



07 February 2025

Academic Excellence and Growth

As we progress through the academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our journey and highlight some key areas of focus moving forward. We are incredibly proud of our learners' dedication and resilience in their studies. With mid-term approaching, I encourage learners to maintain a consistent study routine. Parents involvement at home plays a crucial role in reinforcing learning. Homework time is essential in keeping the learners in check.

Getting learners to focus on their schoolwork at home requires a structured routine, a supportive environment, and clear expectations. They should establish a dedicated, quiet study area free from distractions, ensuring that all necessary materials are readily available. Setting a consistent study schedule helps learners develop discipline and time management skills. Encourage short, focused study sessions with breaks in between to maintain concentration. Parents can also monitor progress by discussing daily goals, reviewing completed work, and offering praise or small rewards for achievements



Recommended Study Hours Per Grade

Grade 8 – 9:

- **Weekdays:** 1.5 – 2 hours per day
- **Weekends:** 3 – 4 hours in total

Grade 10:

- **Weekdays:** 2 – 3 hours per day
- **Weekends:** 4 – 5 hours in total

Grade 11:

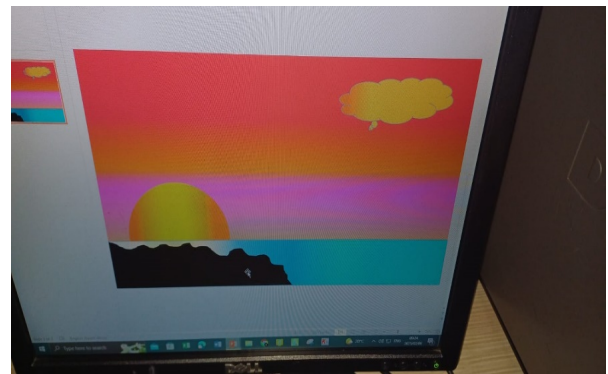
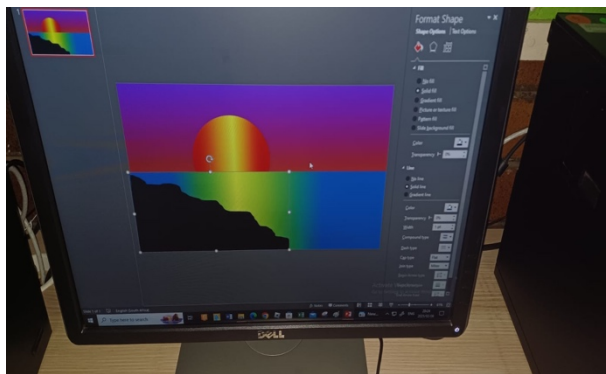
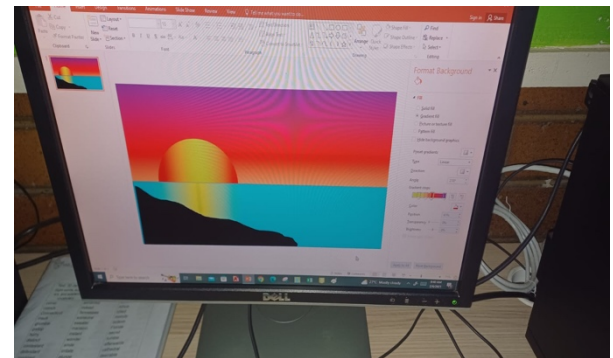
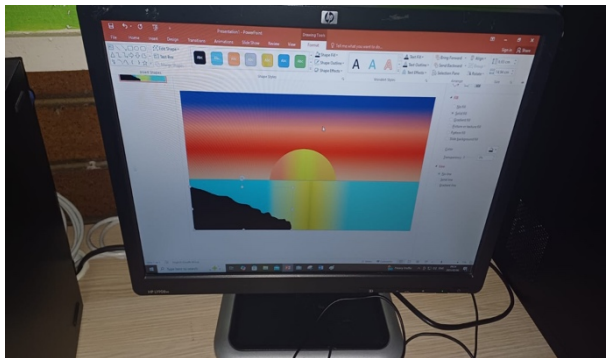
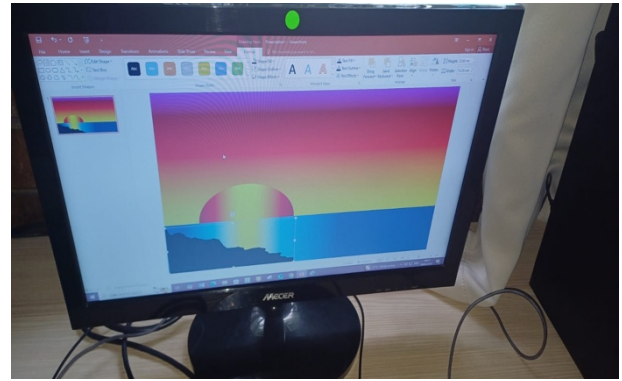
- **Weekdays:** 3 – 4 hours per day
- **Weekends:** 5 – 6 hours in total

Grade 12 (Matric Year):

- **Weekdays:** 4 – 5 hours per day
- **Weekends:** 6 – 8 hours in total

Academic support and interventions is given to the learners to ensure every learner reaches their full potential. Learners are encouraged to use intervention lessons. Learning is a journey, and challenges are stepping stones to success. We emphasize the importance of perseverance, problem-solving, and a positive attitude towards learning. Parents support in fostering this mindset at home makes a great difference.

This week, Grade 6 learners created PowerPoint slides with a sunset landscape theme. They used warm gradient colours (orange, pink, gold, blue) and added a sunset to the sunset. Learners got to learn PowerPoint skills while planning layouts and collaborating. This project combined artistic expression with technical skills, teaching learners to organise content creatively. A fun, visually engaging way to learn!



Grade 5 created Vertebrates and invertebrates lap-book for Natural Sciences



School Library: A Hub of Excitement and Growth



The school library continues to be a vibrant hub of excitement and activity, with learners visiting regularly and growing their love for reading. It's a space where curiosity is nurtured, and imaginations come alive through books.

To keep this momentum going, we are appealing to parents for donations of reading materials in English, Afrikaans, and isiZulu for all ages. Whether it's gently used books from your shelves at home or connections to potential donors, your contributions will help enrich our library and inspire learners from primary to high school. Let's work together to foster a lifelong passion for reading in our learners! Thank you for your support.





Grade 3's created their own paint designs to complete a picture of 3 bucks drinking water at a waterhole.

2024 Prize-Giving Ceremony: Celebrating Excellence!

We are thrilled to invite you to the 2024 Prize-Giving Ceremony, where we will celebrate the remarkable successes and outstanding achievements of our learners from the past year.

Primary School Ceremony:

Date: Thursday, 13 February 2025

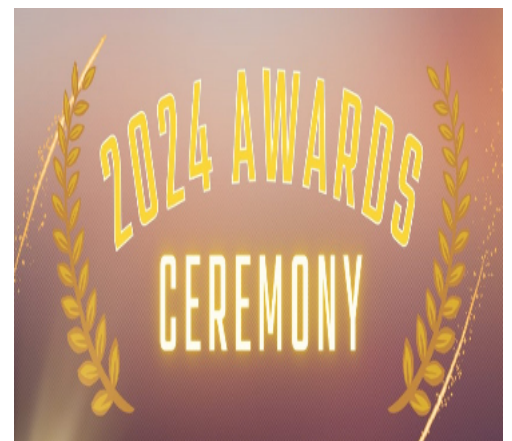
Time: 08h00

High School Ceremony:

Date: Thursday, 13 February 2025

Time: 17h00

Your presence and support mean the world to our learners as we honour their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments. Let's come together to celebrate their journey and inspire them to reach even greater heights. We look forward to seeing you there!



#CelebratingExcellence #ProudMoment #HolyFamilyCollege

The Power of Dramatic Arts



This week High School drama learners have started 'Drama-ing.' Today was day 1 of weekend rehearsals.

The true purpose of arts education is not solely to create professional dancers or actors but to develop well-rounded individuals who are critical thinkers, curious minds, and productive members of society.

This year, Holy Family College is excited to make its debut at the annual Johannesburg High School Drama Festival, hosted by FEDA (Festival of Dramatic Arts). This prestigious event showcases the exceptional talent of top high school drama departments, providing learners with a platform to express themselves, explore creativity, and build confidence.

Dramatic Arts is a rapidly growing subject in education, offering invaluable skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence - skills extending beyond the stage, preparing learners for success in all areas of life.

The standard of work at FEDA is incredibly high, and we are thrilled to be able to participate for the first time. Rehearsals are in full swing as our talented learners prepare to shine at the festival. We look forward to seeing them showcase their passion and creativity on this exciting stage for the first time!

Grade 11 Retreat at Delta Park





Pastor's Corner for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ Fr. Russell Pollitt SJ
9th February 2025

After everything that has occurred in the past week, it is important for us, as Christians, to return to the fundamentals of our faith. God presents us with certain non-negotiables, regardless of denomination or political persuasion. One of the central themes of the Scriptures is the command to extend compassion and justice to the poor.

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI summarises this eloquently:

- *The great Jewish prophets coined this mantra: The quality of your faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land; and the quality of justice in the land will always be judged by how "widows, orphans, and strangers" (biblical code for the weakest and most vulnerable groups in a society) are doing while you are alive.*
- *Jesus not only ratifies this; he deepens it, identifying his very person with the poor. ("Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, you do to me."). He tells us that we will be judged for eternal life on the basis of how we treated the poor.*
- *Moreover, in both Testaments in the Bible, this is particularly true regarding how we treat foreigners, strangers, and immigrants. How we treat them is how we are in fact treating Jesus.*
- *Note that Jesus defines his mission with these words: I have come to bring good news to the poor. Hence, any teaching, preaching, or government policy that is not good news for the poor may not cloak itself with either Jesus or the Gospel.*

He goes on to make other very sobering points:

- *God loves everyone. There are no favorite ones or privileged ones in God's eyes, and*

God intended the earth and everything in it for the sake of all human beings. Thus, created goods should flow fairly to all.

- *Wealth and possessions must be understood as ours to steward rather than to possess absolutely.*
- *No person or nation may have a surplus if others do not have the basic necessities.*
- *All people are obliged to come to the relief of the poor.*
- *The condemnation of injustice is a non-negotiable aspect of our discipleship.*
- *In all situations where there is injustice, unfairness, oppression, grinding poverty, God is not neutral. Rather God wants action against everything and everyone who deals injustice and death.*

These principles should not only make us uncomfortable, but they should inspire us to disrupt the social order.

Today, there are forty-five million refugees worldwide. The Scriptures tell us that God desires we "execute justice for the orphan and the widow, and love the stranger, providing them with food and clothing" (Deut 10:18).

Can we, as believers, remain silent in total disregard of the non-negotiables of our faith—regardless of who suggests we should?



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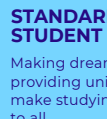
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18th Annual International University Roadshow: Explore Your Future!

We are delighted to invite you and your high school learner to the **18th Annual International University Roadshow**, taking place on **17 February 2025**. This year Holy Family College will host the roadshow in Ambrose Hall from **16h00 to 19h00**.

This year's event promises to be an exceptional opportunity, featuring universities from **15 countries**. Whether your learner is interested in highly ranked global institutions or more affordable study options, this carefully curated selection ensures a diverse range of higher education pathways.

We are also excited to welcome Standard Bank, a strategic partner for student loans, who will be on hand to provide valuable information about financial support options, making studying abroad more accessible for all families.

Don't miss this chance to explore endless possibilities for your learner's future. We look forward to seeing you there as we inspire the next step toward their dreams!

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Important Reminders for Parents and Learners

TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY

As the academic year is now in full swing, we kindly remind parents to ensure that all learners have the necessary **subject textbooks and stationery**. Having the right resources is essential for learners to achieve their full potential.

HOUSE T-SHIRTS

Additionally, **house T-shirts** will become compulsory for high school learners this year. These are available at the uniform shop for **R90 each** and will be personalised with the learner's name. Please ensure your child brings the required amount next week to purchase their T-shirt, as it is part of the correct attire for the school interhouse extra-curricular programmes.

SPORTS KITS BAGS are also available at the uniform shop for those who still need them.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our learners are well-prepared and equipped for success.



PTA Meeting: Your Voice Matters!

We are excited to invite all parents to the upcoming **PTA Meeting on Saturday, 15 February 2025**, at the school. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, share your ideas, and play an active role in shaping the future of our school community.

The PTA plays a vital role in representing the interests of parents and learners, supporting school initiatives, and fostering a collaborative environment. Your participation is invaluable as we work together to enhance the educational experience for all our learners.

Date: Saturday, 15 February 2025

Time: 09h00

Venue: High School Staff Room

We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your thoughts. Let's work together to make a difference!

CELLULAR PHONES

Cellular Phones are prohibited at school as well as any other attachments, such as earphones, smart watches, ear pods, etc..

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NEXT WEEK

WEEK FIVE		DAY		
Monday	10 February	01		
Tuesday	11 February	02		HS - Assembly
Wednesday	12 February	03	12h00	Child safeguarding at Edenvale CSO - DCSP Workshop
Thursday	13 February	04		Prize giving Marimba & Choir, FS address
			11h20	Mass (Gr 11-3)
Friday	14 February	05		Valentines Civvies Gr 10 retreat
			14h00	HS - all marks on D6 CSO - Swimming Gala PS)
Saturday	15 February			Grade 12 Mathematics: FET Statistics IEB remarking
Sunday	16 February			IEB remarking

GRANDPARENTS DAY

LEARNERS WILL
DRESS AS A
GRANDPARENT



Inviting all grandparents, or loved elders, to join us for a morning
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ECD and Grade R . Thursday 20 Feb 9am-12pm

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St Paul Miki and his Companions



St Paul Miki was one of 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki. They were a group of Japanese natives and foreign missionaries who were crucified for their faith in 1597.

Feast Day: 6th February



5:55 am

PRAYER THROUGH *St. Paul Miki and Companions* February 6

God our Father, source of strength
for all your saints, you led Paul Miki
and his companions
through the suffering of the cross
to the joy of eternal life.
May their prayers
give us courage
to be loyal until death
in professing our faith.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



DOMINUS EST

5:55 am

D6 Communicator

Holy Family College has a new Parent Mobile App for you to access information on the school. This Parent Portal App is available to all parents and provides other relevant information. It also enhances communication between parents and the school.

Selective communication is the cornerstone of any successful relationship. We firmly believe in creating a school environment that will encourage and nurture the involvement of our parents. It is this connection that will have a positive impact on the overall success of the learners.

To strive towards selective, easy-to-use communication, the school uses the d6 School Communicator Application. Get the information you need in real-time in the palm of your hand!

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Once activation is complete, verify all your children are included by clicking on "PARENTAL OVERVIEW." You may only login into the app using your cell number, email details as given to the school.

Please note: The activation cell number or email used must be the same as the information we have in our school system. Any change of cell number or email must be communicated to the school to keep the App working and updated.

You may also view "How to download and install the D6 App" using the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/qARBRGjPNso>

Should you require any assistance with the D6 Parent Mobile App, please reply to info@holyfamily.co.za / IT@holyfamily.co.za and 011 486 1104

How to get the App in 3 easy steps:



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