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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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
Mon. Apr. 10th School Board mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Fri., April 28th Early Release
Fri., May 5th 5K Color walk/run 6:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St Patrick's other famous miracle, the banishment of the snakes, is supposed to have occurred following his Great Fast on the mount Croagh Patrick, outside Westport in County Mayo. St Patrick climbed the mountain where he fasted for 40 days, before expelling all the snakes from Ireland. The fact is that there were never actually any snakes in Ireland to expel, the whole episode is really symbolic of Saint Patrick converting the natives to Christianity and banishing the Druids whose symbol was the serpent. But banishing the snakes makes a better story and to this day, Croagh Patrick attracts thousands of pilgrims who make the trek 765ft to the summit on the last day of July.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

Just a reminder that there is no school for students tomorrow. There will also be no ChildCare. Have a great long weekend!

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 at 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., 3/24 No School
Mon., 3/27 Gary & Jennifer Willenbring
Tues., 3/28 Taylor & Ashley Carbert
Wed., 3/29 Mark & Amy Casey
Thurs., 3/30 Brandon & Heather Cruz
Fri., 3/31 George & Abbey Dupuy

SCHOOL MASS

Next week's school Mass, Wednesday, March 29th, at 9:00 a.m. is prepared by Mrs. Giinthir's 2nd grade class. Please join us for Mass!

ANNUAL HFS 5K JUST 6 WEEKS AWAY!

Please mark your calendars....All are invited to participate in HFS's Color Run/Walk 5K on Friday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. Registration flyers can be found via our school website: holyfamilyalbany.com Click on the button for the School Portal that will lead you to the Fun Run registration form!

SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY

The Lust Family

Ryan Lust is in the 3rd grade class and Adam is in Kindergarten this year at HFS. They also have a sister, Callie, who is 4 years old and will be in Preschool next year at HFS! Jessica works for US Bank and Paul does inspections along with crop farming. The Lust family enjoys fishing, 4 wheel



rides, tractor rides and outdoor activities. They love being a part of the HFS family and all the activities especially SnowBall and the school dance which is a lot of fun for the whole family!

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 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.*