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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun., Feb. 26th	HFS Preschool-Kindergarten Open House 11:30 - 1:00
Sun., Feb. 26th	Last day to sell CUF raffle tickets
Fri., March 3rd	Reconciliation for 2nd - 5th graders
Thur., Mar. 9th	CUF Raffle Drawing - 11:00 a.m.
Fri., Mar. 10th	End of Trimester 2
Mon., Mar. 13th	HFS School Board mtg. - 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria
Fri., Mar. 10th	Report cards published

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For the month of February, the students are learning about Saint Benedict: St. Benedict was a man of strength, conviction and courage. He desired to live a life of solitude by choosing the life of a hermit and living in a cave, however, nearby monks persuaded him to lead their local community of monks.

Rules of St. Benedict

Do not speak evil words
Listen with your heart
Be obedient to the Lord

Ask God to make your good work perfect
Show good deeds rather than words
Pray together, so you may show your peace
Delight God with work and prayer

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

FOCUS ON PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING THIS LENT

This first week of Lent, students will be praying for their prayer partners' requests. We will be meeting Monday mornings during lent at 8:30 in the first floor hallway for school prayer. We will also attend Stations of the Cross at 9:00 on the following Friday mornings: March 3rd, 17th and 31st. Please join us in Seven Dolours church.

[Learn about Ash Wednesday & Lent for Kids](#)

HFS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE INVITATION!

Parents & their children going into Preschool and/or Kindergarten next year are all invited to **HFS' upcoming Preschool & Kindergarten Open House this Sunday, Feb. 26th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.** Families will have an opportunity to visit the teachers and classrooms and hear more about the programs. Registration materials will be available at the event. **There will be an informational meeting for Kindergarten parents at 12:00, and a Preschool/PreK parent meeting at 12:30.** If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please call the school office (845-2011) for more information. We are happy to share it with you. Invitations for potential Preschool and Kindergarten students were sent home this week.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year were sent home in the folders this past Tuesday (2/21). Please make sure to read through the information and return all necessary forms by the due date of Wednesday, March 8th to ensure your child's registration for the next school year.

LAST WEEKEND TO SELL CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE TICKETS

This Sunday, February 26th, is the last day to sell Catholic School Raffle tickets. We have sold 80% of our \$10,000 goal. Selling after weekend masses has always been a great time to sell. Please contact the school office if you need more tickets for the weekend. **ALL SOLD AND UNSOLD TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN MONDAY, Feb. 27th!** Thanks for your efforts!!

Thanks also to Catholic United Financial for their support of Catholic Education! Catholic United Financial takes care of all the prizes, tickets, advertising, etc. for this raffle so 100% of the money collected stays at Holy Family School! The drawing will be on Mar. 9th! Visit the Catholic United Financial webpage for the Catholic Schools Raffle prize list: www.catholicunited.org/raffle For more information about Catholic United Financial

contact our area CUF Rep, Dean Demarais:
ddemarais@catholicunited.org Thank you for supporting HFS!

RICE BOWLS FOR LENT

Rice bowls were sent home earlier. This Lent, as always, we are called to commit to our global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and alms giving. Students are asked to put collected coins in their Rice Bowls. Lenten alms from the Rice Bowls will go towards alleviating hunger and poverty in communities throughout the world. Please return the Rice Bowl donation at the beginning of Holy Week.

LUNCH/RECESS DUTY NOTICE

All parents are required to sign in 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., 2/24	Paul & Stacy Schiffler
Mon., 2/27	Scott & Tracy Schneider
Tues., 2/28	Scott & Lianna Birr
Weds., 3/1	Joe & Amy Burg
Thurs., 3/2	Joe & Trista Stangler
Fri., 3/3	Jeff & Catherine Staatz

SCHOOL MASS

Next week's school Mass, Wednesday, March 1st, at 9:00 a.m. is prepared by Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st grade class. Please join us for Mass!

SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY

The Geise Family

Jim and Julianna Geise have three children all of whom attend HFS! Henry is in third grade, Lucas is in kindergarten and Eliza is in preschool this year. Jim farms north of Albany and Julianna is a RN at the St Cloud hospital. In the summer they enjoy spending time outdoors fishing, playing in the pool and gardening. Henry is most excited to be "upstairs" at HFS and to join the book club! Lucas is excited to learn how to read and



Eliza is looking forward to all the fun art projects. Their favorite activity is the school dance!

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 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:

March 7th

May 2nd

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 early at INVENT.ORG/CAMP and save \$25!

RANGER FOR SALE

Greg Smoley, winner of this year's Snowball Ranger Raffle, would like to sell the ranger. If you are interested in it, please contact Greg at 320-250-7135.

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.*