

Newsletter
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Fri., Apr. 12th	Mid-trimester
Wed., Apr. 17th	First Communion Retreat and practice at Seven Dolors, St. Martin & St. Benedict
Thur., Apr. 18th	Home & School virtual mtg.
Sun., Apr. 21st	First Communion at Seven Dolors, St. Martin and St. Benedict
Wed., Apr. 24th	Early Release
Fri., May 3rd	HFS Color Run
Fri., May 10th	Grandparents Day

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we celebrate the memorial of St. Stanislaus, patron of Poland. He, along with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket are remembered for their vehement opposition to the evils of an unjust government. He was born in 1030 and later became the bishop of Krakow, speaking out about the injustice of peasantry and the wrongful wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. The king then made a faint attempt at conversion, but the change did not last long.

Despite Boleslaus' superficial repentance for his evils, Stanislaus continued to openly confront him, leading to charges of treason and threats of death. Because of the king's stubborn unrepentance, Stanislaus excommunicated him. In a fit of rage, King Boleslaus II ordered his soldiers to kill the bishop.

St. Stanislaus' example inspires us to be above all, to remain in a higher place of grace, shun base and earthly things, and courageously speak God's word to all.

<https://www.catholicmom.com/daily-gospel/dgr-04112024>

ANNUAL HFS COLOR RUN JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY!

Please mark your calendars...All are invited to participate in HFS's 1 mile Color Run/Walk and 5K on Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Register by April 24th to get

a t-shirt. This event is open to anyone, not just HFS families!

HFS ACCEPTING SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Holy Family School is looking to fill one school board position for the 2024-2025 school year. One of our current board members has chosen not to run again for a 2nd term, which ends June 30th. HFS parents are invited to contact Mrs. Sowada if interested in running or would like to nominate a person to run. The board, along with the pastor will determine the method of selection. Members hold the position for a 3-year term. Meetings are held once a month, with the exception of July. Feel free to contact Mrs. Sowada with any questions - msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com. Thank you for your interest in serving HFS!

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us for the next school Mass on Wednesday, April 17th at 9:00 am. Mass will be prepared by Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st grade class. The next school Mass will be Wednesday April 24th and will be prepared by Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class.

CAMP INVENTION AT HFS THIS SUMMER

HFS will be hosting Camp invention again this summer June 10-14th from 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM. This is a national STEM education camp/program open to all students K-6th grade (students do not need to attend HFS).

Confidence, creativity and friendship are what @CampInvention is all about! Save \$15 when you register for all-new STEM fun at HFS. You won't want to miss this! Use SUM15 by 5/27 to save. invent.org/mylocalcamp

SEVEN DOLORS CHURCH CLEANING

Seven Dolors Church is looking for volunteers to help wipe down the pews and kneelers Tuesday, April 16th. 4th grade students will be helping from 9:30-10:00 followed by the 5th grade class from 10:00-10:30.

Besides the students, we are asking for adult volunteers to help as well. If interested, please call the school office at 845-2011 - or just show up at 9:30 to help!! Thank you!

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Families, please remember that we have various avenues of tuition scholarship assistance for our students at HFS. Please contact Mrs. Sowada by April 30th if you would like to apply for a scholarship. We are blessed to have this support to offer families who could benefit from these scholarship programs!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Mark your calendars...Holy Family School is excited for our upcoming Grandparents' Day, Friday, May 10th. Information and invitations will be sent home soon for this fun event!

GOLF RAFFLE TICKETS

One \$100 raffle ticket for the golf tournament is being sent home in today's folder. Each family is asked to sell one ticket. There is a limit of only 100 tickets, so if you sell yours, please call the office as soon as possible to get another one. **Please return all money for the raffle tickets by May 15th** Grand prize is \$2500!!!

CLASS FIELD TRIP

All classes grade K-5 will be taking a field trip on Friday May 3rd. Permission forms were sent home in the folders today. There is a different permission form for K-2 and gr. 3-5. Each student must return a permission form and lunch form. AirMAxx waiver is one per family.

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. Be sure to have your safe environment training up to date! **Parents, if you plan to eat before recess duty, please let the office know by 8:30 a.m. so we can let Julie know how many meals to prepare for.**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Fri. 4/12	Amy Burg
Mon. 4/15	Amy Burg
Tues. 4/16	Ross & Lacy Oehrlein

Weds. 4/17	Jeff & Sarah Suchy
Thurs. 4/18	Jonathan & Reba Leither
Fri., 4/19	Todd & Katie Lisson

RECESS SUBS

If you are unable to help with recess on your scheduled date it is your responsibility to find a sub. If you get a sub please compensate them \$12.00 for the day. Checks should be made payable directly to the sub and can be left in the office.

Subs

Rachel Blenker 320-836-2831
Jillian Scharmer 320-309-0347
Stacy King 320-290-2283
Karen Neidermeier-Gill (T/TH ONLY) 320-428-8021

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

The Zierden Family

Zach & Amanda Zierden have three children. Lincoln is in 5th grade and Kennedy is in 3rd grade at HFS and Reagan is in Kindergarten. Zach is a social studies teacher with the Holdingford School District and Amanda is a RN with CentraCare/ Coborn Cancer Center. As a family they enjoy camping, hiking, and evening walks. Reagan is unable to speak so they are also learning American Sign Language which is exciting! Lincoln likes being in 5th grade this year and enjoys spending time with his friends. Kennedy also enjoys spending time with her friends and also Julie's lunches!

If you have not submitted your family photo or information please do so!

ART CLUB

Art Club will meet from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates:
May 7th

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

***Holy Family School is a Christ-centered family.
We strive to help each child reach his or her potential in an environment where our Catholic faith is lived and celebrated.***