

Newsletter
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mon., Jan. 8th	School Board Mtg. 6:30 cafeteria
Wed., Jan. 10th	Mrs. Bautch's 2nd Gr. Mass
Mon., Jan. 15th	No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 16th-17th	NWEA Standardized Reading Testing
Wed., Jan. 17th	Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st Gr. Mass
Jan. 23rd-24th	NWEA Standardized Math Testing
Thu., Jan. 18th	Home & School Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 19th	Mid-trimester/Early Release
Sat. Jan. 20th	Snow Ball
Jan. 28th - Feb. 3rd	Catholic Schools Week

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we remember **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton:**

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends.

Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809.

She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She

died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

CHRISTMAS PROJECT THANK YOU

On behalf of the HFS faculty and staff, we would like to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas Project. We are truly blessed to have such generous families in our community. We all appreciate your gifts!! Thank you also to Jillian Scharmer who organized the project!

SCHOOL MASSES

Due to the Abbatial Election at St. John's Wednesday, January 10th, there will be no school Mass that day. The next school Mass will be on Wednesday Jan. 17th at 9:00 am. and prepared by Mrs. Eiyneck's class.

SNOWBALL EVENT

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

This year we are offering a reserved table (seats 8) option. 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 a 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.

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. 1/5	Scott & Tracy Schneider
Mon. 1/8	Craig & Alisia Soennecker
Tues. 1/9	Jeff Kaiser & Tonia Scharmer
Weds. 1/10	Todd & Katie Lisson
Thurs. 1/11	Paul & Jessica Lust
Fri. 1/12	Ben & Alicia Mergen

Only one parent is needed to help at recess

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
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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:

January 9th
March 5th
May 7th

CSW SCHOOL DANCE

The Catholic Schools Week dance will be held Friday, February 2nd. We are looking for donation items in the price range of \$15-20 for Dice Game, \$5-10 range for bonus prizes for the straw game and \$1-\$2 prizes for the straw game (Candy, Gloves, School Supplies, books etc.). Please drop off any donations in the school office when school resumes in January. Thank you very much!!

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

RAFFLE COMING SOON!

Kick-off for the raffle will be later in January. 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

Please be sure to send a family photo if you haven't already done so. Email to hfamily@albanytel.com

The Lust Family

Paul and Jessica Lust have three children all of whom attend HFS! Ryan is in 4th grade, Adam is 1st grade and Callie is in Ms Lori's PreK class. Jessica works for US Bank and Paul does inspections along with organic crop farming. Callie loves participating in the HFS spirit days and the whole family enjoys attending the school events like Fall Festival and the school dance. They also enjoy attending the annual Snow Ball fundraiser and enjoy socializing with other parents and friends and meeting new people.

