HOLY FAMILY’S NEW TECH MAKERSPACE!

mak·er·space /mākrəˈspās/noun
A makerspace is a physical place that has a variety of tools, materials and equipment available to encourage people to create, design, explore, discover and invent.

When Brian Olmetti, Holy Family’s Technology Manager, approached Principal Cheryl Collins with the idea to expand the tech lab to function as a makerspace area, she agreed that this was a great way to broaden our science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program. The space would encourage our students’ creativity and exercise their minds in different ways than a traditional classroom.

“A makerspace is more than a space itself, it is a mindset. We have a student culture of children who have learned to consume technology. With a makerspace, we can move beyond consumption to creation!” (makerspaceforeducation.com)

Holy Family’s tech lab was transformed this past summer with the donation of new technology including a 2-color 3D printer, 4-channel podcast station, Cannon T6 camera, 3 iMac desktop computers, 12 Chromebooks, and a variety of art and music software.

Our students embraced the new space immediately and, in keeping with the makerspace hands-on mindset, they began the year by assembling all their new hardware, installing programs, and troubleshooting common computer programs. The students have progressed so quickly that Brian will occasionally send a student if a teacher requests help with a minor computer problem!

Students have been using the space for photography and editing and will continue to work creatively throughout the year in 2-3 week long rotating modules, which include: making a podcast, music production, and Vlogs (video logs).

Special thanks to all of the HFM friends who made this new creative space possible!

SAVE THE DATE!

DR. SEUSS DAY
March 5, 2018
Holy Family School

REACH FOR THE STARS SPRING BENEFIT
April 21, 2018
Glenview Club
The strength of Holy Family Ministries rests in the many partners that have supported our mission for more than 30 years. A unique partnership came to pass for HFM in 2010 with the merger of St. Gregory Episcopal School and (at that time) Holy Family Lutheran School. This merger celebrated in a very real way the formal commitment of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to work together in Chicago for shared community outreach.

The "Called to Common Mission" concept was established in the year 2000 by the two groups and today lives on at Holy Family School in a truly special partnership. A snapshot of that partnership is realized when we welcome Lutheran Bishop Wayne Miller and Episcopal Bishop Jeffrey Lee to Bishops Chapel in the fall. Joined by students, parents, teachers and local pastors, this lively service is a clear demonstration of what transpires everyday inside our North Lawndale school - full communion between Episcopalians, Lutherans and children of all faiths.

Holy Family closely appreciates the thoughtful investments in our mission by CLEF, ECCS, and all of our ministry partners.
2017 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
Holy Family hosted its annual Chicago Scholarship Lunch on Thursday, September 21st at the University Club of Chicago in the heart of the downtown Loop business community. Our students greeted guests and wowed them with a musical interlude, before eighth-grader Nasir spoke about the impact attending Holy Family has had on him: “My parents instilled in me the importance of academics to reach my goals in life. They chose Holy Family not just because it offers a good education, but also because it helps me to become the best person I can be.” Nearly $60,000 was raised to provide scholarships for students like Nasir.

Thank you to our 2017 Honorary Chairs Nick & Kristen Anson, John & Carrie Smart, Susie Shaw Hammesfahr & Rob Hammesfahr (pictured left with students).

CAREER DAY AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL!
Speakers enlightened our students with their knowledge during the annual Career Day in October. Presenters included:
- Amahdy Bradley, V. P./Deputy Chief Information Security Officer
- Shegan Campbell, Electrical Engineer, Kids Science Labs
- Briana Collins, News Anchor, WIFR, CBS News
- Kenneth Copaland, Civil Engineer, Exxon Mobil
- Lt. Danyelle Foster, Recruiter, Illinois State Police
- Patrick McGee, Vice-President, PNC Bank
- Dr. Jennifer Parker, Radiation Oncologist, Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Robert “Bob” Rita, Illinois State Representative, 28th District
- Evonda Thomas-Smith, RN, MSN, Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Lauren Wesley, Director of Development, Mercy Housing

Students were fascinated by Dr. Jennifer Parker, Radiation Oncologist, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Reach for the Stars Fall Benefit 2017
The 2017 Reach for the Stars Fall Benefit was a great success! More than 250 guests, including many new friends, came to support Holy Family at the Stonegate Banquet Center on Saturday, November 11th.

Generous donors shared in the spotlight by raising more than $230,000 to support the mission of Holy Family and help create a brighter future for our students and families.

Special thanks to the 2017 Fall Benefit Committee pictured from left: Dan & Laurie Badovinac, Anne Mastny, Janice Serafini, Tom & Linda Ernst, Sam & Jennie Kramer, Joe & Tami Pringle and Kristen Egan.

Guests experienced a joyful program that celebrated Holy Family’s weekly chapel service, led by Chaplain Leslie Hunter.

The stars of the night were, as always, the students, whose energetic involvement exhibited their joyful spirit and strength of character.

The 2017/18 Peace Builders have completed their 80 hours of study, and will travel to India at the end of December to participate in cross-cultural exchanges with community organizers, student leaders, and peace activists. Follow their incredible journey at www.peacex.org.
Men and women needed!
Flexible, long term and short term opportunities. Have fun, do good!
Email Margaret for details.