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PRESS RELEASE

Holy Family Catholic School Students Step Back In Time

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Students Continue Traditional Visit to Heritage Park in Largo

St. Petersburg, FL, November 11, 2011: Continuing a tradition of nearly 30 years, Kindergarten and 8th grade students from Holy Family Catholic School in St. Petersburg will visit Heritage Park in Largo on November 16. However, this is no ordinary field trip. In order to truly experience what life was like back then, the students will wear period clothing from the 1800's and bring bag lunches—no plastic containers or refrigeration permitted!

Each year, as a part of the school's Kindergarten Partners program, the students in these grades experience what a typical school day was like in colonial Florida, in a one-room-schoolhouse setting. They practice their "ciphers" and penmanship and read from the McGuffey Readers. During morning recess, they shake heavy cream and salt in Mason jars to make butter, and eat it with crackers as a snack.

Ms. Brinsko, the homeroom teacher of grade 8, shares: "We have done this so long, that we have pictures of students from their Kindergarten AND 8th grade years visiting Heritage Park. The older students return with an appreciation of how many conveniences they have today." Ms. Ferguson, the Kindergarten teacher, adds: "The little ones probably think this is how their parents and teachers went to school! But they enjoy the day and do learn a lot!"

Located in Northeast area of St. Petersburg, Holy Family School offers a faith-based academically challenging education for students from pre-school through eighth grade. Holy Family School is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC). For more information about Holy Family Catholic School, please visit www.holyfamily-school.com or contact Sister Flo at srflo@holyfamilycatholicsschool.com.