

Newsletter  
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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<b>Fri. Mar. 8th</b>	HFS 2nd - 5th Gr. reconciliation
<b>Fri., Mar. 8th</b>	Report cards published
<b>Mon., Mar. 13th</b>	HFS School Board mtg. - 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria
<b>Tue., Mar. 19th</b>	Stations of the Cross - 9:00 a.m.
<b>Fri., Mar. 22nd</b>	Early Release - teacher inservice
<b>Wed., Mar. 27th</b>	No Mass - Paschal Meal
<b>Mar. 28th - April 1st</b>	No School Easter Break

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

##### **Forty Hours Devotion**

The custom of the Forty Hours Devotion comes from the number of hours Jesus was thought to have spent in the tomb - from late Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. The devotion arose in the 16th century and was celebrated once a year in many parishes.

Forty is a sacred number in Scripture. In the time of Noah, the rain lasted for forty days and nights; the Jewish people wandered in the desert for forty days, while being tempted by Satan, before beginning his public ministry.

Originally, this devotion seems to have been a time of supplication (begging) and reparation (making amends for a wrong). Later, the focus centered on adoring the Blessed Sacrament and spending time with Jesus face-to-face.

Taken from: *The Little Black Book*. <https://littlebooks.org/>

Blessing, Mrs. Sowada

#### 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 by tomorrow **Friday, March 8th** 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!

#### SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us for the next school Mass on Wednesday, March 13th at 9:00 am. Mass will be prepared by Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class. The next school Mass will be Wednesday March 20th and will be prepared by Mr. Sopcyk's 3rd grade class.

#### RECONCILIATION

HFS 2nd - 5th grade students will be going to reconciliation tomorrow, Friday March 8th at 10:15 AM

#### 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.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

#### 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. 3/8	Ben & Theresa Burg
Mon. 3/11	Ashley & Taylor Carbert
Tues. 3/12	Mark & amy Casey
Weds. 3/13	Brandon & Heather Cruz
Thurs. 3/14	Derrick & Kelsi Dirkes
Fri. 3/15	George Dupuy

#### **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 Stangler Family**

Kensi is in 5th grade, Tori is in 2nd grade and Eli is 4 ½ yrs. old. Their dad, Joe, is a Business Analyst at Blattner and is on the HFS school board. Their mom, Trista, is a titling supervisor at Oakmont Capital Services in Albany. Kensi and Tori are involved in many activities such as basketball, softball, volleyball, and JFK dance. Joe and Trista also coach them in basketball, softball and volleyball. They have two dogs, Gizmo and Cocoa and a cat named Cindy. They love to play sports, go camping, fishing, swimming, and family vacations. This summer they will be taking a family camping trip out west for two weeks! Kensi's favorite memory of HFS is the school dance and the field trip to Amazin' Farmyard. Tori's favorite memory is the school dance and going bowling. They especially



like the family atmosphere at HFS!

***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

#### **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 early at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](http://INVENT.ORG/CAMP) and save \$25!

#### **YEARBOOKS**

There is still time to order a yearbook if you have not already done so. After February 24th the cost will increase to \$20 with a limited number of books available on a first come first serve basis. Online ordering will remain open until they are gone. Use the following link to order your yearbook now. [Yearbook order](#)

#### **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.***