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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Fri., Mar. 31st Prayer service for new Stations of the Cross **POSTPONED**
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.
Thur., Apr. 20th Home And School mtg. 7:30 p.m.
Fri., April 28th Early Release
Fri., May 5th 5K Color walk/run 6:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With Holy Week next week, I have included some prayer reflections for you & your family ahead of Holy Week! These are Excerpts from: The Saving Passion – Lenten Devotions by Henri Nouwen and With Grace & Gladness – Stories & Reflections of Each Day of Lent by Fr. Thomas Connery:



A Blessed Holy Week to you & your family!

Mrs. Sowada

A Prayer for Wednesday, April 5th: Crucified Savior, thank you for enduring the suffering and shame of the cross, so we may live as members of your family now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Holy Thursday, Apr. 6th: O Jesus, we praise you for your immeasurable love, which held you to the cross so that we might be embraced by you forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Good Friday, Apr. 7th: Father, on this Good Friday, we remember how much Jesus loves us. He died for us. We know we don't deserve it. We can only accept it and live a life of gratitude. Thank you, Father, for the gift of your son Jesus. As He gave his life for us, may we give of ourselves to him with all those we encounter. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

A Prayer for Holy Saturday, Apr. 8th: Father, there is no day like Easter. We can't wait to feel the joy inside of celebrating the resurrection of your son. Because he lives, we will live. We wait in prayer to celebrate the great Easter feast. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

A Prayer for Easter Sunday: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

There will be no newsletter next week due to the long Easter break. Enjoy your time with family!

RICE BOWLS FOR LENT

Rice bowls were sent home at the beginning of lent. **Please return Rice Bowls by next Wednesday, April 5th.** Donations will go to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for supporting this great cause!

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., 3/31	George & Abbey Dupuy
Mon., 4/3	Adam & Rachel Blenker
Tues., 4/4	Amy Schmidt
Wed., 4/5	Aaron & Alyssa Eiyneck
Thur., 4/5	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
Fri., 4/6	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
Mon., 4/10	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
Tues., 4/11	Jeremy & Kayla Feldewerd
Weds., 4/12	Kevin & Rebecca Wohletz
Thurs., 4/13	James & Julianna Geise
Fri., 4/14	Jamie & Cassie Gertken

SCHOOL MASS

The next school Mass will be Wednesday, April 19th, at 9:00 a.m. and will be prepared by Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st grade class. Please note that there will not be a school Mass next Wednesday, April 5th due to our Paschal Meal program nor Wednesday, April 12th, due to the long Easter break.

2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Families, please remember that we have various avenues of tuition scholarship assistance for our students at HFS. Please contact Mrs. Sowada by April 15th if you would like to apply for a scholarship. We are blessed to have this support to offer families who could benefit from these scholarship programs!

HFS ACCEPTING SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

There are three available board positions open for the 2023-2024 school year. Three of our current board members may either choose to run again for a 2nd term or complete their current term, ending June 30th. HFS parents are invited to contact Mrs. Sowada if interested in running or would like to nominate a person to run. The board along with the pastor will determine the method of selection. Members hold the position for a 3-year term. Meetings are held once a month, with the exception of July. Feel free to contact Mrs. Sowada with any questions - msowada@holymfamilyalbany.com. Thank you for your interest in serving HFS!

ANNUAL HFS 5K JUST 5 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: holymfamilyalbany.com Click on the button for the School Portal that will lead you to the Fun Run registration form!

SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY

The Schiffler Family

John and Kristie Schiffler live on a dairy farm and have five children. Bo is in 4th grade and Max is in kindergarten at HFS. Sophia is a senior at AHS, Isabella is a freshman, and Brady is in 6th grade. They are involved in 4-H and show dairy at the county and state



fair. They also enjoy camp fires, boating, playing board games and spending time together. Bo is looking forward to the field trips this year and Max is excited about the school lunches! Brady's favorite memory of HFS is the school dance.

The Cruz Family

Kipp is in 3rd grade this year and his brother, Case, is in kindergarten. They have two outside kitties, Ace & Dooley. Brandon works as a safety coordinator for Star Energy in Alexandria and Heather is an administrative assistant for the City of Albany Police Department. They enjoy camping, spending time together as a family, movies and ice fishing. They also love spending time in the pool in the summer. Kipp likes being with his friends in school, school lunches and learning new things in school. Case is looking forward to kindergarten and seeing friends he already knows and meeting new friends. Kipp and Case also like that they get to see their cousins, Jackson and Jameson Hoppe, and Papa Kevin Shay everyday at HFS!

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

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Mark you calendars...Holy Family School is excited for our upcoming Grandparents' Day, Friday, May 12th. Information and invitations will be sent home soon for this fun event!

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.*