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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tue., Sept. 13th	School Spirit Day
Sept., 13th-14th	STAR Reading and Math testing
Wed., Sept. 14th	Mrs. Orbeck's 5th Gr. Mass 9:00 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 19th	HFS School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m. HFS Mtg. Room - Parents Welcome!
Sept., 20th-29th	NWEA MAP Testing Gr. 1-5
Wed., Sept. 21st	Mrs. Lauer's 4th Gr. Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 28th	Mrs. Richter's 3rd Gr. Mass 9:00 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 7th	In-person Learning Day for HFS
Fri., Oct. 7th	HFS Picture Day

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.

WEEKLY FOLDERS AND NEWSLETTER

This year we will be sending home the weekly folders on Thursdays. We are including this week's newsletter in today's folder, however, next week's will be sent as an email attachment to all families. If you would like to still receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the office know. Please remember to return the folder you received at Open House as this is the folder we use for our weekly communication.

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school as we are blessed with a great start to the year! All of the staff at Holy Family School are excited to have the children and their energy back in the building!

This school year we will focus our Catholic Character Education on learning more about specific saints for each month. One teacher will be creating activities and information on the saints for the month and sharing it with all of the classes. The first "Saint of the Month" will begin in October.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

OFFICE AND ADMIN SCHOOL EMAIL

Just a friendly reminder that if you need to contact the school office by email, the address is hfamily@albanytel.com and the principal's address is msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com Thank you!

NO BUSSING FRIDAY, OCT. 7TH

HFS will have a regular In-Person learning day of school Friday, Oct. 7th, however there will be no bussing as the

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us this school year for our school Masses on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. The first Mass is next week, Sept. 14th, and will be led by Mrs. Orbeck's 5th grade class. Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class will be preparing the Mass on Sept. 21st.

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. 9/09	Taylor & Ashley Carbert
Mon. 9/12	Mark & Amy Casey
Tue. 9/13	Brett & Jillian Scharmer
Wed. 9/14	David & Doris Belford
Thur. 9/15	Scott & Liana Birr

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to be in compliance and be able to volunteer at HFS, all parents are required to go through the Safe Environment Training. This includes Recess & Lunch Duty. If a parent is not current with Safe Environment,

he/she will be expected to find a sub who is current with the training to cover his/her Recess/Lunch Duty. The family is charged \$12 per time a sub covers your duty. Information regarding logging into Safe Environment was sent home in the Fall Packet, or call the school office if you have questions.

SPIRIT DAY

School Spirit Day will be on Tuesdays this year. Students can wear their HFS clothing, or a shirt of similar color. Look for ordering information soon regarding HFS Spirit wear gear.

CASH RAFFLE AND FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual Fall of Fortune cash raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000!!! and the Fall Festival event Saturday, October 8th on the school grounds. Please return any sold tickets so we can keep track of each ticket. If you need more to sell, contact the school office. ***For every 20 tickets sold, the family will receive a \$5 DQ certificate.*** Please see the Fall of Festival Event flyer in today's folder for more information. Thank you!!

MORNING DROP OFF

When dropping your students off at school in the morning, please follow the same path direction as the buses. Enter on the west side of the church and exit of the east side. School doors will be opened at 7:30 a.m.

AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Just a friendly reminder that we are asking parents to park in the East Parking Lot (by the gym) at the end of the day to pick up your children. The teachers will walk them out to the sidewalk where they can meet you. We will not be allowing students to walk through the parking lot to the cars. Pick up time is 2:40-2:45. If you are running late, please come to the main school entrance to pick up your child. Thank you!

STUDENT ABSENCES/VACATION

If you know ahead of time that your child will be missing school for an appointment, vacation, or some other reason, please let the classroom teacher and the office know so that we can plan accordingly and mark the attendance correctly. For any extended absences, the teachers will gather the homework assignments and give to the student before being gone, given the teacher has ample time to prepare the materials. Following last year's teaching/learning protocols, we will not be utilizing remote learning as an option.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

THE GRUTSCH FAMILY

We would like to welcome the Grutsch family to HFS!! Ben and Sarah along with their two children Ainsley (age 7 in 1st grade) and Samuel (age 3) love living in Avon! Their family enjoys being outside- going fishing (mostly ice fishing) and going for walks. They also enjoy visiting with family and having bonfires. During the winter they enjoy working on puzzles together. They are looking forward to meeting new families and making new friends through school functions and volunteer opportunities. Ben and Sarah are excited to see Ainsley grow throughout her years at Holy Family!

