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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Nov. 23rd- Dec 4th Virtual Vendor Fair  
Dec. 2nd End of 1st Trimester  
Dec. 1st-6th Scholastic Book Fair  
Dec. 8th Mrs. Orbeck's 5th Gr. Mass  
Dec. 9th At Home Learning Day  
Dec. 12th School Board Mtg. 6:30 pm  
Dec. 15th Christmas Program  
Dec. 23rd - Jan. 2nd Christmas Break

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Advent scripture and prayer for Dec. 1st, 2022 from Mary DeTurris Poust's *Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections*.

"And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand." (Matt 7:26)

"Jesus, you are the cornerstone of all we are and all we do, the foundation upon which we want to build our todays, our tomorrows, and our eternity. You are our rock and refuge."

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sowada

#### **HOLY FAMILY 2022 VIRTUAL VENDOR FAIR**

There's still time to shop in the HFS Virtual Vendor Fair! Great ideas for Christmas gifts while supporting Holy Family School. Go to the Holy Family School Webpage to access vendor shopping links and follow special instructions for each vendor.  
[www.holyfamilyalbany.weebly.com](http://www.holyfamilyalbany.weebly.com)  
then select "Virtual Vendor Fair"

#### **HFS BOOK FAIR**

This year's book fair has begun! Purchase great books today through Tuesday, Dec. 6th, in the Seven Dolors Church gathering space. It's a great chance to pick up some gifts for Christmas! It will be



open during the school days, Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **LUNCH/RECESS DUTY**

Parents are asked to check in the office on their assigned days by 11:20 in order to help out in the lunchroom for the last few minutes with the first lunch group. Recess duty will be from 11:30 - 12:30. Please make sure to sign out when you are done. Thank you for helping us out! If you have made arrangements with a sub or another family to cover for you, please notify the office of any changes.

#### **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:**

Fri., 12/2	Zach & amanda Zierden
Mon., 12/5	Neil & Amanda Austin
Tues., 12/6	Adam & Angela rushmeyer
Weds, 12/7	Rachel Blenker (sub)
Thurs., 12/8	Scott & Liana Birr
Fri., 12/9	At Home Learning Day

#### **SCHOOL MASS**

Next week's Mass will be on Thursday Dec 8th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. No school Mass on Wednesday Dec 7th. Thursday's mass will be prepared by Mrs. Orbeck's 5th grade class.

#### **ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

A calendar of "Advent Activities" was sent home in the weekly folders. Next week is the week of "Peace". Thursday Dec 8th the students will be playing dodge ball in the gym with Mrs Sowada. As an Advent service project we are also still collecting money to help the Asha Gregory family and the Lomheim family.

#### **HOME & SCHOOL "CHRISTMAS PROJECT"**

If you would like to participate, please return your envelope by TOMORROW, Friday Dec 2nd. The Holy Family School staff appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity with your gift giving!

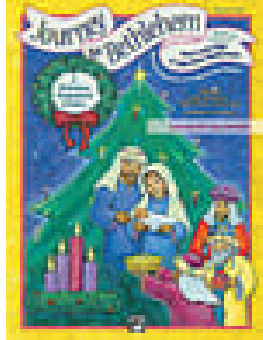
#### **INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT HIRE**

Congratulations to Susan Gully, who has accepted the position of Institutional Advancement with Holy Family School. We are excited to have Sue join our team to help

market and promote our great school. Sue and her husband, Mike have three children currently attending Holy Family School.

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Please join us for the Preschool through 5th grade Holy Family Christmas program Thursday, December 15th in Seven Dolores Church. There will be two performances with the afternoon program starting at 1:30 and the evening program at 6:30 p.m. We are excited for this year's theme, "A Journey to Bethlehem" that will feature costumes and a beautiful story of the birth of Jesus.



### **SNOWBALL**

**Mark your calendars for the 8th annual Snow Ball Fundraising event on Sat., January 14th, 2023!** There will be a dinner, silent auction and live auction. Sign up for work slots is now open on School Speak. Please consider volunteering to help. We are still in need of several workers. Especially to bus tables, waiter/waitresses, platter carriers and dishwashers.

### **CHILDCARE**

HFS Childcare will be open Friday Dec 9th They will also be open Dec 26,27,28 & 29th during Christmas break

### **SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY**

#### **The Leither Family**

Jon and Reba Leither are both teachers in Upsala and have two daughters. Lilli is in 5th grade and Addi is in 3rd grade at HFS. Their family loves their Catholic faith and enjoys playing board games, backyard softball, gardening, and vacationing together in the summer. They also enjoy raising chickens. Lilli is excited to be in 5th grade to have more responsibility and sing in the choir. Addi is excited for the field trips and the last day of school! Jon and Reba look forward to being more involved this year at HFS.

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The AHS National Honor Society is having a "Teddy Bear Buddies" Teddy Bear and blanket drive. There is a donation box located in the HFS office if you would like to donate new or gently used stuffed animals or blankets. Donations will go to the Lincoln Center.

### **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.

December 6th  
February 7th  
April 4th

### **ART CLUB**

We are excited to offer an after school Art Club this year! Art club is for students who are in grades 3-5 and LOVE to do art, drawing, painting, creating and designing. They will meet on the following dates:

January 3rd  
March 7th  
May 2nd

### **SHOP WITH SCRIP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Buying GIFT CARDS through our Scrip Program is a great way to complete your Christmas shopping! Use the HFS scrip program to order gift cards for shopping or use them as gifts. Order by December 5<sup>th</sup> to get delivery by Christmas! Ordering and E-gift cards are also available on the RaiseRight app, just enter our school code **4F9LCA836L12**. By using scrip, you can earn extra \$\$ for tuition *and* help support HFS! Any questions please contact the school office.

### **GUATEMALAN COFFEE**

Just a reminder that we have Fair Trade, Fresh Guatemalan Coffee for sale! Several varieties to choose from either in beans or ground. You can pick this up in the school office or at SD church office. Coffee is a great Christmas gift for that "hard to buy for" person on your list.

### **TEAL'S RECEIPT REMINDER:**

Just a friendly request to please continue to save & turn in your Teal's Market receipts! The school earns cash back throughout the year by saving the sales receipts. What a huge help & benefit to the school! Thank you to Dana Frank for organizing our receipts and Thank you for bringing your receipts!

### **INK CARTRIDGES**

Did you know you can bring your used ink cartridges and old cell phones to HFS office to earn cash for the school! Simply drop off your name brand used ink cartridges and we will send them in to recycle and earn cash back for the school. Thank you to Jessica Lust for coordinating

this project. For more information about this or other programs we use to raise money and help support the school please contact the school office.

*Happy Feast of St. Nicholas Day  
Tuesday, December 6th*

