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

**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. 8th, 2022 from Mary DeTurris Poust's *Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections*.

#### **Scripture:**

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28)

#### **Prayer:**

Holy Mother Mary, on this beautiful feast of your Immaculate Conception, we ask you to intercede for us, that we might open ourselves up to God's grace as you did throughout your life. Amen.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sowada

#### **AT HOME LEARNING DAY TOMORROW**

Just a reminder that tomorrow (12/9) is an At Home Learning Day for all HFS students. Each grade was given work to complete at home tomorrow. Have a great weekend!

#### **HFS BOOK FAIR**

Thank you everyone who stopped at the book fair. The in-person event has now concluded. If you didn't get a chance to stop in the book fair, you're in luck! Our book fair is still open online. Simply go to



<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyfamilyschool16>. The online portion of the book fair runs through December 14th. The online store is created just for our school with over 5,000 items. All online purchases benefit our school and earn 25% in Scholastic Dollars.

#### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards for the first trimester will be posted on the portal tomorrow, Friday, December 9th. Please view your child's report card and then click on the "signed" button at the bottom of the page. You can contact the office to request a paper copy.

#### **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., 12/9	At Home Learning Day
Mon., 12/12	Ben & Alicia Mergen
Tues., 12/13	Scott & Liana Birr
Weds., 12/14	Curt & Jolene Boeckermann
Thurs., 12/15	Amy Schmidt
Fri., 12/16	Karen Neidermeier Gill

#### **SCHOOL MASS**

Next week's Mass will be on Wednesday Dec. 14th. Mass will be prepared by Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class.

#### **ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

A calendar of "Advent Activities" was sent home in the weekly folders. Next week is the week of "Joy". Friday Dec 16th is "dress in your favorite Christmas attire". Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater, headbands, hats, jewelry, pants, etc. Just a reminder that as an Advent service project we are also still collecting money to help the Asha Gregory family and the Lomheim family.

#### **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. ***We invite everyone to a reception in the gym after the 6:30 p.m. program.***

#### **SET-UP HELP FOR EVENING RECEPTION NEEDED**

We are in need of a few people to help set up tables and chairs for the reception after the evening Christmas program next Thursday the 15th. Set up will happen after the afternoon program (around 2:30). Please call the office if you are able to help. Thank you!!

#### **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.

#### **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. Check with the school office for what is available. 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. **We also now have McDonald's gift cards available through scrip!**

#### **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.

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY**

##### **The Zierden Family**

Karalyn is in 5th grade this year at HFS. Her parents are Matt and Karla. Matt is an electrical estimator for JT Electric and Karla is a Technical Product Manager at Wolters Kluwer. Karalyn has four older siblings who all attended HFS as well. Zach works for Roof One, Gabriel is a senior at Concordia in Moorhead, Makaela is a senior at AHS and Samantha is a sophomore at AHS. Together they enjoy playing games, hiking and visiting waterfalls at state parks, and attending sporting activities. Karalyn is

looking forward to seeing her classmates, serving at mass and being a part of the weekly mass choir.

#### **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.

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

#### **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.