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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Thu., Oct. 6th</b>	HFS Home & School virtual mtg. 7:30 pm
<b>Fri., Oct. 7th</b>	In-person Learning Day for HFS
<b>Fri., Oct. 7th</b>	HFS Picture Day
<b>Fri., Oct. 7th</b>	Blessing of your pets
<b>Sat., Oct. 8th</b>	HFS Fall Festival 3:00-9:00 PM
<b>Mon., Oct. 10th</b>	School Board mtg.
<b>Fri., Oct. 14th</b>	Mid-trimester
<b>Oct. 17th &amp; 18th</b>	3-5 Grade Conferences 3:00-6:00 p.m.
<b>Wed., Oct. 19th</b>	HFS Service Project day
<b>Oct., 20th-21st</b>	No School - Fall Break

#### **NO BUSSING TOMORROW, OCT. 7TH**

HFS will have a regular In-Person learning day of school tomorrow, Oct. 7th, however there will be no bussing as the Albany school district will be having their first At-Home learning day. Please make arrangements to have your student(s) transported to and from school that day.

#### **PICTURE DAY**

Picture order forms are being sent home today in the folders. Picture day is scheduled for tomorrow,, Oct. 7th. You can also order online  
<http://vando.imagequix.com/G9TRM9D>

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Words from Pope Francis: "Though letting go of yourself and living for others can make you seem weak in the eyes of the world, but this is the purpose of our lives, and that in the logic of God, it's what makes us truly victorious. Whoever serves and gives, seems like a failure in the eyes of the world. In reality, it is exactly in giving their life that they find it."

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sowada

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. GIINTHIR**

Congratulations to our 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Megan Giinthir (formerly Stroeing), on her wedding this past weekend. We wish her and her husband, Mr. Mason Giinthir a lifetime of Blessings from the Holy Family School Community!

#### **HOME & SCHOOL INVITATION**

Parents, please join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> Home & School Meeting (our parent association) **Thursday, Oct. 6th at 7:30 p.m. This is a virtual meeting. All are invited to participate!** A link will be sent out the day of the meeting. Participating in our Home & School is a great way to get involved in our school community! Thank you to Reba Leither, Angie Rushmeyer and Amy Casey for being on the Home & School Committee. **We are still looking for someone to be the secretary.** If interested, please contact the school office. Thank you!

#### **CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**When:** Friday Oct 7 at 2:00 PM

**Where:** The Holy Family School Playground

**What to do:** Please bring your pets in for a blessing! All pets need to be on a leash and should be able to tolerate being around a lot of people and animals. If you would like to crate your animal that would work also. We will all meet on the side of the school and Fr. Edward will offer a blessing for our pets. Children are able to go home with their families and pets after the blessing.

#### **CONFERENCES**

A signup sheet has been sent home in today's folder for the 3rd-5th grade conferences coming Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 17th & 18th. Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible so we can schedule the time slots.

#### **SCHOOL MASSES**

Please join us this school year for our school Masses on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. The October 12th Mass will be prepared Mrs. Giinthir's 2nd grade class. This Mass on the 12th will be a "Teaching Mass" with Father Edward. He will be explaining what we do and why as the Mass goes along. All are welcome to join us.

### **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., 10/7	James & Julianna Geise
Mon., 10/10	John & Kyra Bredeck
Tues., 10/11	Aaron & Ashley Goebel
Wed., 10/12	Michael and Judy Gondringer
Thur., 10/13	Michael & Susan Gully
Fri., 10/14	Adam & Molly Hoppe

### **FALL FESTIVAL AND FALL OF FORTUNE RAFFLE**

Our first school fundraiser of the year is this Saturday, October 8th. The Fall Festival starts at 3:00 with family fun activities including a scavenger hunt, bounce houses, obstacle course, Gaga ball and a movie at dusk! There will be hot dogs, brats, Bavarian pretzels with cheese, chips and cheese, cookies, pop, hot chocolate, adult beverages and more! The Fall Festival is open to the public. Invite your family and friends to come. All are welcome!! Please make sure to bring a chair and blanket for the movie. ***Please return all raffle tickets by Friday morning.*** Thank you!!

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

HFS will be having a regular school board meeting this Monday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

### **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.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY**

The St. Marie Family has four boys and two girls. Stephanie is the only one attending Holy Family School this year and is in the 5th grade. Her older brothers attend Albany secondary school. Vincent is a senior, Dominic is a junior, Gabriel is a freshman and Thaddeus is in sixth grade. Their youngest sister, Mara, will have to

wait a few years before she is old enough to go to Holy Family School.

Our family enjoys biking, Pokemon GO, and sometimes, both at the same time. Steph's favorite memory is going to school Masses.

### **WALK-A-THON CHANGED TO SERVICE PROJECT**

The teachers and staff at Holy Family School have decided to replace the Walk-a-Thon on Wednesday, Oct. 19th with an in-school Service Project theme instead. The 3rd-5th grade classes will be decorating Teals grocery bags with our Holy Family School name on it and making decorations for the Mother of Mercy nursing home. The Preschool - 2nd grade classes will be decorating small pharmacy bags for the K & S Pharmacy in Avon and making decorations for the Pond View nursing home.

### **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

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

### **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

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

