

# The HawkEye



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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Mrs. Cindy Meredith



Mrs. Meredith leads science programs at the Learning Center in the summer.

Have you heard? Everybody's talking about science. The excitement is growing as the eighth grade class prepares for their Space Camp adventure in October. The sixth grade students are loving middle school science experiments and are eager to begin their first science fair project. Even the alumni are talking. McKenna Myatt, HFS class of 2017, is finding biology at Father McGiveny High School to be a breeze. "While the other students around me are struggling, I can say Mrs. Meredith really had us ready for life science," said Myatt. At HFS, we are incredibly blessed to have Mrs. Cindy Meredith share her passion for science with our children.

Mrs. Meredith has not always had a love of science. In fact, in grade school she had minimal exposure to the subject and did not care for it at all. However, by high school, her fondness for the subject changed. Her ninth grade biology teacher and tenth grade chemistry teacher inspired her and ignited a fire for the subject that could not be quenched.

In her 24 years at HFS, Mrs. Meredith has been driven by a desire to open a new world to the students through science. Her motto is simple: science is fun! She digs in to each lesson encouraging the students to use all of their senses to learn as they discover new things.

Mrs. Meredith also wants to see her students excel and make their own science discoveries. She has maintained our school's membership in the Illinois Junior Academy of Science. Our students are judged each February at the HFS Science Fair, and students with exceptional projects are invited to compete in the Regional Science Fair at SIUE. Each October, the lessons of the classroom come to life as the eighth grade students embark on a journey to Space Camp.

Anyone stepping into Mrs. Meredith's classroom can immediately feel her enthusiasm for science. When asked the greatest compliment she could receive from her students, she replied, "I want our alumni to look back and say they were well prepared."

## Hats on for Hurricane Victims



On Friday, September 8, 2017, students donating \$1 for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund were permitted to wear a hat at school. Our students and families donated \$521! This money will be added to the funds donated to the Springfield Diocese to aid Hurricane Harvey victims. Thank you for your generosity!



## Win reserved seats for HFS Christmas Concert

The success of our Glo Bingo is imperative for raising the funds necessary to maintain and expand our technology at HFS. The "Fright Night Glo Bingo" is scheduled for Friday, October 13, at 11 p.m. at the KC Hall. Please invite your family, friends, and coworkers. For every ticket you sell for Glo Bingo, your name will be entered into a drawing to win two reserved seats for the HFS Christmas Concert and a 3-month family membership for Elite FT. You can download the ticket order form at [www.HolyFamilyHawks.net](http://www.HolyFamilyHawks.net).

# In the NEWS

Our newest HFS graduates from the Class of 2017, are taking their high schools by storm and already making their mark in their new institutions. Check out some of their recent accomplishments:

If you're headed out to an athletic game this fall at Granite City High School (GCHS), there's a good chance you'll find some HFS alumni on the field or court. **Gavin Haug, Will Sturdivant, Bryce Norton, and Josh Lignoul** have all landed a position on the freshman soccer team. **Ahran Cavanaugh** and **Kenton Bailey** are representing us well as the newest members of the GCHS freshman football team.

Not to be outdone by the boys, the girls are making a name for themselves, too. **Darcy Popmarkhoff** and **Kayla Hubbard** will be sporting the red, black, and white, for the GCHS freshman girls' soccer team. **Whitney Klee** and **Darcy Poparkhoff** are taking the court for GCHS this fall on the girls' tennis team, joining fellow alumni **Maya Ware** and **Kayla Bridick** (Class of '14). Off the tennis courts, **Whitney** is also keeping busy as one of the newest members of Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Honors Reading, and the GCHS Speech Team.

The volleyball tradition started at HFS continues for some of our alumni. **Alexis Stefl** and **Abby Sampson** are playing freshman volleyball for GCHS, and **McKenna Myatt** is all set to volley for Father McGiveny High School.

Two standout freshman from HFS have rose to the top of their sports. **Claire Sykes** is blazing her own trail as a freshman on the GCHS varsity country team, and **Kenzie Barrington** flipped passed the competition to land a spot on the varsity cheerleading team. Way to go girls!

The HFS Class of 2017 are not the only ones making headlines. Congratulations are in order for alumni **Kayla Bridick** and **Madeline Taylor**, both of the Class of '14, who were selected to represent GCHS at the Southwestern Conference for National Youth Leadership.

**London Kimble**, Class of '16, will be taking the stage as one of the leading ladies in the GCHS Homecoming play, "The Cemetery Club," which is scheduled for October 11 and 12, at the GCHS Performing Arts Center.



Last, but not least, **Robbie Humphrey**, Class of '15, achieved the highest rank possible for a member of the Boy Scouts of America - Eagle Scout. He was awarded his advancement at his Eagle Court of Honor held on September 9. ■



## September Birthdays

By Katie Moad & Trevor Nichols

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>
Parker Merritt	12	4
Eleanor Critchly	5	6
Evie Sturdivant	10	8
Thomas Halbrook	12	8
Mackenzie Kennedy	13	10
Seth Flores	14	10
Mrs. Atkins	?	10
Colin Oates	8	11
Andrew Hartman	11	12
Carson Bauer	10	17
Daniel McPherson	11	21
Lanie Yobby	7	23
Anna Taylor	8	24
Brynn Hawkins	11	25
Angel Perez	6	28
Daniel Wilson	13	28
Mrs. Massey	?	28
Emerson Mineman	6	29
Ms. Barnum	?	29
Joseph Halbrook	8	30
Brock Nordstrom	8	30

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