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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Fri., Oct. 13th	Mid- trimester
Sat., Oct. 14th	4th Annual Fall Festival
Oct. 16th & 17th	3-5 Grade Conferences 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11th	Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st Gr. School Mass
Wed., Oct. 18th	Early Release
Oct., 19th-20th	No School - Fall Break
Fri., Nov. 3rd	Early Dismissal
Mon., Nov. 6th	No School Professional Development day

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Yesterday was the Feast of Pope St. John XXIII. He was born at the end of the nineteenth century and became one of the most influential popes of the twentieth century. Pope St. John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council with the goals of bringing renewed enthusiasm, knowledge, and joy to the entire Christian people, and renewed unity of all Christians. "The Good Pope" wanted all of God's people to live together in love and friendship, to remember the familial bond we share, the bond that can be traced back to the promise God made to Abram.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

EARLY DISMISSAL NEXT WEEK

Next Wednesday, October 18th, is an early dismissal day. Students will be dismissed at 12:00. Please make sure to pick up your students at that time or sign them up for Childcare.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Due to the short week of school next week, there will be no newsletter sent out. Enjoy the long Fall break!

PROPER CLOTHES FOR OUTSIDE

With the weather being unpredictable this time of year, I ask that you take the time to look at the daily forecast to see what type of clothes your students will need for recess or outdoor PE. I recommend wearing layers with a light jacket, as well as a hat and mittens. I have noticed

some students are still only in short sleeves when going outside. **Also, shorts are not allowed from Oct. 1st - after Easter, and no shorts are allowed to be worn for Mass.**

HOME & SCHOOL INVITATION

POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. IT WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING.

Parents, please join us for our 1st Home & School Meeting (our parent association) **Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 p.m. A link will be sent out next Tuesday. All are invited to participate!** Participating in our Home & School is a great way to get involved in our school community! Thank you to Angie Rushmeyer, President, Reba Leither, Vice President, and Amy Casey, School Board representative, for being on the Home & School Committee. **We are still looking for someone to be the secretary.** If interested, please contact Mrs. Sowada for more information Thank you!

CONFERENCES

Just a friendly reminder that conferences for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes will be held next Monday and Tuesday after school. Everyone who returned the sign-up slip should have been notified of the time slot to attend. If you are unable to make it, please call the office.

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, Oct. 18th with Mrs. Eiyneck's 1st grade class preparing it.

CASH RAFFLE AND FALL FESTIVAL

Our first school fundraiser of the year is this Saturday, October 14th. The 4th annual Fall of Fortune cash raffle with a grand prize of \$15,000 and the Fall Festival event will be from 3:00-9:00 p.m on the school grounds. There will be pizza from Barbacoa, Bavarian pretzels with cheese, chips, cookies, pop, water, adult beverages and more! There will be a scavenger hunt, bounce houses and a movie at dusk - a great family event!! If you need

more tickets to sell, contact the school office. **For every 20 tickets sold, the family will receive a \$5 DQ certificate.** Thank you!!

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. 10/13	Todd & Katie Lisson
Mon. 10/16	Paul & Jessica Lust
Tues. 10/17	Rachel Blenker (sub)
Weds. 10/18	Early Dismissal
Mon. 10/23	Jeff Kaisr/ Tonia Scharmer
Tues. 10/24	John & Stacy King
Weds. 10/25	Jeff & Sarah Suchy
Thurs. 10/26	Kayla & Kesse Hellmann
Fri. 10/27	Colton & Hannah Huseth

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

STUDENT NURSING HOME PROJECT & DECORATING PHARMACY BAGS

All students at Holy Family school spent time last week decorating pharmacy bags for the K & S Pharmacy in Avon with our Holy Family School name on it. Kindergarten - 2nd grade classes made decorations for the Pond View nursing home while the 3rd - 5th grade (along with Preschool buddies) made decorations for the Mother of Mercy nursing home. Decorations will be delivered this week.

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

Stork Corner!

This year I would like to add a "stork corner" to the newsletter. If your family welcomes a new baby to the family we would like to know and share the news. Please notify the office with birthdate, gender, baby's name and weight and I will include it in the newsletter.

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 GERTKEN FAMILY

Jamie and Cassie Gertken have 4 children. Cora-8th grade, Lydia- 7th grade, Nolan- 4th grade and Maya- 2nd grade. Jamie is a hoof trimmer and Cassie is a Special Education teacher at Albany Middle School.

Together they like camping, going on vacation, playing sports, music, and spending time outdoors. Their favorite part of HFS is the food and recess!!



CHRISTMAS ART CONTEST

Holy Family School students will be participating in a Christmas card decorating contest in Art class in the next couple of weeks. The project will be started at school, but will need to be completed at home and sent in if you choose to have your student participate. Here are the details:

Winning entry will decorate Bishop Neary's Christmas card!

The Diocese of Saint Cloud invites artists of all ages to enter a diocesan-wide, poster-style art contest to design the image that will appear on the front of Bishop Neary's Christmas card this year. Artists may use drawing materials of their choosing. The art should have a religious theme and be completed on a sheet of paper measuring 8.5-by-11 inches (vertical or horizontal). Artists may choose to incorporate words and/or phrases into the art, but it is not required. The artist's name, address, telephone number and parish must be included on the back of the entry. Submissions will be judged on originality, artistic ability, and how well the artwork will reproduce. The winner will have an opportunity to meet Bishop Neary, and he or she will be credited for the artwork on the back of the card.

Deadline: Postmarked or dropped off by Monday,
Oct. 30. Mail to:
Christmas Card Contest
c/o Chancery
P.O. Box 1248
St. Cloud, MN 56302

Or drop off at:
Chancery
214 Third Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Questions? Contact Joe Towalski, chancellor, at
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