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

**Fri., Mar. 17th** Report cards published  
**Fri., Mar. 24th** No School - teacher in-service  
**Fri., Mar. 31st** Prayer service for new Stations of the Cross - 1:30 p.m.  
**Wed., April 5th** Pascal Meal - 11:00 a.m. - gym  
**Thu. - Mon., Apr. 6th-10th** No School - Easter Break

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

St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish people to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be Friday, March 17th and the 31st at 9:00. All are welcome to attend.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sowada

#### **REGISTRATION FORMS DUE**

If you have not returned the registration form for the 2023-2024 school year please do so. Please make sure to read through the information and return all necessary forms and down payment as soon as possible to secure a spot for next year. **Registration is not complete without the payment.** Registration is now open to the next tier level. Thank you!!

#### **PREK/ PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024**

We still have openings in the PreK and all the preschool classes for the 2023-2024 school year and are now accepting registrations. We will be offering all day every day PreK and all day or ½ options for preschool. If you have younger children or know of someone who would like a registration form please contact the office.

#### **RICE BOWLS FOR LENT**

Rice bowls were sent home a few weeks ago. Continue to add coins to your rice bowl and turn them in to the office at the beginning of Holy Week. Donations will go to Catholic Relief Services. If you need additional rice bowls please contact the office as we have extras!

#### **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:**

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| Fri., 3/17   | Brett & Jillian Scharmer |
| Mon., 3/20   | Zach & amanda Zierden    |
| Tues., 3/21  | David & Doris Belford    |
| Wed., 3/22   | Adam & Angela Rushmeyer  |
| Thurs., 3/23 | Karen Neifermeier-Gill   |
| Fri., 3/24   | No School                |

#### **SCHOOL MASS**

Next week's school Mass, Wednesday, March 22nd, at 9:00 a.m. is prepared by Ms. Richter's 3rd grade class. Please join us for Mass!

#### **ANNUAL HFS WALK/RUN DATE CHANGE**

Please mark your calendars....All are invited to participate in HFS's Color Run/Walk 5K on Friday, May 5th. Registration forms and more information will be sent home in the folder. Bring your friends! Registration is open to everyone- not just HFS families!

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY**

##### **The Winkels Family**

Owen Winkels is in 5th grade this year. He has an older brother, Dominick, in 11th grade and a sister, Chloe, in 8th grade. Vicki works at the hospital and Gary works for the city of Albany and is also on the Albany fire

department. The Winkels family likes to go traveling and fishing. Owens likes playing football with his friends at HFS!

### **The Soenneker Family**

This year we welcomed Kinley Soenneker to the 3rd grade class. Kinley has two older brothers. Bryce is in 9th grade and Trentin is in 6th grade. They enjoy lake living, backyard chilling, meals on their patio and spending time in Arizona any chance they can. Although Kinley is new to HFS this year her older brothers attended HFS in their earlier years. They are very happy to be back and meeting new families. Kinley truly enjoys being in Ms. Richter's 3rd grade class!



(If your family has not yet been highlighted yet and you would still like to send a picture, please email it to the office)

### **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:

May 2nd

### **ALUMNI COMMITTEE SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

Holy Family School has four very dedicated and supportive men who make up our committee. We are searching for diversity and would like to invite one or two women who are alums of HFS to be part of the committee. We meet a few times in the Fall to kick-off the annual campaign and work on the mailings. We also have a wrap-up meeting in the Spring. If interested, please contact Mary Sowada for more information at 845-2011 or msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com.

### **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 by March 30th at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) and save \$25!**

### **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.*