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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sat., Jan. 27th	CSW Kick-off Mass - Seven Dolours - 5:00 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 28th	CSW Mass - St. Benedict - 8:30 a.m.
Jan. 28th - Feb. 3rd	Catholic Schools Week
Wed., Jan. 31st	Mrs. Lauer's 4th Gr. Mass
Fri., Feb. 2nd	CSW school dance 3:00-5:00
Sun., Feb. 4th	CSW Mass - St. Martin - 9:30 a.m.
Thur., Feb. 8th	Home & School mtg. 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 11th	CSW Kick-off Mass - St. Anthony - 8:30 a.m.
Feb 12th & 13th	K-5th grade Parent/Teacher conf.
Feb. 12th	New Preschool student activity event - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Feb. 12th	HFS School Board mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 14th	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 14th	Early Release
Feb. 15th - 19th	No School Presidents' Weekend

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prayer for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle:

Dear Lord, sometimes you surprise us with whom you choose to follow you. However, since you want all of us to follow you, we should not really be surprised that you chose Paul, let alone us. May we learn and accept that you want to change all of our hearts, converting them more and more to your holy will. May we thus have the same zeal as St. Paul to share your Good News, both during our time in this Catholic school and elsewhere. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

-taken from *A Called to Pray*, written by Justin McClain

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
NEXT WEEK!

HFS will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 27-Feb.2! A Catholic Schools Week schedule of festivities was sent home in your Thur. folder today. It is also posted on the portal. We will kick-off the week this Saturday with Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Seven Dolours church and then Sunday with the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Benedict church. Please join us!

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us for the next school Mass on Wednesday Jan. 31st at 9:00 am. Mass will be prepared by Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class.

SNOWBALL THANK YOU!

Holy Family School would like to thank everyone who donated, worked at the event, bid on items, purchased items, and attended the event to make it a great success! It was a very rewarding evening!! We hope to have the final totals completed in the next couple of weeks. A special thank you to the committee members:



Cassie and Jamie Gertken, Amy and Joe Burg, Rebecca and Kevin Wohletz, Jessica and Paul Lust, Judy and Michael Gondringer, Ashley and Aaron Goebel and Jeff and Catherine Statz for their commitment and long hours of hard work to make the event a success!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2024

SNOWBALL CASH RAFFLE:

Grand Prize - \$500 (Wells Concrete) - Jim Ohmann
\$250 (Sunridge Construction) - Sophia Sowada
\$250 (Insurance Avenues) - Donna Kremers
\$250 (Albany Chrysler Center) - Dustin Christen
\$250 (steve & Lola Blattner) - Larry Moser
\$200 (Sunridge Construction) - Dave Kroll
\$150 (Avon Women of Today) - Jane Kalthoff
\$100 (Avon Hills Ag Services) - Tina Wenning

\$100 (Albany Mutual Telephone) - Bayet Henningsgaard
\$100 (Bold Image Construction) - Allen Vogel
\$100 (Magnifi Financial) - Abby Sand
\$100 (Albany Family Dentistry) - Carmen Peterson
\$100 (Ross & Julie Voit) - Cari May
\$50 (Gary & Mary Sowada) - Traci Vogel
\$50 (Roger & Nancy Schlangen) - Ann Ohmann

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE POWERSPORT RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE- Powersport Vehicle or \$12,500.00 cash
Nick Waldorf- Belgrade

\$1000 - Adam Young
\$500 - Jack Evans
\$200 - Rollie Gilk
\$100 - Arlene Feldewerd

THANK YOU TO HOPPE'S DIRTWORK

All of the HFS staff would like to sincerely thank Adam and Molly Hoppe for generously sponsoring 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. 1/26	Ben & Theresa Burg
Mon. 1/29	Adam & Moly Hoppe
Tues. 1/30	Colton & Hannah Huseth
Weds. 1/31	Matt & Maria Pantze
Thurs. 2/1	John & Stacy King
Fri. 2/2	Joe & Kali Klaphake

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).** 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

Kick off for the Catholic United Financial Raffle was today, Jan. 25th! Tickets and information were sent home in the folders today. 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.

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 Stroeing Family

Derek and Mara Stroeing have two children. Brooks is in 1st grade at HFS and Kyler is 4 years old. They moved from St Cloud to Albany in 2017. They enjoy being outdoors, playing various sports, going to the cabin to swim and boating and watching movies. Brooks is glad to be at HFS because of all the friends he has made and the small class sizes. Brooks likes to read and is good at it!

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

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@holyfamilialbany.com as soon as possible. A flyer will be sent home next week.



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. We are happy to share it with you.

