

Newsletter
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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

"America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels." Saturday is Veterans Day and we would like to thank all of our school community members who have served for our country. We appreciate and respect what you have done and given for all of us. Happy Veterans Day!!



Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

HFS APPAREL

Reminder- Order forms and payment is due no later than Nov 13th. Options are available for mens. ladies and youth. I do have samples of a few of the items in the office if you want to look at them or try them on for sizing. Every Tuesday is spirit day so wear your HFS apparel on Tuesday's!

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us this school year for our school Masses on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. The next school Mass will be Wednesday, Nov. 15th with Mrs. Bautch's 2nd 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., 11/10 Scott & Liana Birr
Mon., 11/13 Jeremy & Kayla Feldewerd
Tues., 11/14 John & Kyra Bredeck
Weds., 11/15 Nathan & Libby Brever
Thurs., 11/16 Adam & Stefani Burandt
Fri., 11/17 Nick & Savannah Burg

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

HFS will be having a regular school board meeting this Monday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!

INVITE TO NEXT HOME & SCHOOL PARENT MEETING!

All are invited to attend our next Parent Home & School Meeting next Thursday, Nov. 16th at 7:30 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!!

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.org as soon as possible.

HFS BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair is scheduled for Nov. 30- Dec. 6th, 2023. A wide selection of books are available to purchase and they make great gifts for kids!

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. Work slots on SchoolSpeak are available to sign up..

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:

November 14
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 Dolors



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

The Korn Family

Nick and Kelly Korn have three children. Frederick is in first grade at HFS, Jacqueline will attend kindergarten next year, and Anna is two years old. They enjoy praying together (especially the rosary), biking (and getting ice cream after!), and bee-keeping. Last summer they stayed in a teepee, which was very cold! Last year was the first year at HFS and

their favorite memory was "sledding with dad" and "marvelous moms' with the kindergarten class. This year Frederick is most excited to have a locker! They are thankful that HFS is such a welcoming community.



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.