



Dear Parents:

I am proud to introduce an exciting new opportunity to the students of Holy Family School called “Girls Who Code” (GWC). GWC was founded 8 years ago and is an after school club designed to close the gender gap in technology. While some clubs are only open to female students in grades 6-12, we at Holy Family are opening up attendance, on a first come first served basis, to 30 male or female students grades 4-8. The Club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4 PM with 30 minutes optional lab time available from 4-4:30. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, February 8. It is important that students participate in every session, but not mandatory. If absenteeism is excessive, the student will not be able to complete her/his project. Attached you will find more details about what students can expect to learn, the general structure of each session, and the overview of what our semester will look like.

We are also asking for your help. Not only do we want you to talk to your student about the GWC opportunity and how her/his project is going, but we would also love to have you join in the fun as a facilitator. Ideally, we would have 6-8 facilitators who could commit to 1-2 sessions (3-4:30) per month. You do not need to be a programmer or coder nor do you need in depth computer knowledge. The ideal candidate has a healthy interest and familiarity with computers and an interest in working with great kids. You must also have completed the “Protecting God’s Children” training prior to teaching a session. Please complete the below section and return to school with your child by Tuesday, February 6. We will do our best to reach out to you on Wednesday, February 7 to confirm your student’s participation for the Thursday session.

Thanks in advance for your help in making Holy Family a GWC Success Story!

Regards,

Joe Schuler, GWC Coordinator

My child, _____, in grade _____ would like to join GWC.

I, _____, would like to volunteer as a facilitator. My days of availability are (please be specific – any Tuesday, any Thursday, first Tuesday, etc)

My email address is: _____ and phone number is _____.