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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 2nd Christmas Break
Jan. 3rd School Resumes
Jan. 4th No School Mass
Jan. 9th School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m. cafeteria
Jan. 14th Snowball Event 4:00 p.m. Seven Dolors
Gathering Space and gym
Jan. 16th No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 10th-12th NWEA Standardized Reading Testing
Jan. 17th-19th NWEA Standardized Math Testing

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Advent scripture and prayer for Dec. 21st, 2022 from Mary DeTurrís Poust's *Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections*.

Scripture: I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord (1Sam 1:27-28a)

Prayer: Blessed Mary, your words give us hope and remind us of God's great mercy. Walk with us as we face all that scares us. Help us to remember the good things the Almighty has done for us.

I wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

I would also like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers for my daughter, Katherine. She is responding to the treatments and her labs are improving. We hope to be home in Little Falls either Friday evening or Saturday morning, depending on the weather.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Christmas program a success. A special thank you to Ms. Kara Kreamer for all the work she put in, especially rescheduling practices several times, the teachers for

being accommodating to the rescheduling, for teachers helping out with practices, costumes, and narration, Mr. Kevin Shay for setting up and taking down risers and for setting up the gym for the reception, Mr. Dean Mitchell for helping with the risers while Mr. Shay was gone, Mrs. Abbey Dupuy for ironing all of the costumes, Mrs. Julie Voit for baking the cookies and preparing the trays, Mrs. Karla Welle for recording the programs, Mrs. Gail Kokett for creating the program sheet, 4th grade students for handing out programs, Mrs. Sue Gully for taking pictures, the Home and School officers - Mrs. Reba Leither, Mrs. Angela Rushmeyer and Mrs. Amy Casey for helping out with the reception following the program in my absence, and for all the parents who helped with any set up and take down. It could not have been done without everyone's help!

I would like to give an even bigger thank you to all of the students who did a great job with their singing, reading and character parts, which includes baby Jesus - Hannah Gully. We are all so proud of you!!

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE COOK/DISHWASHER

HFS is looking for someone who would be interested in being a substitute cook and dishwasher to help us prepare, serve meals, and wash dishes in the event that either Mrs. Julie Voit or Mrs. Jan Koopmeiners would be absent. If interested, please contact the school office for more information. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS PROJECT THANK YOU

On behalf of the HFS faculty and staff, we would like to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas Project. We are truly blessed to have such generous families in our community. We all appreciate your gifts!! Thank you also to Paul and Stacy Schiffler who organized the project!

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:

Tues., 1/03	Brandon & Heather Cruz
Weds., 1/04	George & Abbey Dupuy
Thurs., 1/05	John & Kristie Schiffler
Fri., 1/06	Aaron & Alyssa Eiyneck

SCHOOL MASS

There will be no school Mass on Wednesday, January 4th. The next school Mass will be on Wednesday, Jan. 11th, prepared by Mrs. Giinthir's 2nd grade class.

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY

The Vogel Family

Easton Vogel is in Mrs Young's kindergarten class this year. He also went to HFS last year for preschool. Easton's dad, Miles, works at Marco and his mom, Traci, is a para at Melrose schools. They live in Albany and like to spend time outside or with family and friends. They also like to do family nights and play board games. Easton is looking forward to kindergarten and making new friends.

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.

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

CSW SCHOOL DANCE

The Catholic Schools Week dance will be held Friday, February 4th. We are looking for donation items in the price range of \$15-20 for Dice Game, \$5-10 range for bonus prizes for the straw game and \$1-\$2 prizes for the straw game (Candy, Gloves, School Supplies, books etc.). Please drop off any donations in the school office when school resumes in January. Thank you very much!!

