Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mon., Nov. 14th HFS School board Mtg. 6:30 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. 1st-6th Scholastic Book Fair

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels." Tomorrow is Veterans Day and we would like to thank all of our school community members who have served for our country. We appreciate and respect what you



have done and given for all of us. Happy Veterans Day!!

Blessings, Mrs. Sowada

SCHOOL MASS

Please join us November 16th at 9:00 a.m. for our school Mass prepared by Mrs. Giinthir's 2nd 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. 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.

Volunteer Schedule:

Fri., 11/11 Gary & Vicki Winkels
Mon., 11/14 Steven & Amber Toenies
Tues., 11/15 Grant & Andrea Tomsche
Weds., 11/16 Miles & Traci Vogel
Thurs., 11/17 Jon & Rachel Gaebel
Fri., 11/18 John & Tricia Wesen

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 will be sent home in the folders this week. Please fill out and return. Confirmation of your scheduled time will then be sent home.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

HFS will be having a regular school board meeting this Monday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!

INVITE TO NEXT HOME & SCHOOL PARENT MEETING!

All are invited to attend our next Parent Home & School Meeting next Thursday, Nov. 17th at 7:30 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting and an email link will be sent to you! Special events, volunteerism, and school fundraisers are discussed at our meetings and input is always encouraged! Participating in our Home & School is a great way to get involved in our school community!

HOME & SCHOOL "CHRISTMAS PROJECT"

Do you want to check off another person on your Christmas list? Complete the "Christmas Project" form that will be sent home in the weekly folder this week 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!

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

HFS is participating in the annual "Give to the Max" day this 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

Holy Family School will once again be hosting a Virtual Vendor Fair. We are looking for consultants/vendors wanting to be included in the Holy Family Virtual Vendor Fair. We are planning the event to run from November 23rd through December 4th.

We are currently reaching out to our participants from last year to see if they would like to be involved this year and as well we are looking for additional vendors. If you or someone you know who would like to participate, please have them contact Karla Zierden at karmatt@albanytel.com or 320-420-9561 (cell), or call the HFS office at 845-2011. Thank you!!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us for the Preschool through 5th grade Holy Family Christmas program Thursday, December 15th in Seven Dolors 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.

HFS BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair is scheduled for Dec. 1-6th, 2022 and will be held in the Seven Dolors parish center. Great chance to pick up some gifts for Christmas!

CHILDCARE

HFS ChildCare <u>will be closed</u> 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

The Gill Family

Hope is in 4th grade this year at HFS! She has a sister, Larissa, who is in 9th grade and two brothers, Sam in 8th grade and Brady in 6th grade. Her dad, Dale, works at DCI and her Mom is Ms. Karen, the preschool teacher at HFS. Together they enjoy watching movies, playing games, visiting family, and going to sporting events. Hope is excited to be with her friends and really likes Julie's wonderful lunches!

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

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.

SHOP WITH SCRIP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Before we know it, the Christmas shopping season will be here soon. Purchasing local and retail gift cards through the HFS Scrip Program is a great way to cover all your holiday shopping needs! We also offer Guatemalan fair trade coffee through the Scrip Program. All your Scrip purchases benefit both the shopper (great convenience!) and the school (a certain percentage of a gift card goes back to support the school & the shopper can also designate a family to get a percentage of the sale, which helps defray the cost of their tuition or lunches). Please note that the final day to submit a Scrip order for guaranteed delivery before Christmas will be Monday, Dec. 5th. The company gets busier that time of year and shipping times are also much slower. Please plan ahead for all your Christmas needs. We would also like to get away from the paper order forms and have everyone place their orders online through shopwithscrip.com. You can then either continue to pay by check at school or pay online with your bank account or credit card. Fees do apply. If you pay with your bank account or credit card, there is also an option to get an e-gift card sent to you right away which is very convenient. Thanks for shopping with gift cards through Scrip!