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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun., Feb. 25th	HFS Preschool-Kindergarten Open House 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 27th	Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m.
Fri., Mar. 1st	End of Trimester 2
Tue., Mar. 5th	Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m.
Thur., Mar. 7th	CUF Raffle Drawing - 11:00 a.m.
Fri. Mar. 8th	HFS 2nd - 5th Gr. reconciliation
Fri., Mar. 8th	Report cards published
Mon., Mar. 13th	HFS School Board mtg. - 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Beyond Giving Up Chocolate: Going Deeper in Lent

From the time we were children, our first question for Lent was often, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Giving up for these 40 days is a custom that, when we were younger, helped us enter into the season with a sense of purpose and a greater awareness.

As adults, we might want to consider looking at Lent in a deeper way. Lent isn't simply about us "giving up" something. The real grace is when we recognize that Lent is a season in which God wants to *give us* something. God wants to help us transform our lives and make us more free as people in the way we live our lives and love our families.

This year we might reflect and ask the deeper question: What is God inviting me to change this Lent? How do I know what God might be stirring in me? This lent, listen to the Lord speaking to you in those small nagging moments of discomfort in your heart that may need changing.

-Taken from Creighton University's Online Ministries
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/BeyondChocolate.html>

Blessing, Mrs. Sowada

CUF RAFFLE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who purchased or sold Catholic United Financial raffle tickets. We appreciate your hard work and support of HFS!! We raised \$9700 - just short of our \$10,000 goal!

Thank you to Catholic United Financial for their support of Catholic Education! Catholic United Financial takes care of all the prizes, tickets, advertising, etc. for this raffle so 100% of the money collected stays at Holy Family School!

The drawing will be on Mar. 7th! Visit the Catholic United Financial webpage for the Catholic Schools Raffle prize list: <https://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/> For more information about Catholic United Financial contact our area CUF Rep, Dean Demarais: ddemarais@catholicunited.org **Thank you for supporting HFS!**

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us for the next school Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 9:00 am. Mass will be prepared by Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st grade class. The next school Mass will be Wednesday March 6th and will be prepared by Mrs. Orbeck's 5th grade class.

RICE BOWLS FOR LENT

This Lent, as always, we are called to commit to our global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and alms giving. Students are asked to put collected coins in their Rice Bowls. Lenten alms from the Rice Bowls will go towards alleviating hunger and poverty in communities throughout the world. Please return the Rice Bowl donation at the beginning of Holy Week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be Feb. 27th, March 5th & 19th at 9:00. All are welcome to attend!

REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent home in the folders today. Please make sure to read

through the information and return the registration form along with the \$175.00 downpayment by Friday, March 8th to ensure your child's registration for the next school year.

**HFS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE INVITATION!**

Parents & their children going into Preschool and/or Kindergarten next year are all invited to **HFS' upcoming Preschool & Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, Feb. 25th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.** Families will have an opportunity to visit the teachers and classrooms and hear more about the programs. Registration materials will be available at the event. ***There will be an informational meeting for Kindergarten parents at 12:00, and a Preschool/PreK parent meeting at 12:30.*** If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please call the school office (845-2011) for more information.



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. 2/23	Zach & Amanda Zierden
Mon. 2/26	Jeremy & Kayla Feldewerd
Tues. 2/27	David & Doris Belford
Weds. 2/28	Scott & Liana Birr
Thurs. 2/29	Kristie Schiffler
Fri. 3/1	John & Kristie Schiffler

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

MR. G VACATION

Dick Glatzmaier (Mr. G.) will be on vacation from March 11th- April 7th. Students will not be getting the "extra" reading services during this time.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

The Scharmer Family

The Scharmer family lives just outside of Albany. Brett works road construction and Jillian works from home and does mental health billing. They have a son, Beaudyn, in 2nd grade and a beautiful angel in heaven. As a family they enjoy riding dirtbikes, snowmobiles (and anything with a motor). Beaudyn also plays hockey! They like the small community and family atmosphere at HFS!

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

STORK REPORT

Cody and Josie Koudela welcomed a baby girl to their family on Sunday February 18th! Evelyn-Rose weighed 7lbs. Her brother, Nathan, is in Ms Karen's preschool class at HFS! Congratulations!!

YEARBOOKS

There is still time to order a yearbook if you have not already done so. After February 24th the cost will increase to \$20 with a limited number of books available on a first come first serve basis. Online ordering will remain open until they are gone. Use the following link to order your yearbook now. [Yearbook order](#)

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet from 2:45-3:45 on the following date:
April 9th

ART CLUB

Art Club will meet from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates:
March 5th
May 7th