

Newsletter
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tue., Mar. 19th	Stations of the Cross - 9:00 a.m.
Fri., Mar. 22nd	Early Release - teacher inservice
Wed., Mar. 27th	No Mass - Paschal Meal
Mar. 28th - April 1st	No School Easter Break
Mon., Apr. 8th	HFS School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 12th	Mid-trimester
Wed., Apr. 17th	First Communion Retreat and practice at Seven Dolors, St. Martin & St. Benedict

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish people to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

Blessing, Mrs. Sowada

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

HFS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HOPES

Holy Family School is excited to announce that we have received approval to move forward with a feasibility study in the hopes of starting a capital campaign to restore our beautiful school. This will be the first phase of renovating the building for future education needs and will include tuck pointing, electrical and plumbing updating, additions to the sprinkler system, energy efficient windows, and kitchen renovation. More information will be coming soon as we progress through this process.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms for the 2024-2025 school year were sent home in the folders last week. Please make sure to read through the information and return the registration form along with the \$175.00 downpayment to ensure your child's registration for the next school year.

HFS PRESCHOOL

Pre-K/ Preschool registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who are or will be 3 years old by Sept 1st up to age 5 are eligible for preschool. Children who are 4 and 5 years old are eligible for Pre-K readiness. Encourage friends and family to enroll now!

TECHNOLOGY CONTEST

The results are in for the Catholic Foundation Technology Contest. Our school is a second place winner, receiving \$1400. Many of the fifth graders wanted to participate. Thanks to the four chosen, Lilly, Abigail, Natalie and Kensi for all of your extra hard work. They created a Stop Motion video of Noah's Ark. Well done!! Thanks Mrs. Huckenpoehler for your direction on this!

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us for the next school Mass on Wednesday, March 20th at 9:00 am. Mass will be prepared by Mr. Sopcyk's 3rd grade class. The next school Mass will be Wednesday April 10th and will be prepared by Mrs. Bautch's 2nd grade class. No mass on March 27th (Paschal Meal) and no mass on April 3rd.

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.

PASCHAL MEAL

HFS Paschal Meal will be celebrated on Wednesday March 27th at 11:00 AM in the parish center. Parents/guests of 5th grade parents are invited to attend along with staff and other guests from HOH staff.

HFS INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS

Holy Family School now has an Instagram account. You can follow it at [holly_family_school_albany](https://www.instagram.com/holy_family_school_albany). The HFS Facebook page is also updated regularly, so be sure to also check it out at facebook.com/holyfamilyalbany. Your likes, shares and positive comments are appreciated! Thank you!



CAMP INVENTION AT HFS THIS SUMMER

HFS will be hosting Camp invention again this summer June 10-14th from 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM. This is a national STEM education camp/program open to all students K-6th grade (students do not need to attend HFS). Register by March 27th at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) and save \$25!

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. 3/15	George & Abbey Dupuy
Mon. 3/18	Zach & Amanda Zierden
Tues. 3/19	Gary & Jennifer Willenbring
Weds. 3/20	Adam & Molly Hoppe
Thurs. 3/21	Steve & Amber Toenies
Fri. 3/22	Grant & Andrea Tomsche

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 Cruz Family

Kipp is in 4th grade and Case is in 1st grade this year at HFS. Their parents are Brandon and Heather. Brandon works at Star Energy Services in Alexandria as an Electrical Lineworker Safety Coordinator and Heather is the administrative assistant for the city of Albany and Albany police department. Heather is also on the HFS school board. They have two cats named Ace and Venchie. They enjoy spending time together as a family camping, riding their side by side and family movie nights. Kipp and Case like Catholic Schools week and seeing "Papa Kevin", our custodian, at school every day!

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

STORK REPORT

John and Kyra Bredeck welcomed a baby girl to their family on Tuesday March 12th! Sybilla Evalee Lynn Bredeck arrived at 6:00 am and weighed 7 lb and 20 inches . She was welcomed home by her siblings Aiden, Tristan, Keeley and Nicodemus. May God Bless you Sybilla!



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:
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.*