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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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
Sun., Apr. 21st	First Communion at Seven Dolors, St. Martin and St. Benedict

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With Holy Week next week, I have included some prayer reflections for you & your family ahead of Holy Week! These are Excerpts from: The Saving Passion – Lenten Devotions by Henri Nouwen and With Grace & Gladness – Stories & Reflections of Each Day of Lent by Fr.Thomas Connery:



A Blessed Holy Week to you & your family!

Mrs. Sowada

A Prayer for Wednesday, March 27th: Crucified Savior, thank you for enduring the suffering and shame of the cross, so we may live as members of your family now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Holy Thursday, March 28th: O Jesus, we praise you for your immeasurable love, which held you to the cross so that we might be embraced by you forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Good Friday, March 29th: Father, on this Good Friday, we remember how much Jesus loves us. He died for us. We know we don't deserve it. We can only accept it and live a life of gratitude. Thank you, Father, for the gift of your son Jesus. As He gave his life for us, may we give of ourselves to him with all those we

encounter. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

A Prayer for Holy Saturday, March 30th: Father, there is no day like Easter. We can't wait to feel the joy inside of celebrating the resurrection of your son. Because he lives, we will live. We wait in prayer to celebrate the great Easter feast. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

A Prayer for Easter Sunday: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

EARLY RELEASE TOMORROW

Tomorrow, March 21st 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 due to the long Easter break. Enjoy your time with family!

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.

ANNUAL HFS 5K JUST 6 WEEKS AWAY!

Please mark your calendars....All are invited to participate in HFS's 1 mile Color Run/Walk and 5K on Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Registration flyers are in today's folders.

HFS ACCEPTING SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Holy Family School has two board positions open for the 2024-2025 school year. Two of our current board members may either choose to run again for a 2nd term

or complete their current term, ending June 30th. HFS parents are invited to contact Mrs. Sowada if interested in running or would like to nominate a person to run. The board, along with the pastor will determine the method of selection. Members hold the position for a 3-year term. Meetings are held once a month, with the exception of July. Feel free to contact Mrs. Sowada with any questions - msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com. Thank you for your interest in serving HFS!

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 [holy_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](https://www.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:

Mon. 3/25	Grant & Andrea Tomsche
Tues. 3/26	Miles & Traci Vogel
Weds. 3/27	Jeff & Catherine Statz
Thurs. 3/28	NO SCHOOL
Fri. 3/29	NO SCHOOL
Mon. 4/1	NO SCHOOL
Tues. 4/2	Derek & Mara Stroeing
Weds. 4/3	Emma Overman/ Nick Primus
Thurs. 4/4	David & Doris Belford
Fri. 4/5	Paul & Stephanie Sauerer

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 Blenker Family

Adam and Rachel Blenker have six children. Maria (20), Andrew (17) sophomore, Ely (15) a freshman, Kaitlyn (11) in 6th grade, Evelyn (9) in 3rd grade, and Ivan (5) in Ms Lori’s Pre K class.



Adam farms and Rachel does the bookkeeping for the farm and is a

Para and substitute teacher at HFS. They enjoy working together on the farm, going to each other’s activities and having a huge garden in the summer. They also like to spend time with relatives and extended family and taking family vacations. They like being at HFS because of the small class sizes, that the kids are exposed to public speaking, and that Jesus Christ is a part of every day. Their favorite activity is Catholic Schools week.

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

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.