

HOLY FAMILY



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

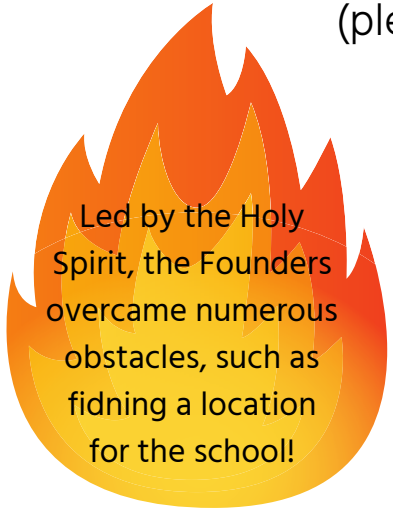


St. Nicholas
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GRATEFUL & GROWING

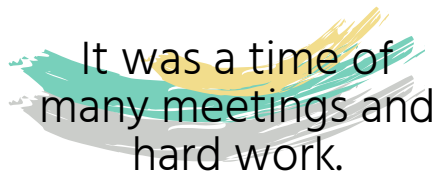
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—Proverbs 22:6

THE HISTORY OF ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL: HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL WAS A MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT AND A LABOR OF LOVE

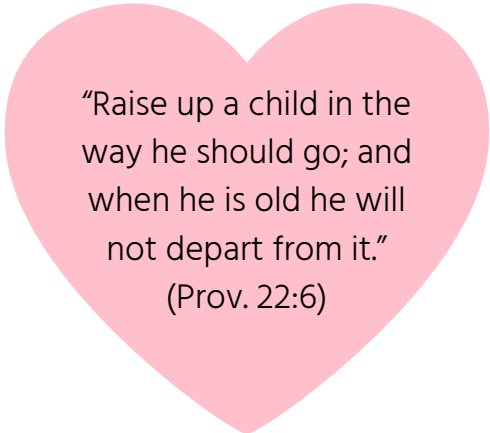
SOME of the FOUNDERS OF HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, working in 1993: **The HOLY SPIRIT**, Victoria McDonald, Kathy McGhee, Anita Florence, Leonard Spadoni, Jim and Kay Newton, Tom Mauss, Patty Kennedy, Bill Lucason, Cathy Phillips, Michael Murphy, Kathy McDonald, Tami Carbone, Ernie Carino, Dave Hombach, Lynn Palmershein, Pat Feist, Richard & Murl Meyer (please forgive us for persons left out)



Led by the Holy Spirit, the Founders overcame numerous obstacles, such as finding a location for the school!



It was a time of many meetings and hard work.



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(Prov. 22:6)

Holy Family Prayer that St. Nicholas students say every day:
Heart of Jesus, I adore you; heart of Mary, I implore you; heart of Joseph, ever just; in these hearts I place my trust.

THIS COMMITTED GROUP OF PEOPLE FOUND MONEY, A LOCATION, AND INTERESTED STUDENTS.

After conducting a feasibility study, a clear need for a Catholic school in Gig Harbor emerged. The founding committee investigated several possibilities:

- Build a school on the St. Nicholas Parish campus
- Work with St. Charles Borromeo school: "St. Charles at St. Nicholas" as a satellite campus either temporarily or permanently
- Create an independent school working with the Apostolate of the Christian Renewal, forming the Holy Family Educational Center: Holy Family School, K-8; a possible Catholic high school, and adult education/retreat center to be built in another area of Gig Harbor
- When none of the above options proved feasible, the committee would prayerfully decide to establish Holy Family School, which would open on August 30, 1995 at St. John's Episcopal Church on Skansie Avenue.



Next week: The first year of HFS!

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPENED ON AUGUST 30, 1995 WITH ONE TEACHER AND A COMBINED 1ST/2ND GRADE CLASS