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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Thu., Nov. 17th	HFS Home & School Mtg. 7:30
Nov 21st & 22nd	K-2 conferences
Nov 23rd- 25th	NO SCHOOL
Nov 24th	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 23rd- Dec 4th	Virtual Vendor Fair
Nov. 27th	Advent begins
Dec. 2nd	End of 1st Trimester
Dec. 1st-6th	Scholastic Book Fair
Dec. 9th	At Home Learning Day

Thank you for your help with this! ***Please check the lost and found table for missing items!***

LUNCH/RECESS DUTY

Parents are asked to check in the office on their assigned days by 11:20 in order to help out in the lunchroom for the last few minutes with the first lunch group. Recess duty will be from 11:30 - 12:30. Please make sure to sign out when you are done. Thank you for helping us out! If you have made arrangements with a sub or another family to cover for you, please notify the office of any changes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The students continue to learn about St. Martin of Tours this month, including the following prayer: *Saint Martin of Tours, you were a soldier like your father. Converted to the church, you became a soldier of Christ, a priest and a Bishop of Tours. Lover of the poor and model of Christians and pagans alike, protect our soldiers at all times. Make them strong, just and charitable, always aiming to establish peace on earth. Amen.*

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Due to Thanksgiving break next week, we will not be sending out a newsletter or will not send home the weekly folders. Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the break!

SCHOOL MASS

Please join us November 30th at 9:00 a.m. for our school Mass prepared by Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st grade class.

WINTER WEAR REMINDER

Parents, with cold winter temperatures upon us, please remind your child(ren) to wear a warm coat, cap and mittens. We still go outside everyday for recess unless the "Real Feel" is 0 degrees or colder. If it snows, students will need snow pants and boots.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Fri., 11/18	John & Tricia Wesen
Mon., 11/21	Gary & Jennifer Willenbring
Tues., 11/22	Matt & Karla Zierden
Mon., 11/28	David Wolbeck/ Melissa Abraham
Tues., 11/29	Derrick & Kelsi Dirkes
Weds., 11/30	Joe & Trista Stangler
Thurs., 12/1	Adam & Rachel Blenker
Fri., 12/2	Zach & amanda Zierden

K-2 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences for Gr. K-2 will be held in person Monday Nov. 21st from 3-6 pm and Tuesday Nov 22nd from 3-5 pm. A sign-up sheet has been sent home. Please call the office if you did not receive a slip or have questions.

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

HFS is participating in the annual "Give to the Max" day today, Thursday, November 17th. If you would like to donate, please go to the following link:



<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Holy-Family-School-9/welcome>

Thank you for your support of our school!!

HOLY FAMILY 2022 VIRTUAL VENDOR FAIR

Starts Thursday, Nov. 23rd and runs through
Sunday, Dec. 4th

A little bit for everyone on your own timeline.
Get some shopping done from the comfort of your home.
Each vendor has their own Online Shopping link.
Follow special instructions noted for each vendor.
Go to Holy Family School Webpage to access vendor
shopping links
www.holyfamilyalbany.weebly.com
then select "Virtual Vendor Fair"

HFS BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair is scheduled for Dec. 1-6th, 2022
and will be held in the Seven Dolores parish center. Great
chance to pick up some gifts for Christmas! Please
check your weekly folder for times and dates.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Advent begins on November 27th. A calendar of "Advent
Activities" will be sent home in the weekly folders. The
first week, Nov. 27th- Dec 2nd, is the week of "Hope".
Thursday Dec. 1st is **dress as your favorite nativity
character.**

HOME & SCHOOL "CHRISTMAS PROJECT"

Do you want to check off another person on your
Christmas list? Complete the "Christmas Project" form
that was sent home in last week's folder and return it to
the school office by Friday December 2nd! The Holy
Family School staff appreciate your thoughtfulness and
generosity with your gift giving!

SPECIAL PRAYERS

As many of you know, Asha Gregory (our school nurse)
has been battling Breast Cancer since April 2021. She
has undergone several rounds of chemo and radiation
and undergone major surgery, all while still working as a
school nurse and raising her two children Willow (6) and
Nash (4) alongside her loving, supportive husband
Dustin. Recently a PET scan revealed that the cancer has
spread to other parts of Asha's body and is considered
stage 4. This has been so devastating for Asha, Dustin,
and the kids as she will have to undergo more rounds of
chemo to fight for her life. As part of our Advent service
project, we will be collecting money to help Asha and her
family. But most importantly, Asha is in need of prayers
for healing and peace for her and her family.

Loheim Family- The Lomheim family recently had a baby
boy born prematurely and has been in the NICU for the
past month. His brother, Harrison, is in the PreK class at
HFS. Part of the funds collected from our Advent service
project will also go to the Lomheim family. Please pray
for Henry as he continues to grow and for his caregivers.

Please pray for healing for all those in our HFS family
who are ill or who have family members that are ill.

A "THANK YOU"

In October our students participated in a service project
by decorating customer bags for Teal's and K&S
Pharmacy. These projects did not go unnoticed. I
received a call from a K&S customer who wanted to
"thank" HFS for the beautiful message on the bag. They
commented how uplifting it was to get such a nice
message when picking up medications for their illness.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us for the
Preschool through 5th grade
Holy Family Christmas
program Thursday, December
15th in Seven Dolores Church.
There will be two
performances with the
afternoon program starting at
1:30 and the evening program
at 6:30 p.m. We are excited
for this year's theme, "A
Journey to Bethlehem" that
will feature costumes and a
beautiful story of the birth of Jesus.



SNOWBALL

**Mark your calendars for the 8th annual Snow Ball
Fundraising event on Sat., January 14th, 2023!** There
will be a dinner, silent auction and live auction. Sign up
for work slots is now open on School Speak. Please
consider volunteering to help. We are still in need of
several workers. Especially to bus tables,
waiter/waitresses, platter carriers and dishwashers.

CHILDCARE

HFS ChildCare will be closed over Thanksgiving break
Wednesday Nov 23rd- Friday Nov. 25th. Do you know of
anyone 16 or older looking for a part time job after
school? HFS is looking for help with the after school
Childcare program. Please contact the school office for
more information.

SHOP WITH SCRIP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Have you started your holiday shopping yet? Remember to use the HFS scrip program to order gift cards for shopping or use them as gifts. Order by December 5th to get delivery by Christmas! Ordering and E-gift cards are also available on the RaiseRight app, just enter our school code **4F9LCA836L12**. By using scrip, you can earn extra \$\$ for tuition *and* help support HFS! Any questions please contact the school office.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

The Stangler Family

Joe and Trista have three children. Kensi in 4th grade, Tori in 1st grade and Eli who is 3 yrs old. Joe is a Business Systems Analyst at Blattner and Trista works for Oakmont Capital Services as a titling specialist. They have two dogs, Gizmo and Cocoa and a cat named Cindy. Together they enjoy camping, bonfires, going on hikes, traveling, boating and watching Joe play baseball for New Munich Silverstreaks. Kensi is looking forward to learning cursive and Tori is looking forward to class field trips.



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.

December 6th
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 3rd
March 7th
May 2nd

GUATEMALAN COFFEE

Just a reminder that we have Fair Trade, Fresh Guatemalan Coffee for sale! Several varieties to choose from either in beans or ground. You can pick this up in the school office or at SD church office. Coffee is a great Christmas gift for that "hard to buy for" person on your list.

TEAL'S RECEIPT REMINDER:

Just a friendly request to please continue to save & turn in your Teal's Market receipts! The school earns cash back throughout the year by saving the sales receipts. What a huge help & benefit to the school! Thank you to Dana Frank for organizing our receipts and Thank you for bringing your receipts!

INK CARTRIDGES

Did you know you can bring your used ink cartridges and old cell phones to HFS office to earn cash for the school! Simply drop off your name brand used ink cartridges and we will send them in to recycle and earn cash back for the school. Thank you to Jessica Lust for coordinating this project. For more information about this or other programs we use to raise money and help support the school please contact the school office.

***Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Stay Safe and Healthy.***

