

Strengthening Family Life in Our Community

Holy Family Academy Prepares Students to Learn Well, Work Well, Live Well

THE VISION TO OPEN Holy Family Academy (HFA) has taken off over the last year. HFA is designed with one goal in mind: to prepare youth to become work ready for a lifelong pathway to success. HFA is an innovative model, where the curriculum is rigorous so that every student has the opportunity to be successful on a career pathway of their choice: apprenticeship programs, two-year technical programs, or traditional four-year colleges. The target audience is comprised of students who would otherwise be unable to attend other Catholic high schools because of limited funds available to them.

Under the leadership of Deb Sadowski, Director of Corporate Work Study Program, more corporate work partners are joining our initiative. Corporate work partners provide job sites and scholarship assistance for students. HFA students work one day a week for all four years at a company to learn from and contribute to some of the area's top employers. 18 corporate work partners are already committed to providing work study placements. An additional 18 companies have committed financial resources to support the Corporate Work Study Program. Students now have the opportunity to work inside of the corporate offices in departments such as marketing, finance, legal, or human resources.

HFA is partnering with local and regional experts to develop a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) curriculum. These partners not only develop STEAM components, but they also provide instruction and access to community-based, state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.

Educational partners include: The Carnegie Science Center, Energy Innovation Center (EIC), Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG), Junior Achievement, Zulama, and LUMA Institute. ♦



HFA is enrolling current 8th grade students for the 2014-2015 school year. If you or someone you know could benefit from this exceptional opportunity please have them contact our Program Director and Principal, Ron Zangaro, at 412-766-4030 or by email at zangaro.ronald@hfi-pgh.org.



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HFA Tours

Tours for prospective students and families are available by appointment - please call 412-766-4030.

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Grant Awards

The following grants were awarded from October 2013 through January 2014.

Duquesne Light Company to Holy Family Academy

Pittsburgh Pirates Alumni Association to general operating support

Bank of America to Youth Workforce Development Program

Roy A. Hunt Foundation to SNAP® in Schools

BNY Mellon Foundation of Southwestern PA to Youth Workforce Development Program

Clarke Family Foundation to SNAP®

Highmark Foundation to Healthy for Life

Art4Moore (via Tides Foundation) to Cathy Pelusi Art Studio

Annual Reports

2013 Annual Reports are now available. If you have not received one, please contact Loren Cribbs at cribbs.loren@hfi-pgh.org

Annual Reports are also located on the website and hard copies are available in the Development office.

EITC/OSTC Contributions

Thank you to the following companies for their tax-credit donations to support students in various educational programs :

- Allegheny Technologies Incorporated
- Bridges & Company, Inc.
- C.S. McKee, LP
- CentiMark
- Data Science Automation, Inc.
- Dollar Bank
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Pittsburgh, LLC
- Forest City Peripheral Land, LLC
- Hefren-Tillotson, Inc.
- Highmark Casualty Insurance Company
- Huntington National Bank
- Mars National Bank
- Northwest Savings Bank
- Peak Performance Management
- Peoples Natural Gas
- National City Equity Partners, Inc.
- PNC Bank, N.A.
- PNC Equipment Finance, LLC
- PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
- The Bryn Mawr Trust Company
- Union Railroad Company
- UPMC Diversified Services
- UPMC Health Plan
- Waste Management

We are still accepting contributions for this fiscal year, please contact Michael Caligiuri at Caligiuri.Michael@hfi-pgh.org. For more information about EITC, visit <http://www.newpa.com> ♦

A Blessed Holiday Season

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL for the year-long support we received from our volunteers, schools, companies, congregations, and donors. The 2013 holiday season provided an outpouring of love for the children and families who need our support the most. It is a truly humbling experience to witness the outstanding financial and in-kind gifts that we receive that lends dignity and hope to our clients.



Sr. Linda Yankoski and David DiMichele at Christmas Brunch Mass

Generous individuals from local churches, businesses, schools, and organizations spent countless hours to make sure that over 500 children, youth and families served by Holy Family enjoyed their Christmas season.

Group and individual donors provided items for our families such as warm clothing, cookware, bedding, coats, household essentials, and of course, plenty of toys. Many friends planned and held Christmas parties filled with music, worship, great food, entertainment, and even a visit from Santa Claus for the children and families in our care.

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Thank you to everyone for your generosity in making this holiday season unforgettable for the children, youth, and families of Holy Family Institute. ♦

Chinese New Year

STUDENTS FROM Holy Family International College Preparatory Program (HFICPP) celebrated the Chinese New Year on January 31! Students were able to put their studies aside for a moment to enjoy and participate in traditions of their heritage.

The celebration included authentic Chinese meals, dancing, singing and cheering for each other in competitions. Prizes were given to the top three winners decided upon by a panel of fellow students and dorm staff.

Dorm staff helped facilitate a dumpling making event with the students. Throughout the day, many of the students called or Skyped with family and friends in China so that they could wish them well and celebrate from afar.

The general consensus among the students is that 2014 is going to be a good year even though none of them were born in the year of the Horse! According to the Chinese calendar, when it comes to fortune, 2014 would be a better year for those people who were born under The Year of the Horse. ♦



Students at the celebration

Grab Your Walking Shoes



THE HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY will be held on May 17, 2014 beginning at 9am at Stage AE on the North Shore. This annual fundraiser benefits 68 local, nonprofit health and human services agencies in western Pennsylvania, including Holy Family Institute.

Last year's walk raised nearly \$4,000 to support Holy Family's programs, with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield underwriting the cost of the event so that 100% of money raised would support the organizations. Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 this year!

Online registration is open, please sign up today! **If you register as a walker for Holy Family during the month of March with a minimum gift of \$50, you will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 gift card!**

Join as an individual or as a team, and bring your family and friends for this fun and healthy way to support Holy Family Institute and the children and families we serve. If you are not available to walk at the event, you can support Holy Family from home by registering as a Virtual Walker or making a donation.

For more information, visit our website at <http://www.hfi-pgh.org/highmark-walk-for-a-healthy-community-2/> or contact Michelle Zaffary at 412-766-9020 x439. ♦

Pittsburgh Day of Giving - May 6, 2014

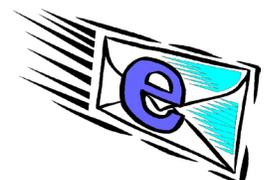
The event this year will be national - with colleagues participating in the Give Local America initiative, where fundraising events will be organized by more than 100 community foundations across the country.

The event will run from 6:00 am until 12:00 midnight, instead of the 24-hour giving period that operated in the past. Additionally, the cap introduced last year will remain in place limiting eligibility for matching funds to the first \$1,000 contributed by a donor to an individual organization.

Last year, Holy Family participants were able to raise \$9,650, which was a 14% increase over the previous year's donations. It is our sincere hope that we can increase our donations this year to help those in need and participate in this national event.

Email List

If you are interested in saving paper, please join our email list! Visit www.hfi-pgh.org/join-our-mailing-list. We promise not to bother you with too many emails and we never share our donor lists with other organizations.





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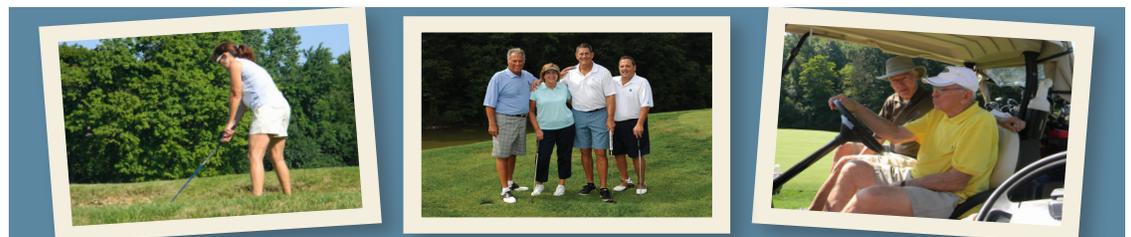
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Drive for HFI Golf Classic July 28, 2014 – Montour Heights Country Club

Please join Committee Chair John Banaszak and our friends and supporters to benefit Holy Family's life-changing programs that serve kids and families who are at risk.

For more information, to register your team, or to pledge a sponsorship, please contact Michelle Zaffary at 412.766.9020 x439 or zaffary.michelle@hfi-pgh.org.

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