

**Newsletter**  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Thur., Feb. 8th</b>	Home & School mtg. 7:40 p.m.
<b>Sun., Feb. 11th</b>	CSW Mass - St. Anthony - 8:30 a.m.
<b>Feb 12th &amp; 13th</b>	K-5th grade Parent/Teacher conf.
<b>Feb. 12th</b>	New Preschool student activity event - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
<b>Feb. 12th</b>	HFS School Board mtg. 6:30 p.m.
<b>Feb. 14th</b>	Ash Wednesday - Mr. Sopcyk's 3rd Gr. Mass - 9:00 a.m.
<b>Feb. 14th</b>	Early Release
<b>Feb. 15th - 19th</b>	No School Presidents' Weekend

and Tuesday, Feb 12th & 13th. Conference schedules were sent home last week, please make sure the time works for you.

**HFS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The next school board meeting will be Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!

**EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14TH**

Next Wednesday, February 14th is an Early Release Day. All HFS students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. Childcare will be available in the afternoon.

**NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK**

There will be no newsletter next week since Holy Family School will not be in session Thursday - Monday, February 15th - 19th. Enjoy the long break!!

**SCHOOL MASSES**

Please join us for the next school Mass on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 9:00 am. Mass will be prepared by Mr. Sopcyk's 3rd grade class. The next school Mass will be Wednesday Feb. 21st and will be prepared by Mrs. Bautch's 2nd grade class.

**RICE BOWLS FOR LENT**

Ash Wednesday is February 14th which begins the lenten season. Rice bowls will be sent home in folders this week. 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!

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Just having some fun...please look for Mrs. Sowada's message this week embedded in one of the article pieces.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sowada

**INVITE TO NEXT HOME & SCHOOL  
PARENT MEETING - TODAY!**

All are invited to attend our next Parent Home & School Meeting tonight at 7:40 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting and an email link will be sent later. Special events, volunteerism, and school fundraisers are discussed at our meetings and input is always encouraged! Participating in our Home & School is a great way to get involved in our school community!

**BURNING OF PALMS**

Holy Family School will gather at 2:15 on Friday (tomorrow) in the school parking lot to burn palms for the upcoming Ash Wednesday. Families are welcome to join and bring palms from home to burn.

**K-5 PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent teacher conferences will be held next Monday

## NEW PRESCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITY EVENING

### "JESUS LOVES ME"

Children who will be ready for, and new to preschool next Fall, are invited to attend an activity evening at Holy Family School, Monday, February 12th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Students will work on a "Jesus Loves Me" with a Valentine theme activity with a parent. You will have a chance to meet our preschool teachers and see what our program is all about. Registration is free, but limited to 20 children along with a parent, so please call 845-2011 or email [msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com](mailto:msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com) as soon as possible.



## 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. 2/9	Ben & Sarah Grutsch
Mon. 2/12	Rachel Blenker (sub)
Tues. 2/13	Jon & Rachael Gaebel

Weds. 2/14  
Thurs. 2/15  
Fri. 2/16  
Mon. 2/19  
Tues. 2/20  
Weds. 2/21  
Thurs. 2/22  
Fri. 2/23

## **Early Dismissal**

**No School**

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James & Juianna Geise

Ben & Alicia Mergen

Aaron & Alyssa Eiyneck

Zach & Amanda Zierden

## 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

## CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

Tickets for this annual Catholic School Raffle are available! 100% of the money raised with this raffle stays at Holy Family. It is probably the easiest fundraiser we have as Catholic United Financial takes care of all the prizes, tickets, advertising, etc. Tickets are **\$10** for a chance to win great prizes. Ticket sales will go through Feb. 18th. Visit the Catholic United Financial webpage for the Catholic Schools Raffle prize list. Check it out at [www.catholicunited.org/raffle](http://www.catholicunited.org/raffle). **Weekly message: Mrs. Sowada will purchase one book of tickets from the first two families to reply to this email.** A great opportunity to sell tickets is before and after mass at all HOH parishes. If you would like to sell tickets at the parish please sign up on SchoolSpeak.

## SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

### The Pantze Family

This year we welcomed Matt and Maria Pantze and their children Emma, Mya and Aria to Holy Family! Emma is in Kindergarten, Mya is in Ms Karen's preschool class and Aria is 2 yrs old. Maria is employed by Refine Wealth Strategies and works in the financial planning industry and Matt works full time for the Army National Guard. They have a dog (Santa), two kittens (Chomper & Playful), two ducks (Doug & Daisy) and some chickens. They enjoy camping, nature walks and spending time with family and friends. They like the small class sizes at HFS and the helpful smiling staff!

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

### **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 for the 4th and 5th grader students will meet from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates:

April 9th

### **ART CLUB**

Holy Family School will once again offer an art club after school to our 3rd- 5th grade students. Information and registration forms were sent home last week in the take home folders. Art Club will meet from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates:

March 5th

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.***