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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Wed. Nov 2nd	Picture Retake Day
Fri. Nov 4th	Early dismissal/ teacher in service
Nov 21st & 22nd	K-2 conferences
Nov 23rd- 25th	NO SCHOOL
Nov 24th	Happy Thanksgiving

FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

Thanks again to the committee chairs - Karla Zierden, Priya Felling, Betti Ramseyer and Tracy Schnieder for organizing this year's event. It was a huge success!! Thank you to all who worked the event, purchased a raffle ticket, or joined us for the fun day. We raised over \$26,300!!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The word "**Halloween**" – or "**Hallowe'en**" – comes from *All Hallow's Eve*. All Hallow's Eve is the vigil celebration of **All Saints Day** – also known as **All Hallow's Day**. The word "hallow" means "holy." (In the Our Father we pray, "Hallowed be thy name."). All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and a **major feast** on the Church's liturgical calendar. **All Saints Day** honors not only the saints in heaven whom we know by name, but also the countless saints in heaven **whose names are unknown to us**.

Halloween is, therefore, the first day of

Allhallowtide, the time of year when the living (the Church Militant) honor all the dead in Christ: the saints in heaven (the Church Triumphant) as

well as all the holy souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven (the Church Suffering). It is a beautiful celebration of the Communion of Saints!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

SCHOOL MASS ALL SAINTS DAY

Please join us November 1st at 9:00 a.m. for the All Saints Day Mass prepared by Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class.

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., 10/28	Ron & Ami Ohmann
Mon., 10/31	Joe & Kristy Peternell
Tues., 11/1	Nick Primus/ emma Overman
Wed., 11/2	Bryan & Kari Koenig
Thurs., 11/3	Derrick & Kelsi Dirkes
Fri., 11/4	EARLY DISMISSAL

PICTURES

Pictures will be sent home today in the folders. Watch for them in your students backpack. Picture retake day will be **Wednesday Nov. 2nd**.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$17.00. This offer expires November 1. Prices then increase to \$20. Our yearbooks include students from HFS, Albany Elementary and Avon Elementary. Order online today at Josten's Yearbook. Ordering online is preferred but if you are unable to order online you may bring your money (with name and grade) to the office. Yearbooks are delivered in May - so keep your receipt in case of any mix-ups.

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!!

We are also in need of a Co-coordinator to help Karla this year and take over the event next year. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping coordinate the event. Thank you!!

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

The Tomsche Family

Ila Tomsche is in 3rd grade and her brother, Olin, is in kindergarten this year. They also welcomed a new sister, Gabriel, to their family in early June. Grant is a large animal veterinarian and Andrea is a sonographer at CentraCare. The Tomsche family enjoys spending time together and going on fishing and camping trips. They are glad to be a part of HFS and mostly excited to have Olin in kindergarten at HFS this year.



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.

HFS BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair is scheduled for Dec. 1-6th, 2022. Maybe you can pick up a few Christmas presents!

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:

November 1st

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.

REMINDER: DOWNLOAD YOUR SCRIP APP TODAY!

Parents, if you haven't already done so, we encourage you to join our [ShopWithScrip Mobile App Program](#) for a great, easy way to buy gift cards via our HFS Scrip Program!! Go to: **RaiseRight mobile app** (from the app store) and enter the code: **4F9LCA836L12** eGift cards are delivered to the app within minutes and you can view them in your Scrip Wallet. Consider using scrip for your Holiday shopping.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event that is scheduled to happen on Monday, October 31st from 4-6. Businesses and organizations will have a parked vehicle in the City Hall parking lot with their trunks decorated and will hand out treats!

