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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Wed., Apr. 19th	Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st Gr. Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Thur., Apr. 20th	Home And School mtg. 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 21st	Mid-trimester
Sun. Apr. 23rd	St. Martin First Communion 9:30 a.m. Seven Dolors First Communion 2:00 p.m.
Fri., April 28th	Early Release
Fri., May 5th	5K Color walk/run 6:00 p.m.
Sun., May 7th	St. Anthony First Communion 8:30 a.m. St. Benedict First Communion 10:30 a.m.
Fri., May 12th	Grandparents Day 12:30 p.m. Mass

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During the month of April, students are learning about St. Catherine of Sienna (March 25, 1347–April 29, 1380). She had a deep love for Christ from a young age, so much so that when her family tried to persuade her to get married at the age of 16, she cut her hair short and began fasting in protest.

St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. Her father was a cloth dyer.

More to come in the next couple of weeks...
Mrs. Sowada

GREAT TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Mrs. Huckenpoehler for leading her team of four - 5th grade students to 1st Place and a prize of \$1300 in the Catholic Foundation Great Technology Challenge. Aiden Blaske, Jack Schiffler, Nora Dupuy and Lucy Dupuy spent many hours creating a Stop Motion video and submitted it in January to the Foundation! The funds will be spent in the area of technology. Way to go 5th graders!

WILD COUNTRY 99

Thank you to radio station 98.9 for recently visiting Holy Family School to read a book to our students. They all enjoyed it very much!

LUNCH/RECESS DUTY NOTICE

All parents are required to sign in at the office before heading downstairs to help with lunch and recess duty by 11:20. Please mark your calendars when it is your day to help out. If you are unable to make it in, it is your responsibility to find a sub as soon as possible. Recess duty will be from 11:30 - 12:30. Please make sure to sign out when you are done. If you have made arrangements with a sub or another family to cover for you, please notify the office of any changes and send \$12 in for the sub. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Fri., 4/14	Jamie & Cassie Gertken
Mon., 4/17	Aaron & Ashley Goebel
Tues., 4/18	Michael & Judy Gondringer
Weds., 4/19	Michael & Susan Gully
Thurs., 4/20	Adam & Molly Hoppe
Fri., 4/21	Colton Huseh, Hannah Huseh

SCHOOL MASS

The next school Mass will be Wednesday, April 19th, at 9:00 a.m. and will be prepared by Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st grade class. Please join us!

RICE BOWL

Thank you to all who contributed to the Rice Bowls. \$419.43 was brought in from HFS. This money will be given to Catholic Relief Services.

HFS APPAREL

If you would like to order any HFS apparel, order forms are due Monday, April 17th. Orders should be ready by the first week in May.

SEVEN DOLORS CHURCH CLEANING

Seven Dolors Church is looking for volunteers to help wipe down the pews and kneelers after next week's school mass (April 19th). 4th grade students will be staying after the school mass to help from 10:00-10:30. The 5th grade class will be cleaning from 10:30-11:00. Besides the students, we are asking for adult volunteers to help as well. If interested, please call the school office at 845-2011. Thank you!

2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Families, please remember that we have various avenues of tuition scholarship assistance for our students at HFS. Please contact Mrs. Sowada by April 15th if you would like to apply for a scholarship. We are blessed to have this support to offer families who could benefit from these scholarship programs!

HFS ACCEPTING SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

There are three available board positions open for the 2023-2024 school year. Three of our current board members may either choose to run again for a 2nd term or complete their current term, ending June 30th. HFS parents are invited to contact Mrs. Sowada if interested in running or would like to nominate a person to run. The board along with the pastor will determine the method of selection. Members hold the position for a 3-year term. Meetings are held once a month, with the exception of July. Feel free to contact Mrs. Sowada with any questions - msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com. Thank you for your interest in serving HFS!

ANNUAL HFS 5K JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY!

Please mark your calendars....All are invited to participate in HFS's Color Run/Walk 5K on Friday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. Registration flyers can be found via our school website: holyfamilyalbany.com Click on the button for the School Portal that will lead you to the Fun Run registration form!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Mark you calendars...Holy Family School is excited for our upcoming Grandparents' Day, Friday, May 12th. Information and invitations will be sent home soon for this fun event!

SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY

The Blenker Family

Adam and Rachel Blenker farm south of Albany on the family farm. They raise dairy heifers and crop farms.

They have six children. Maria (18) is a CNA at Mother of Mercy, Andrew is in 9th grade and Ely is in 8th grade at AHS. Kaitlyn is in 5th grade, Evelyn is in 2nd grade and



Ivan is in preschool at HFS. They enjoy working on the farm together and have a big garden in the summer. They also like to take family vacations, go to water parks,

movie nights, and play board games or cards. Kaitlyn is looking forward to computer class this year and doing more with Stop Motion. Evelyn is excited about art class and Ivan is just excited that he finally gets to go to school and learn new things!

The Scharmer Family

Beaudyn is in 1st grade this year at HFS. Beaudyn lives with his Mom Jillian, his Dad Brett and their GoldenDoodle, Nika. In the summer they enjoy outdoor activities like swimming, dirt biking, and four wheeling. In the winter they spend much of their time at the ice rink watching Beaudyn play hockey! Beaudyn enjoys attending HFS and they feel the staff is amazing!

BOOK CLUB

We are excited to again offer a Book Club this school year. In order to have meaningful conversations and discussions about the book, students need to be committed to reading the provided books. 'Page Turners' will meet four times this year from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates.

April 25th (make up date)

ART CLUB

Art Club will meet for the last time this year on May 2nd. Students will be going to the Pot Spot for painting and pizza. Students will need to be picked up at the Pot Spot in Avon at 4:00. Permission slips will be sent home.

May 2nd

GOLF RAFFLE TICKETS

One \$100 raffle ticket for the golf tournament was sent home in the folders last week. Each family is asked to sell one ticket. There is a limit of only 100 tickets, so if you sell yours, please call the office as soon as possible to get another one. **Please return all money for the raffle tickets by April 28th** Grand prize is \$2500!!!

HFS WILL BE HOSTING CAMP INVENTION THIS SUMMER

Make New Discoveries this Summer at Camp invention! HFS will be hosting Camp Invention again this summer June 12th-16th. This is a national STEM education camp/program open to all students going into K-6th grade (students need not attend HFS). **Register by March 30th at INVENT.ORG/CAMP and save \$25!**

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Family School is a Christ-centered family. We strive to help each child reach his or her potential in an environment where our Catholic faith is lived and celebrated.