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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan. 14th Snowball Event 4:00 p.m. Seven Dolors Gathering Space and gym
Jan. 16th No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 17th-19th NWEA Standardized Math Testing
Jan. 19th Home & School Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20th Mid-trimester/Early Release
Jan. 29th - Feb. 4th Catholic Schools Week

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week the students continue learning about St. Anne and St. Joachim - Jesus' grandparents - and the value and importance of their own grandparents. Each class is creating a Chain of Faith where the students will write down ways in which their grandparents have passed on their faith to them and connect them together to make a chain.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

SNOWBALL EVENT

Holy Family School's biggest fundraiser of the year is in two days - Saturday, January 14th! Join us for a fun filled evening of fellowship, a prime rib or chicken dinner **served from 4:00 - 8:00**, Live and Silent auctions, the \$50 Ranger raffle and \$2.00 raffle with a top prize of \$500.



Some of the live auction items included are; Handcrafted Adirondack chairs, a Gold Photography session from Anelo Photography that includes a 60 minute pet friendly shoot at one location with 2 outfit changes and the full gallery of photos. The total photography package has a value of \$575. We will also be featuring the Class Projects, some Beautiful Quilt displays and the always popular Extra Recess, Principal for a Day and Snack Package for one of the classes at the school.

All bidding for Silent Auction items will be completed using the link below. Please share this with others who may be interested in the auction.

www.32auctions.com/SnowBall2023

Viewing of the silent auction items started this past Monday, January 9th. There will be over 100 items to bid on including; a Albany Golf Course package that includes 2 -18 hole green fees with a cart certificates and four one hour passes for the TopTracer Range, 2 Mall of America packages with mini golf, Crayola Experience and Nickelodeon Universe passes for 4, some lovely jewelry pieces, a Farming Flames package with Baseball Hats and 2 - 2023 Regular Home Season Passes and a multitude of gift certificates to local businesses and other handmade items.

People will need to register for the 32auctions site. If they are not able to make it to the event for fun and fellowship they can still participate by bidding on silent auction items.

NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Just a reminder that there is no school this coming Monday, Jan. 16th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be Childcare, so if you are interested, please let Mrs. Welle know as soon as possible.

EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY, JAN. 20TH

Next Friday, January 20th is an Early Release Day. All HFS students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. There will also be Childcare in the afternoon. Please let Mrs. Welle know as soon as possible you would like to sign your child up.

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!

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. ***It creates a stressful situation when the volunteer is not there on time or is unable to make it without notifying us ahead of time.*** 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. Lastly, if you would like to eat lunch with your student(s), please notify the office by 8:30 that morning so we can account for another meal. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Mon., 1/16	No School
Tues., 1/17	Ben & Sarah Grutsch
Weds., 1/18	Michael & Judy Gondringer
Thurs., 1/19	Michael & Sue Gully
Fri., 1/20	Early Release - no recess

SCHOOL MASS

Please join us for the next school Mass on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, prepared by Mrs. Eiynek's 1st grade class.

SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY

The Hoppe Family

Adam and Molly Hoppe have two boys. Jackson is in 3rd grade and Jameson is in 1st grade. Adam stays busy with his excavating business and Molly recently started working for the city of Albany. (she previously worked part time as a surgical tech). Molly also does woodworking. Come and check out some of her craftsmanship on the Snowball live auction! They do lots of camping in the summer and last summer took a family vacation to Itasca! Jameson is most excited to play with friends at school and Jackson is excited to be "upstairs" and play with 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 17th (rescheduled from the 3rd)

March 7th

May 2nd

CSW SCHOOL DANCE

Our Catholic Schools Week Dance this year is set for Friday February 3rd, from 2:45 – 5pm (please pick your children up by 5:15) We invite students from Preschool-5th Grade. Preschool students need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We are looking for help/volunteers to come and help us make this event a fun day for the kids. Please sign up to volunteer on the SchoolSpeak portal (this is not considered a work slot). The sign up for this event will be posted next week to the portal. We are in need of any prizes or CASH for us to purchase prizes. Please see below for ideas of what we can use: For the Dice Game: we are looking for prizes in the price range of \$15-25. (Anything your kids would like). For the Straw Game: we are looking for bonus prizes in the price range of \$5-\$10 (balls, games, projects etc. Anything you think your kids would like) For the Straw Game: we are looking for prizes in the price range of \$1-3 (finger gloves, \$1-2 bags of candy, nail polish, baseballs, school supplies, Pop-it or fidget toys, lego blind bags, anything you think your kids would like). Permission forms will go home in next week's newsletter. Any questions you can contact the chairs listed below.

Thank You your Dance Chairs Rachel Blenker (320)836-2831 or Cell (320)761-3374 and Karen Neidermeier-Gill (320)845-6520

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Kick-off for the raffle will be Thursday, January 19th. Tickets for the raffle will be sent home that day. 100% of the money raised with this raffle stays at Holy Family. It is probably the easiest fundraiser we have as Catholic United takes care of all the prizes, tickets, advertising, etc. Tickets are \$5 for a chance to win great prizes. Visit the Catholic United Financial webpage for the Catholic Schools Raffle prize list. Check it out at www.catholicunited.org/raffle.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the families that gave me a Christmas gift! It is greatly appreciated and a lovely encouragement. - *Senora Belford*

MEAL PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank You to those who filled out the blue questionnaire for the breakfast/lunch program, it is much appreciated! As I cannot guarantee ALL that was written (you may have to enjoy your bacon at home, teehee!!) but there will be some changes coming in February!! I have worked with my distributor and you will see scrambled eggs coming in February, I will have a new whole grain donut coming on Valentine's Day, also the apple filled donut will be back (and as you saw today the whole grain glazed donut was on the line) and we are doing our best to have the Cran-Grape juice return (vendor just can't keep up with processing, ugh). The "old breakfast pizza" was discontinued, sorry. Thanks for your patience, my hands are tied with some topics that were brought to my attention, but I will do my best to feed the kiddos!

Julie Voit