

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL APPLICATION PACKET 2010-2011



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
4850 PEARL AVENUE
SAN JOSE, CA 95136
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Why Choose Holy Family School?

Holy Family School is a vibrant and successful Catholic school located in the heart of San Jose and Silicon Valley. Evidence of this success includes the following:

- 96% of our graduates are accepted at their high school of first choice.
- We continue to receive full 6-year accreditations (the maximum allowable), as well as strong commendations, from the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC).
- We have award-winning, fully credentialed teachers, a number of whom have taught at Holy family for many years.
- We have a curriculum that reaches the whole child including challenging academics, religious and enrichment programs, community service, and athletics.
- We continue to upgrade technology so that our students will possess the skills necessary for success in today's environment.
- Our facilities are modern and safe; and include a science lab, library, computer lab, and state of the art gymnasium.
- Parents of our students are very involved in school activities. Each year, total volunteer hours are in excess of 25,000!
- We support busy families with a hot lunch program, extended care, weekly e-mail newsletters, classroom websites and after school programs.

What parents are saying about our school:

“Holy Family School is a close-knit community. My child is well educated and cared for as well as being taught about service to others.”

“Holy Family School offers outstanding academic programs and teachers. High expectations are put upon the students along with excellent support of the students so that they can meet those expectations and goals.”

“Holy Family offers a well-rounded program with staff that is committed to students' excellence.”

“Holy Family offers an outstanding, Catholic based education focused on the individuality of each student. Students are valued as Christian individuals within the community and learn to be both responsible and accountable.”



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Our Open House for Prospective Families, will be on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 9:00 to 11:00 am and Sunday, January 31, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year will be available in the school office beginning November 21, 2009.

Holy Family School is located behind the Church at 4850 Pearl Avenue in San Jose. For more information, please call Sheryl Citta at 978-1355.

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Family School is a parish school rich in the tradition of Catholic education and committed to academic excellence. Our mission is to foster and to support the development of Catholic faith and identity while nurturing the whole child. In partnership with family, educators, and the whole parish community, we strive to promote the spiritual, intellectual, and social development of our students.

SCHOOL MOTTO “Believe and Achieve”

PHILOSOPHY

- We believe in providing an inclusive academic environment where the dignity and uniqueness of each student is valued.
- We believe that in preparing our students to be life-long learners, we honor families as the primary educators of their children, while teachers facilitate and complement the learning process.
- We believe and are committed to sharing the Gospel message through prayer, liturgy, reflection, study, and community service.
- We believe in and strive to create a community, which allows a child to learn and grow while developing a social sense of responsibility for self and others.

SCHOOL WIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS RESULTS (SLEs)

When our students graduate from Holy Family they will have grown stronger in their spiritual, academic, and personal lives.

As persons of faith our students will:

- Discover the love of God through loving one another.
- Foster Christian values – compassion, tolerance, justice, and a respect for the dignity of life.
- Participate actively in their faith development through sacraments, liturgical celebrations, and a variety of prayer styles.
- Demonstrate a personal faith relationship with God by living the Gospel values and teachings of Jesus Christ through justice based service and prayer.
- Have a basic knowledge of the teachings of the Church and the ability to make good moral and ethical decisions based on their Catholic faith.

As Life – Long Learners our students will:

- Explore and develop their own unique gifts, talents and interests.
- Recognize the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and the negative effect of drug and alcohol use.
- Read for enjoyment and knowledge.
- Have the ability to work cooperatively with others.
- Articulate ideas clearly and creatively, and communicate effectively through reading, writing, and speaking skills.
- Use technology to obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.
- Be prepared for the next level of education through critical thinking and problem solving skills.

As Responsible Citizens our students will:

- Accept responsibility and consequences for their actions.
- Exhibit the social skills and moral values needed for responsible citizenship.
- Appreciate and respect the cultural diversity of our global community.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Grow in awareness and responsibility towards others and their community
- Develop strong character traits to strengthen self-esteem and build skills to meet life’s challenges.

BELONGING TO THE HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

Families that choose to join the Holy Family community are committing to the philosophy of shared responsibility in the education of their child. It is a partnership between the parents and the school that supports the development of the whole child. Father Matthew Stanley, our pastor, states, "One of the most vibrant and exciting ministries at Holy Family is our school. What makes our parish school so special is that it is a community in the truest sense of the word - a place where our young people can gather to learn and experience our common faith and tradition as believers in Jesus Christ." Research has shown that children whose parents are involved in their child's education do better in the academic environment. In understanding this philosophy, we have instituted several programs and activities to encourage our parental involvement. Below is a list of these activities and a brief description of the expectation for participation. A more detailed discussion will occur at the New Parent's Orientation in April.

Tuition

As a private Catholic educational institution, our operating budget is funded solely by tuition payments made by parents and fundraising activities throughout the year. Tuition for the school year is based on teacher and staff salaries, and other educational costs. Tuition may be paid monthly or yearly. A tuition schedule is handed out yearly, along with a tuition agreement. In order to receive the Holy Family Parish tuition discount, a Parish Affiliation form must be on file. To qualify, a family must be a registered member of Holy Family Parish for at least six months, use weekly Sunday envelopes and participate in parish activities.

Service Hours

Each family has an obligation to complete 40 hours of service each year. Single parent families are required to fulfill 20 hours. The purpose of this program is for all school parents to participate as volunteers in the activities of the school and/or parish. Activities include, but are not limited to, teacher aide, board member, field trip driver, working at festival, etc. A list of opportunities is sent home at the beginning of the school year, and may be found on our web site. In order to volunteer at Holy Family School, cleared fingerprint reports must be on file in the school office.

Scrip Commitment

Each family is expected to purchase 4,000.00 of Scrip per school year to help offset operating budget expenses. This amount must be reached by the end of April 2011. Our list of Scrip participants is extensive to help all families meet this commitment.

PTG Fundraising Participation

Our Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) sponsors several major fundraisers each year. These fundraisers currently are: Cookie Dough, QSP and See's Candy in the fall and Jog-A-Thon in the spring. PTG is also involved with the Annual Golf Tournament and Enchanted Evening Dinner/Dance Auction. All of the money raised goes to support the operating budget of the school, or specific projects that are not covered by the school budget. All families are required to participate in and support these events.

School Development

Tuition pays the majority of costs for educating our children, but not all of them. The shortfall is covered by fundraisers. Our "The Gifting of Faith" appeal will be used to fund our long-range plan which includes technology upgrades, and other needed improvements (last year we were able to raise over \$200,000 for the school). This is a tax-deductible way to help support the school. We ask our families to support this appeal based on their financial capabilities.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Established:	September 1986 – Catholic Elementary, Grades Kindergarten through Eighth
Accreditation:	6 Year Accreditation by Western Association of Schools & Colleges (2004-2010)
Grades:	Kindergarten through Eighth grade, two classes per grade
Class Size:	Kindergarten – 25 First through Eighth – 30-35
Hours:	Kindergarten: 7:55 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. First through Eighth: 7:55 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kindergarten through Eighth: Wednesday, 7:55 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Students:	445
Families:	321
School Colors:	Blue and Gold
School Mascot:	Bear

Faculty: All teachers are college graduates with full teaching credentials, many have advanced degrees.

Core Program: Religion, Mathematics, Language Arts (Reading, Phonics, English, Spelling, Handwriting), Natural Sciences and Social Sciences. Algebra (offered to qualified 7th and 8th grade students).

Weekly: Music, Physical Education, Library, Computer, Art and Spanish (currently available for our qualified 8th grade students).

Religious Formation and Activities: The school day starts with a school wide prayer. There are also monthly liturgies, prayer services, sacramental preparation, seasonal spiritual activities and retreat opportunities

Extra Curricular Activities: Academic Chess Club, Community Outreach, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, Lego Robotics, Schmahl Hands-on Science labs, Homework Club, Spanish (for Kindergarten-4th grade students), Newspaper Club and California Junior Scholarship Federation.

Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Softball (Girls), and Flag Football (Boys) for students in 5th-8th grades.

Student Services: Extended Care – 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learning Assistance Program for students in K-3rd grades.

Parent Involvement: Parents are required to volunteer 40 hours per year for a two-parent family, 20 hours for a single parent. A \$4,000.00 yearly family purchase of Scrip (gift cards) and support of our fundraisers is also required.

Current Registration: Registration fees, after acceptance, are \$400.00 per child (non-refundable).

ANNUAL TUITION FOR 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR*

GRADE	HF PARISH	OUT OF PARISH
Kindergarten	\$ 5,768.00	\$ 7,417.00
One child – Gr. 1-8	\$ 6,482.00	\$ 7,822.00
Two children – Gr. K-8	\$11,785.00	\$14,418.00
Three children – Gr. K-8	\$16,904.00	\$20,895.00
Four children – Gr. K-8	\$22,019.00	\$27,372.00

* **TUITION FOR 2010/2011 WILL BE SET BY END OF APRIL 2010**

To receive the parish support rate, a family must fill out a parish affiliation form and meet the following requirements:

1. Be registered in Holy Family Parish. All families wishing to be considered for “in parish” rate must be a consistent member for at least 6 months and have a Parish Affiliation Form approved by the parish office.
2. Attend Mass regularly at Holy Family parish.
3. Contribute in a consistent manner to support of the parish by means of numbered donation envelopes for a minimum period of six months. The use of these envelopes is recorded weekly in a confidential manner by the parish staff.
4. Participate in parish activities.

Holy Family School admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, or athletic and other school programs.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION AND ADMISSION POLICY

All students interested in applying to Holy Family School must meet the following age criteria:

Kindergarten - age 5 by September 1, 2010
First Grade - age 6 by September 1, 2010

*Exceptions may be considered and must be based on specific criteria of readiness and performance. The decision will be made only after consultation with the parents, teacher, and Principal.

When selecting students for admission to Holy Family School, preference is given in the following order:

- Siblings of current Holy Family School students
- Registered, active Holy Family Parishioners
- Registered, active Catholics of another parish
- Catholics who are either not registered, non-participating, or non-supporting members of a Catholic parish
- Non-Catholics

Grade Readiness Testing

Holy Family School tests every applicant for grade readiness. Grade Readiness testing will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. for our Kindergarten applicants and on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 for our 1st-7th grade applicants. The test consists of age-appropriate evaluation for the younger grades and age-appropriate curriculum review for the upper grades. You must have a completed application on file by January 30, 2010 (priority status) for Kindergarten, and by February 13, 2010 for 1st-7th grade to attend testing.

Completed Application Consists of the Following:

1. Application Fee - \$60.00 (Non-refundable)
2. Copy of County Birth Certificate (not a hospital copy)
3. Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if baptized)
4. Preschool evaluation or progress report (if applicable)
5. Copies of the previous two years Report Cards (1st-7th grade)
6. Copies of all Standardized Test Scores (1st-7th grade)
7. Current Teacher Recommendation Form (all grades)
8. Copies of Immunization Records (all grades)
9. Completed Application turned in no later than January 30, 2010 (Kindergarten, priority) and February 13, 2010 (1st-7th grade)

Return your application to Sheryl Citta, Admissions Director. Testing times will not be scheduled until your application is complete.

Acceptance Procedure:

Acceptance information is not available by phone. All letters will be sent by February 26, 2010 for Kindergarten (priority) and March 29, 2010 for grades 1st-7th. All registration forms and a non-refundable registration fee of \$400.00 are due by March 12, 2010 for Kindergarten and April 9, 2010 for grades 1st-7th.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL APPLICATION 2010-2011

Father Information

Name _____ Home Phone (_____) _____
Last First
Address _____ Birthplace _____
Number & Street City Zip
Religion _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes ___ No__
Email _____
Occupation _____ Wk Ph(____) Cell Ph(____)
Employer _____ Address _____
Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____ Drivers License No. _____

Mother Information

Name _____ Home Phone (_____) _____
Last First
Address _____ Birthplace _____
City Zip
Religion _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes ___ No__ Email _____
Occupation _____ Wk Ph (____) Cell Ph (____)
Employer _____ Address _____
Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____ Drivers License No. _____

Step-Parent Information (If applicable)

Name _____ Home Phone (_____) _____
Last First
Address _____ Birthplace _____
City Zip
Religion _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes___ No__ Email _____
Occupation _____ Work Phone (____) Cell Phone (____)
Employer _____ Address _____
Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____ Drivers License No. _____

Guardian Information (If child resides with a guardian, please complete the following)

Name _____ Home Phone (_____) _____
Last First
Address _____ Birthplace _____
City Zip
Religion _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____
Occupation _____ Work Phone (____) Cell Phone (____)
Employer _____ Address _____
Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____ Driver License No. _____

APPLICATION STATEMENTS

Placement Statement

Please describe the reasons why you have chosen to send your child(ren) to Holy Family School. Be complete and refer to what you consider to be the most important elements in this decision. This is an important part of the application and will be taken into consideration. (Use an additional sheet or the back of this one if necessary.)

Parent Commitment Statement

In making this application, I agree to the following:

1. Complete my Parent Volunteer Work Hours of 40 hours per family, or 20 hours per single-parent family.
2. Honor the Financial Agreement regarding tuition payments.
3. Participate in all fundraising projects of the school to the best of my ability, including purchasing the required \$4,000.00 (per family) in Scrip per year.
4. Read the School Handbook upon enrollment and be knowledgeable of school policies.
5. Engage in prayer and other activities with my child(ren) both at home and at school events in a manner that will promote my family's growth in faith. To participate with my child through the sacramental faith journey as required by church and school.
6. Attend mandatory parent meetings, such as Back to School Night, Sacramental meetings, Eighth grade parent meetings, PTG meetings, etc.
7. Show my support of the school by attending as many school and church sponsored events as possible.

Parent/Guardian

Date

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION FORM ONLY-Grades 1-8

(Not a request for CUM FOLDER)

To Applicant: Please fill in the upper portion of this form including Parent Authorization for Release of Records and **give to your principal, teacher or counselor. They will mail it to us, do not return it yourself.**

APPLYING FOR GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

STUDENT'S NAME _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

STUDENT'S ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

PRESENT SCHOOL NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL _____

PARENT AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS AND RECOMMENDATION

The undersigned hereby consents to release to Holy Family School a copy of all educational or psychological records for the above named student, including grades, test scores, recommendations and other information as may be requested.

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

TO THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHER, OR COUNSELOR: The above named student is an applicant for admission into grade _____. We are requesting grades, test scores and a recommendation. This information is essential in evaluating the student. **DO NOT SEND CUM FOLDER!** Please mail the above information to Holy Family School, 4850 Pearl Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136. Thank you for your cooperation.

ACADEMIC RECORD

Current year's grades
1st Semester 2nd Semester

Last year's grades
1st Semester 2nd Semester

	Current year's grades		Last year's grades	
	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
Reading			Reading	
English			English	
Math			Math	
Conduct			Conduct	

TESTING RECORD: Please send us a copy of this student's most recent standardized test scores.

Any Special Testing Performed _____ Dates _____

	very good	average	below average
Study Skills			
Homework	_____	_____	_____
Use of class time	_____	_____	_____
Independent assignments	_____	_____	_____

Social Skills **very good** **average** **below average**

Interaction with peers _____ _____ _____

Interaction with adults _____ _____ _____

Self-help _____ _____ _____

YES **NO**

Is this student able to remain on task? _____ _____

Is this student focused in a small group? _____ _____

Does this student interact well with peers? _____ _____

Does this student display acceptable behavior? _____ _____

PARENTAL SUPPORT **YES** **NO**

Maintains contact with teacher? _____ _____

Supports teacher in attaining academic & behavioral objectives? _____ _____

Evidences support of school program? _____ _____

RECOMMENDATION

Highly recommended ___ Recommended with reservation ___ Not recommended ___

COMMENTS:

All evaluations are confidential and will be used solely to determine suitability for admissions and placement.

SIGNATURE _____ **TITLE** _____

Please mail completed form to:

Holy Family School
Attn: Sheryl Citta
4850 Pearl Avenue
San Jose, CA 95136

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN RECOMMENDATION FORM

Date _____

Dear Pre-K School Teacher:

_____ has applied for admission into Kindergarten at Holy Family School, a Catholic elementary school. Our admission policy requires an evaluation from the current pre-school. All evaluations are confidential and will be used solely to determine suitability for admission placement.

Please return this evaluation to Holy Family School at the below address:

Holy Family School
Attn: Sheryl Citta
4850 Pearl Avenue
San Jose, CA 95136

Thank you for your help and assistance.

Sincerely,
Gail Harrell, Principal

PRE-SCHOOL EVALUATION

Please rate from 1 –5 (5 is high)

Student separates easily from parents	1	2	3	4	5
Student can work independently	1	2	3	4	5
Student practices self control in the classroom	1	2	3	4	5
Student can follow directions	1	2	3	4	5
Student interacts well with peers	1	2	3	4	5
Parents are supportive of the teacher	1	2	3	4	5

Does the student have any physical, academic or emotional problems of which you are aware? If yes, please comment.

Yes No _____

Is the student able to remain on task? (Please circle)

Yes No

Is the student focused in a small group?

Yes No

Does this student have a good self-concept?

Yes No

Does this student have a good auditory recall?

Yes No

Does this student speak clearly?

Yes No

Any other comments: _____

Student is _____ highly recommended
_____ recommended
_____ recommended with reservation
_____ not recommended

Signature _____

Date _____

Position _____

School _____