Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Fri., Jan. 19th Mid-trimester/Early Release

Sat. Jan. 20th Snow Ball

Wed., Jan. 24th Mrs. Orbeck's 5th Gr. Mass Sat., Jan. 27th CSW Kick-off Mass - Seven

Dolors - 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 28th - Feb. 3rd Catholic Schools Week Sun., Jan. 28th CSW Mass - St. Benedict -

8:30 a.m.

Fri., Feb. 2nd CSW school dance 3:00-5:00

Sun., Feb. 4th CSW Mass - St. Martin -

9:30 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 11th CSW Kick-off Mass - St. Anthony

- 8:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER GALLUSIANA

Dear Mrs. Sowada, teachers, staff, students and families of Holy Family School,

On behalf of the children living at the Chipole Orphanage, I wish to express a very sincere thank you! The contribution you have made, more than one thousand and eight hundred dollars, is just so wonderful. When I send this donation to the orphanage I will tell them how all of you shared what you could during the season of Advent, when we were preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is difficult to explain just how much this amazing gift will do for these lovely children at our orphanage. I am sure they will be praying for all of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sr. Gallusiana

EARLY RELEASE TOMORROW, JAN. 19TH

Tomorrow is an Early Release Day. All HFS students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. There will also be Childcare in the afternoon.

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us for the next school Mass on Wednesday Jan. 24th at 9:00 am. Mass will be prepared by Mrs. Orbeck's 5th grade class.

SNOWBALL EVENT

Holy Family School's biggest fundraiser of the year is in two days - Saturday, January 20th! Join us for a fun filled evening of fellowship with a beef tip and chicken buffet served from 4:00 - 8:00. The event will include Live and Silent auctions, a Powersport vehicle raffle (\$50 ticket), a \$2 cash raffle with a top prize of \$500 and games.

There is still one reserved table (seats 8) available yet. For \$500 you receive meal tickets, a reserved table for the live auction, 8 bottles of wine, charcuterie board, shrimp cocktail and a tuxedo cake for dessert.

Please contact the office today if you would like to reserve the table.

We have something for everyone at the in person silent auction and the live auction will feature the Class Projects, Monthly Homemade Treats, handmade furniture and the always popular Extra Recess, Principal for a Day and Snack Package for one of the classes at the school.

THANK YOU TO HOPPE'S DIRTWORK

All of the HFS staff would like to sincerely thank Adam and Molly Hoppe for generously sponsonsoring event tickets for every staff member at school to attend Saturday's Snow Ball event. We greatly appreciate this gift!!

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!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Fri. 1/19 EARLY DISMISSAL

Mon. 1/22 Jonathan & Rebecca Leither
Tues. 1/23 Nick & Savannah Burg
Weds. 1/24 Rachel Blenker (sub)
Thurs. 1/25 Derek & Mara Stroeing
Fri. 1/26 Ben & Theresa Burg

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

CSW SCHOOL DANCE

Our Catholic Schools Week Dance this year is set for Friday February 2nd, from 2:45 – 5pm (please pick your children up by 5:15) We invite students from Preschool-5th Grade. Preschool students need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We are looking for help/volunteers to come and help us make this event a fun day for the kids. Please sign up to volunteer on the SchoolSpeak portal (this is not considered a work slot). up for this event will be posted next week to the portal. We are in need of any prizes or CASH for us to purchase prizes. Please see below for ideas of what we can use: For the Dice Game: we are looking for prizes in the price range of \$15-25. (Anything your kids would like). For the Straw Game: we are looking for bonus prizes in the price range of \$5-\$10 (balls, games, projects etc. Anything you think your kids would like)For the Straw Game: we are looking for prizes in the price range of \$1-3 (finger gloves, \$1-2 bags of candy, nail polish, baseballs, school supplies, Pop-it or fidget toys, lego blind bags, anything you think your kids would like). Permission forms will go home in next week's folders. Any questions you can contact the chairs listed below.

Thank You, your Dance Chairs Rachel Blenker

(320)836-2831 or Cell (320)761-3374 and Karen Neidermeier-Gill (320)845-6520

BOOK CLUB

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

February 6th 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

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE COMING NEXT WEEK!

Kick-off for the raffle will be next Thursday, January 25th. 100% of the money raised with this raffle stays at Holy Family. It is probably the easiest fundraiser we have as Catholic United takes care of all the prizes, tickets, advertising, etc. Tickets are \$10 for a chance to win great prizes. Visit the Catholic United Financial webpage for the Catholic Schools Raffle prize list. Check it out at www.catholicunited.org/raffle.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

The Gill Family

Hope is in 5th grade and the last of Dale and Karen Gill's children to attend HFS. She has a sister, Larissa in 11th grade and two brothers, Sam in 10 th grade and Brady in 7th grade. Ms. Karen is the preschool teacher at HFS and previously worked part time in the school office. They enjoy attending the kids' sporting events, reading, swimming and spending time together. This is Hope's last year at HFS, she treasures the great teachers, students and lunches!

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