The 4th Grade Saints Project, an annual tradition where students choose a saint to research, make a costume, write a paper, prepare an oral presentation, and create a backboard with timelines, pictures, and facts. Students share all of this with the school in an interactive museum.

**MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY**

Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Family Catholic School Community commits to fostering: deepening faith, academic excellence, responsibility for self, and concern for others.

We are dedicated to:

- Assisting parents, the primary educators, in the formation of their child in areas of spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth through Catholic example.
- Cultivating an atmosphere that embraces diversity with respect for individual differences as God created us.
- Meeting the diocesan curriculum objectives using a variety of techniques in order to reach all learners.
- Promoting creative thinking and a positive self-concept among students, enabling them to develop a life-long love of learning.
- Providing a safe, secure, and positive learning environment guided by qualified and dedicated faculty and staff.
- Facilitating communication between all stakeholders throughout the school and parish community.
- Preparing students for social responsibilities and interpersonal skills such as setting goals, working with others, and decision making.
- Modeling and encouraging the true meaning of the Gospel message, which is to utilize our time, talent, and treasure through outreach and missionary programs.

**CURRICULUM**

Holy Family Catholic School provides a rigorous academic curriculum that continually challenges and motivates each student to strive for excellence. All academic programs follow the Diocese of St. Augustine curriculum standards. We insure that our program exceeds national and state standards so that all students are exposed to the most current, challenging and interdisciplinary curriculum.

The development of the individual through the teachings of the Catholic Church is central to our mission. The Gospel values are evident throughout our school community. Religion is woven into all subject areas and evidenced by the daily living of our faith. Learning to respect and value fellow human beings, being good stewards of the environment, and servicing others is key. Spiritual activities and programs, together with weekly Mass and regular adoration, are an integral part of our school program.

Our Pre-Kindergarten program focuses on the development of the whole child. Our activities engage students in mind, body, and spirit, helping each child discover his/her God given gifts and develop to his/her fullest potential. Children attend weekly Mass, participate in discussion about Gospel teachings and learn the importance of prayer. They are also engaged with STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and mathematics) activities that build on and extend their natural curiosity about the world around them through play and imagination.

Students in kindergarten through middle school continue to learn and develop in all subject areas. A structured, academically rigorous curriculum guides our students in the subjects of religion, language arts/reading, mathematics, science, social studies, Spanish, art, music, physical education, media research, and science resource labs. The students are provided instruction using a variety of learning strategies as well as various means of delivery. Our teachers incorporate many types of technology and student directed activities throughout the day. Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery of concepts through presentations, group activities, multi-media projects, and other endeavors. Academic success is measured regularly through a variety of assessment tools, teacher observation, and standardized national tests. Our students are provided with a well-rounded, current framework of skills that enable them to develop into lifelong, enthusiastic learners prepared for high school and beyond.
**FACULTY AND STAFF**

Holy Family Catholic School is blessed to have a dedicated team to serve our students. All teachers are fully certified by the State of Florida and pursue continuing education opportunities to bring the latest techniques into the classroom. Academic instruction is enhanced by specialized faculty members in the areas of art, media, music, physical education, Spanish, and technology. Students also have access to science lab resources beginning in Kindergarten. Six classroom aides contribute to the overall experience for students in our primary grades.

Our Pre-K teachers are also fully certified by the state of Florida. Students in this program receive instruction in multimedia beyond the recommended state program.

In addition to our classroom teachers, our office support staff is ready to greet you and help make your child’s educational experience successful. An on-staff registered nurse also visits classrooms to provide health education. Our guidance counselor is available to students throughout the school and contributes to the social and emotional development of our students through activities and projects.

The staff of Holy Family Catholic School dedicates their chosen ministry to the education of your child and will go above and beyond to provide an outstanding learning experience.

**Christ is the unseen but ever present Teacher in our classes. He is the model of our faculty and the inspiration of our students.**

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**ATHLETICS**

Holy Family competes in all sports offered by and administered by the Catholic Grade School Sports Conference. We also offer a limited number of intramural sports and clubs, depending on volunteer coaches. Sports physicals are required for participation and must be completed after June 1, 2016, signed by a physician, notarized, and on file in the school office prior to the start of the season. Students must be academically eligible for sports. Fees include $50 per student per sport (payable through FACTS) and $50 deposit (check only) for uniforms. Sports may require additional fees.

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**STUDENT LIFE**

Holy Family offers a rich variety of activities for all students. A number of religious service opportunities are available including altar serving and Mass participation. Creative arts include yearbook, news production, drumline and chorus, as well as talent showcases in the visual and performing arts. Extra-curricular programs in dance, karate, music, visual arts, and scouting are available after school. Some of our established school clubs are highlighted below:

- **Astronomical Society**: HoFAS is an astronomical society for seventh and eighth grade promoting an appreciation of God’s grandeur in the cosmos.
- **Battle of the Books**: A yearly Diocesan event in which students compete with other Catholic schools to answer questions about books.
- **Beta Club**: A service organization comprised of seventh and eighth graders.
- **Book Club**: For the love of reading, students may choose to attend Book Club each month or for just a particular book.
- **Brain Brawl**: A yearly Diocesan event in which students compete with other Catholic schools to answer academic challenge questions.
- **Choir**: Open to 3rd through 8th grade students. A creative and selfless ministry for Holy Mass and other Diocesan events.
- **Math Olympiads**: A national competitive mathematics program that promotes achievement through a series of contests.
- **National Junior Honor Society**: Distinguishes students committed to academic excellence, community improvement, and personal development.
- **Safety Patrol**: Plays an important role in helping our students get safely from their car into the school building and vice versa.
- **Student Government Association**: A student elected group of representatives that consults with administration for school improvement.
Tradition Of Excellence

Holy Family Catholic School combines faith and excellence in every classroom. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Education designated Holy Family as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Our students surpass national standards and are well prepared for the academic and social challenges of Catholic, public, or private high schools.

Our students…

- Develop a strong commitment to serve local, national, and international needs.
- Rank in the top 85% or higher on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, a national achievement test.
- Consistently place in the Diocesan Science Fair for grades 6 - 8.
- Are recognized at both the state and national level for the Duke University Talent Search
- Have won numerous awards from the Diocese for the Modern Woodmen Speech Contest and have been represented as a national finalist.
- Compete in the Duval County Scripps Spelling Bee
- Have consistently won the Tropicana Speech Competition in Duval County
- Have been awarded 1st place in the nation for the Johannes Kepler Astronomy Music Video Contest.
- Have won Diocesan League titles in basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

Our school…

- Strives to maintain the standard of a Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.
- Provides an exceptional education for students of all faiths.
- Offers accelerated courses for middle school students in literature, math, science, and social studies.
- Provides a secure website for school and family communication
- Continues its commitment to parent volunteers and our active Parent Teacher Organization
- Employs a state of the art 1-to-1 iPad deployment for middle school and classroom sets of iPads for all younger grades.
- Has a modern media research lab complete with Chromebox computers managed by Google Apps for Education.
- Utilizes enterprise class web filtering, internet security, and data protection to maximize student safety online.
- Houses a state of the art science lab.
- Offers the state Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program for four year olds.
- Accepts Step Up for Students Scholarships.
- Provides an activity filled After School Program.

Holy Family Catholic School will prepare your child for life through rigorous academics in a Catholic environment.

2015 Science Fair winners in 8th grade, many of whom also competed at Diocesan and Regional Science Fairs.

Financial Assistance

Here at Holy Family Catholic School, we understand that a commitment to Catholic education can be economically challenging for many families. We regularly review financial need on a case-by-case basis. With the help of benefactors, we have been able to help families with scholarship awards both large and small. Regardless of income, we first ask all families to apply for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC). As a second step, families may be asked to complete a financial aid application through FACTS.

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

Since 2001, the State of Florida has provided a need-based program for families to choose Catholic education. Step Up For Students is the non-profit organization that helps administer this scholarship. The FTC scholarship is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

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- Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 on or before Sept. 1.
- Students entering 1st grade must be 6 on or before Sept. 1.
- Household income must be at/or below the income criteria found in the chart.
- Or, if a member of the household receives SNAP (food stamps), TANF, or FDPIR, the student may qualify.
- Or, if the household income qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch, the student may qualify.

CONTACT INFORMATION — SCHOLARSHIP HOTLINE: 877.735.7837 — WEBSITE: www.StepUpForStudents.org
REGISTRATION

Admissions Priority is given to registered, involved, and contributing parishioners. Record of contributions are verified by the parish office. Holy Family Catholic School does not discriminate against children or parents on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Age requirements Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016. Grade 1 students must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2016 and must have completed Kindergarten.

School Hours Kindergarten through 4th grade ~ 7:45am-2:30pm; 5th grade through 8th grade ~ 7:45am-2:50pm.

Registration

- Current Holy Family Catholic School students and siblings – through January 29, 2016
- Returning families are required to complete an online Re-Enrollment Form, which needs to be submitted with electronic signature for Registration Fee to be withdrawn from FACTS account on February 5, 2016.
- Out of Parish and Non-Catholic students – begins February 15, 2016
- New students are required to complete and submit the Registration Form online. Scan copies of each student’s birth certificate, baptismal certificate, current and previous two years report cards (Grade 1 or higher), current and previous two years standardized test scores (Grade 2 or higher) and documentation of custody, if applicable.
- Non-refundable registration fee must be received by the office to begin registration process.
- An entrance assessment in math and reading may be required for all students entering K-8th grade.

Annual Fee Due Friday May 6, 2016. Annual fee is non-refundable payable through FACTS account.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC)

1 child - $1800/year *(9 month payment plan - $200/month)
2 children - $2970/year *(9 month payment plan - $330/month)
3 children - $4185/year *(9 month payment plan - $465/month)
4 children - $5400/year *(9 month payment plan - $600/month)
(A) non-refundable

*ASC payments are paid through FACTS and may be paid in 9 monthly payments due the 1st of the month Sept. 2016 - May 2017. A late fee of $25 will be assessed after the 5th of every month.

Drop-In ASC - $8.00/hour (or any portion thereof)
Drop-In ASC payment is due when child is picked up. Drop-In is limited to a maximum of 2 times per week. ASC Drop-In is available on the same days and times as yearly ASC. Please send note or email if child is staying for Drop-In.

Late Charge - Children picked up after 5:45pm will incur $20 late fee for first 5 minutes and $1/minute thereafter.

Tuition Due the 15th of each month, June – March (10 month payment plan) or June – April (11 month payment plan) through FACTS, an online payment management system secured by a password protected portal. A late fee of $25 will be assessed after the 20th. Tuition is non-refundable.

iPad Lease Fee Due June 3, 2016 through FACTS - option available to pay on your Tuition Schedule

Sports Fee $50.00 per student per sport payable through FACTS. There is also a $50 deposit (check only) for uniforms which will be held until the uniform is returned in good condition at the end of the sport season. Some sports may require additional fees.

Financial Responsibility Upon acceptance, the application constitutes a contract for the enrollment of your child for the full school year. Parents/guardians accept total financial responsibility for tuition, fees, and other expenses that may occur during the school year. All tuition and fees are non-refundable. Payments must be current in order to maintain student status. It is understood that if the parents/guardians are three (3) months delinquent, Holy Family Catholic School will withdraw the student and will not release any academic records until such time as the account is brought current. In the event the parents/guardians do not pay the outstanding balance, the parents/guardians agree that they may be liable for any legal fees that are incurred.

Volunteer Requirements Holy Family Catholic School families are required to volunteer 20 hours during the school year. According to the Office of Youth Protection at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, every volunteer at Holy Family Catholic School must be live scanned fingerprinted through the Diocese of St. Augustine and complete a safe-environment training class, Protecting God’s Children. A fee of $20 will be accessed for each volunteer hour remaining after May 19, 2017.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Holy Family’s Pre-Kindergarten Program is a discovery-based academic program for Kindergarten readiness. The program for students age 4 (must be 4 on or before September 1, 2016) is state-funded (VPK) for 135 days (540 hours) August - March. A tuition based program is available for April - May. Play and Learn (PAL) afterschool care is available August - May for enrolled students.

To learn more about our programs and fees, please contact Mrs. Barbara Bauer, Director of Early Learning at bbauer@hfecatholicschool.com or by calling (904) 645 - 9875.