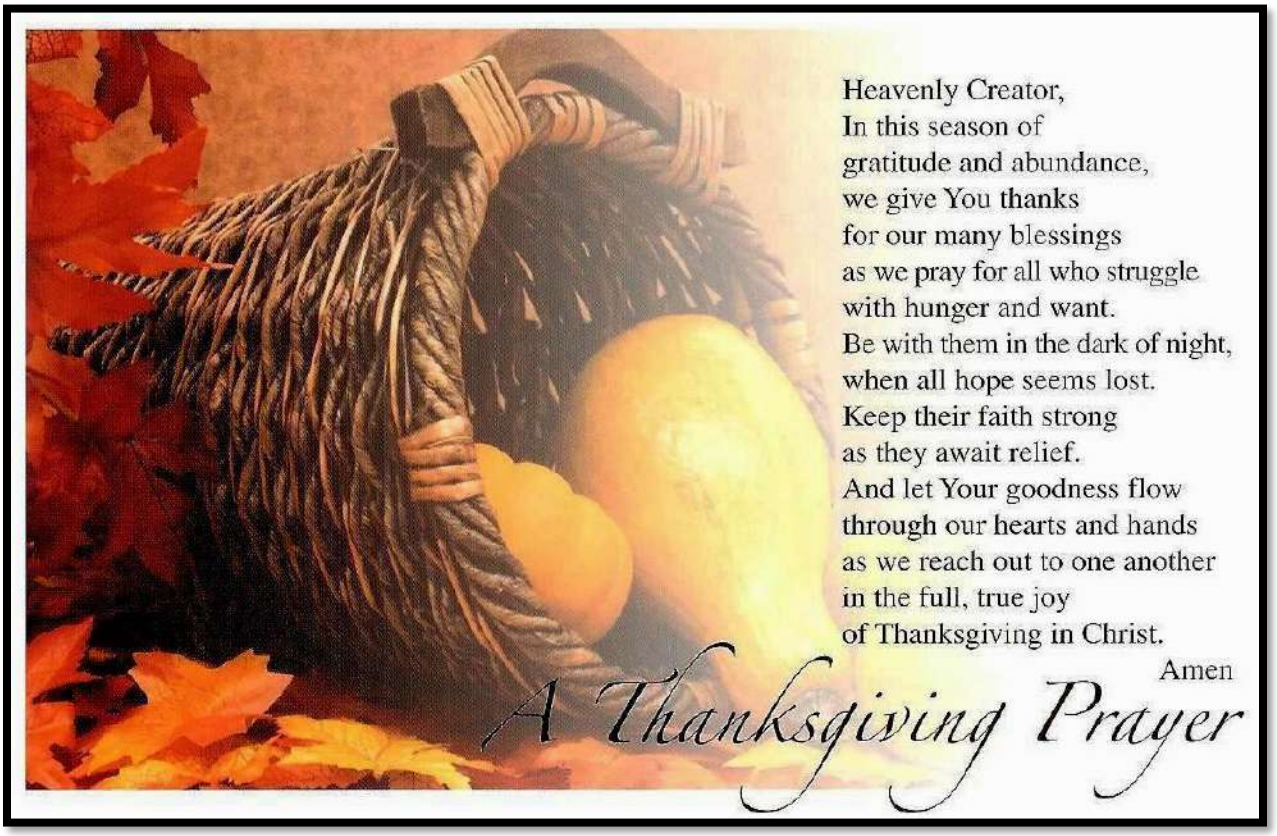
- **Departure:** Tuesday, November 24 | Departure from school by 2:00 PM *(Please schedule flights no earlier than 4:00 PM)*
- **Return:** Sunday, November 29 | Bus pickup at Logan Express Framingham (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM) & BDL Airport (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

Christmas Break

- **Departure:** Friday, December 18 | Departure from school at 9:00 AM *(Please schedule flights no earlier than 11:00 AM)*
- **Return:** Sunday, January 3 | Bus pickup at Logan Express Framingham (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM) & BDL Airport (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

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

Our students are among the many blessings we are thankful for, along with your support and prayers for our school