#### **HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL**

**Newsletter - October 2025** 



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## **Halloween at Holy Family Senior**

Halloween is always a fun time at HFSS for both parents and pupils!

We would like to invite parents to come and decorate our reception area again this year with our Halloween decorations. If you are available and interested please contact Darryl at 0866040686 for further details.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderfully decorated pumpkins on Thursday 22nd with cinema tickets up for grabs for the winning designs.

The children with the winning pumpkins get to display them in the windows of the Old Ground Hotel, and will be treated to milk and cookies in the hotel by owner Allen Flynn.

CINEMA TICKETS FOR THE WINNERS Halloween Fancy dress takes place on Thursday 23rd October.

So start planning and getting creative now!



#### 2nd Class Sacraments in The Cathedral

21/10/25 @ 7:30pm Enrolment Mass

26/02/2026 @ 6pm First Confession

23/05/2026@ 11am First Holy Communion

# Sacraments 2026



### **6th Class Sacraments in The Cathedral**

22/10/25 @7:30pm Enrolment Mass

24/03/2026 @ 8pm Ceremony of Light

27/03/2026 @ 11am Confirmation

#### Peace Proms 2026

We are so delighted to be chosen to perform in Peace Proms 2026 in The University of Limerick Sports Arena next March. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class choir members will be performing in this amazing event. Our first rehearsal takes place in UL on November 7th during school time.

Tickets for family members go on sale November 1<sup>st</sup> - presale codes will be sent out on Aladdin to all parents when available.

The Peace Proms concert will take place on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.

We cannot wait to be part of this amazing concert again!!





Parent Teacher Meetings 2025 take place on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November, 2025. Booking will be via Aladdin Connect. Children will go home at 2:30 pm on 25/11 to facilitate these meetings. Further information regarding bookings and times will be issued closer to the dates.

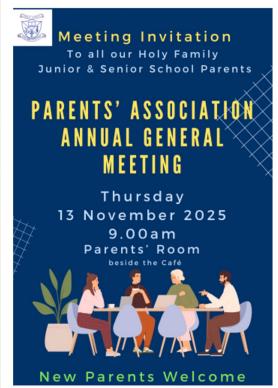
#### Parents' Classes and Activities

We have many courses and activities for Parents/Guardians to avail of over the next few months. We always love to see new faces so come along and try something new!









## Holy Family School Uniform.

In the next few weeks McCannon's shop is closing as the owner Liam is retiring after 50 years in the shop. We thank him for his loyalty to HFSS and wish him a very Happy Retirement.

Our School Uniform will be available from Manix Menswear Ennis, which is also in the Market Street part of Ennis.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school.

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#### It consists of:

- The blue crested jumper
- White polo shirt
- Navy tracksuit bottoms/shorts (fine weather)

The tracksuit bottoms, shorts and polo shirt can be bought in Dunnes/Pennys/F and F/Next/M and S etc.

Black leggings/cycling shorts/logos on tracksuit bottoms are not part of the uniform and are not allowed.





A reminder: Please log into your Carambola App by midnight Friday to change your child's order for the coming week. There are some fabulous options on the menu to avail of. Please also provide a water bottle for your child as we don't provide drinks in school.

# **Secondary School Open Days and Applications**

It is vitally important that parents and students visit the secondary schools in advance of applying so you and your 6th class child are fully informed before making your choice of secondary school for 26/27.

Application forms will be out in November and as always HSCL will be on hand to assist with completion of the forms.

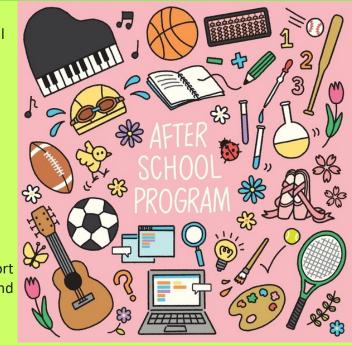




After-schools sport made a welcome return to Holy Family in the past month. It has been great to see all the students participating in our three days of activities.

Mondays - Gaelic Football (4th - 6th) Wednesdays - Basketball (5th - 6th) Thursdays - Chess (4th - 6th) & Multi-Sport (2nd - 3rd) Mornings Tuesday - Thursday -Badminton - (4th - 6th)

A special thanks must go to our volunteering teachers involved in leading these sessions. In addition, we are very fortunate to have some excellent visiting coaches in our school who support the teaching and learning of PE. Coaches Tom and Gerry are doing great work teaching the skills of Gaelic football to our younger classes while Ryan from ERFC and Denis from the FAI have been



challenging our older groups with competitive lessons in Tag Rugby and Soccer. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mark O Donnell from Clare GAA and TY students from St. Flannan's College who will be coaching hurling with a selection of our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes in the coming weeks.



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Month

#### Calendar 2025 - 2026

Sri/Mn/Tie/Med/Trutnister	
Polling Day for Presidential Election:	Friday 24th October - school closed
Mid-term break:	Mon 27th Oct to Fri 31st Oct 2025 inclusive School reopens on Mon 3rd Nov @ 9am
Christmas Holidays:	Mon 22nd Dec 2025 to Fri 2nd Jan 2026 inclusive School reopens on Mon 5th Jan 2026 @ 9am
St. Brigid's Day Weekend:	Mon 2nd Feb 2026 - school closed
Mid-term break:	Thurs 19th Feb to Fri 20th Feb inclusive - school closed
School Closure for Teacher Training:	Fri 13th March - school closed
St. Patrick's Day Weekend:	Mon 16th Mar to Tues 17th March 2026 inclusive – school closed
Easter Holidays:	Mon 30th Mar to Fri 10th Apr 2026 inclusive. School reopens on Mon 13th Apr 2026 @ 9am
May Bank Holiday:	Mon 4th May - Fri 8th May - school closed
June Bank Holiday:	Mon 1st June 2026 - school closed
School Closure for Teacher Training:	Fri 5th June 2026 - school closed
Summer Holidays:	School closes at 12pm on Fri 26th June 2026