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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov. 20th & 21st	K-2 conferences
Nov. 22nd- 24th	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 23rd	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Nov. 30th - Dec 5th	Scholastic Book Fair
Fri., Dec. 1st	End of 1st Trimester
Sun., Dec. 3rd	Advent begins
Fri., Dec. 8th	Immaculate Conception Mass

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Advent will soon be upon us so the students will learn about and participate in activities that help prepare them for the coming of Jesus.

For the advent season, HFS has decided to help less fortunate children by raising money to support the orphanage in Tanzania that Sister Gallusiana lived in. **We will send out more information after the Thanksgiving break.**

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

INVITE TO NEXT HOME & SCHOOL PARENT MEETING - TODAY!

All are invited to attend our next Parent Home & School Meeting tonight at 7:40 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting and an email link will be sent to you! Special events, volunteerism, and school fundraisers are discussed at our meetings and input is always encouraged! Participating in our Home & School is a great way to get involved in our school community!

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

Holy Family School is proud to participate in the 15th annual Give to the Max Day on Thursday, Nov. 16th. Give to the Max is a statewide giving event that raises tens of millions of dollars each year for more than 6,000 causes across Minnesota and beyond.

Considered Minnesota's holiday for generosity, donors have given more than \$290 million to more than 10,000



organizations since the inaugural Give to the Max Day in 2009. If you would like to donate to Holy Family School, please go to the following link:

<https://cm.mightycause.com/t/n/y-l-ed2ecd84621311ee886121708c7fb719-l-j-r-l/>

Thank you for your support!!

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Due to Thanksgiving break next week, we will not be sending out a newsletter or will not send home the weekly folders. Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the break!

WINTER GEAR REMINDER

Parents, cold winter temperatures will return soon, so please remind your child(ren) to wear a warm coat, cap and mittens. We still go outside everyday for recess unless the "Real Feel" is 0 degrees or colder. If it snows, students will need snow pants and boots.

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us this school year for our school Masses on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. There will be no school Mass, next Wednesday (11/22) since there is no school. The next school Mass will be Wednesday, Nov. 29th with Mrs. Eiykn's 1st grade class preparing it.

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. 11/17 Nick & Savannah Burg
Mon. 11/20 Joe & Amy Burg

Tues. 11/21 Ben & Theresa Burg
 Wed. 11/22 NO SCHOOL
 Thurs. 11/23 THANKSGIVING
 Fri. 11/24 NO SCHOOL
 Mon. 11/27 Taylor & Ashley Carbert
 Tues. 11/28 Mark & Amy Casey
 Weds. 11/29 Brandon & Heather Cruz
 Thurs. 11/30 Derrick & Kelsi Dirkes
 Fri. 12/1 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
 Karen Neidermeier-Gill (T/TH ONLY) 320-428-8021

HOME & SCHOOL “CHRISTMAS PROJECT”

Want to give a Christmas gift to your child’s teacher or other HFS staff but don’t know what? Home & School will again be coordinating the “Christmas Project” as a way to give a gift to staff. Make your shopping easier and complete the “Christmas Project” form that will be sent home in the folders this week. Return it to the school office by Monday December 11th! The Holy Family School staff appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity with your gift giving!

JOIN THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Children spend most of their day at school. So, it’s important that they have healthy foods and drinks while they are there. Good nutrition also helps kids learn better at school. Our school wellness policy tells how our school is making the healthy choice, the easy choice for kids. Parents and community members can help update the school wellness policy and to put it into action.

Holy Family School will be forming a committee to work on updating our wellness policy and we invite parents and community members to join our team. We plan to meet three to four



times this school year to look at all areas of wellness which include: nutrition education and promotion, physical activity, other wellness activities and foods and drinks that may be given to students for parties or celebrations. If interested in being part of the committee, please contact the principal, Mary Sowada at msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com or call 845-2011. Thank you!

FOR POTENTIAL NEW FAMILIES – PARENT AND CHILD PRESCHOOL LESSON - ADVENT: PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF JESUS!

Parents, if you know of any families who are interested in our preschool program, please share the following information with them: Holy Family School is inviting 3 and 4 year olds along with a parent to meet our preschool teachers and engage in an advent activity, “Preparing for the Coming of Jesus” and to see what our preschool program is all about. The event will be Wednesday, December 6th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the preschool classrooms. Registration is free, but limited to 20 children along with a parent, so please call 845-2011 or email msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com as soon as possible.

HFS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way. Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong learners. AND - as always - every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

The Fair will be Nov. 30-Dec. 5th, 2023 in the Seven Dolors Church Gathering space and open the following hours:

Thurs. 11/30	7:00 am-7:00 pm
Fri 12/1	7:00 am- 6:00 pm
Sat. 12/2	7:00 am- 7:00 pm
Sun. 12/3	7:00 am- 2:00 pm
Mon. 12/4	7:00 am- 4:00 pm
Tues. 12/5	7:00 am- 8:30 am

Say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet - your child’s digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases, Anyone can contribute! Share each child’s eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can’t make the Fair, shop at our school’s Book Fair online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book FAir homepage to learn more about and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/ewallet.html>

Our hope is to raise \$3000 so that we can purchase up to \$800 worth of books for the Holy Family School library.

Thank you!!

SNOW BALL

Mark your calendars for the 8th annual Snow Ball Fundraising event on Sat., January 20th, 2024! There will be a dinner, silent auction and live auction. Raffle and dinner tickets will be sent home in the folders this week. Additional tickets are available in the school office.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks are on sale for \$17.00 until 2/24/2024. After that the cost is \$20 until sold out. No guarantee of getting a yearbook after 2/24/2024. Order online at [Yearbooks 2023-24](#) Yearbooks include students from HFS, Albany Elementary and Avon Elementary. They will be delivered in May. Please keep your receipt in case of any mix-ups.

BOOK CLUB

Book club for the 4th and 5th grader students will meet from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates:

December 5
February 6
April 9

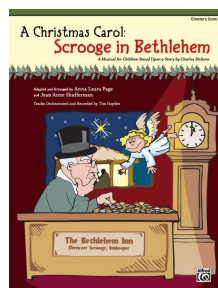
ART CLUB

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 9
March 5
May 7

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us for the Preschool through 5th grade Holy Family Christmas program Thursday, December 14th in Seven Dolores Church. There will be two performances with the afternoon



program starting at 1:30 and the evening program at 6:30 p.m. We are excited for this year's theme, "A Christmas Carol: Scrooge in Bethlehem." In this creative adaptation, Scrooge is the Bethlehem Innkeeper who refuses shelter to Mary and Joseph on that first Christmas night.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

Please be sure to send a family photo if you haven't already done so. Email to [hfamilys@albanytel.com](mailto:hfamily@albanytel.com)

The Sauerer Family

Elizabeth is in Ms. Fourre's kindergarten class this year. She is the 3rd generation to attend HFS as her Dad and Papa both attended HFS as well. Her dad, Paul, works at Wells Concrete and her Mom, Stephanie, teaches kindergarten at Albany Elementary. She also has a younger brother, Charlie. They enjoy spending time together at home playing on the swing set, camping, and gold cart rides. Elizabeth loves the school lunch and playing outside at school. They also enjoy helping with the HFS Golf Tournament. Welcome to HFS!



PRAYER SHAWLS/ LAP BLANKETS

Do you know someone is ill, in the hospital, or just needs a little comfort. Prayer shawls/ blanket throws are available in the school office or the parish office. They are crocheted and generously donated to give to someone in need. They are blessed by Father for prayer and healing.

SHOP WITH SCRIP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Buying GIFT CARDS through our Scrip Program is a great way to complete your Christmas shopping! Use the HFS scrip program to order gift cards for shopping or use them as gifts. Order by December 11th to get delivery by Christmas! Ordering and E-gift cards are also available on the RaiseRight app, just enter our school code **4F9LCA836L12**. By using scrip, you can earn extra \$\$ for tuition *and* help support HFS! Any questions please contact the school office.

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Stay Safe and Healthy.**

