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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<b>Fri., Nov. 3rd</b>	Early Dismissal
<b>Mon., Nov. 6th</b>	No School Professional Development day
<b>Nov 20th &amp; 21st</b>	K-2 conferences
<b>Nov 22nd- 24th</b>	NO SCHOOL
<b>Nov 23rd</b>	HAPPY THANKSGIVING

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The word “**Halloween**” — or “**Hallowe’en**” — comes from *All Hallow’s Eve*. All Hallow’s Eve is the vigil celebration of **All Saints Day** — also known as **All Hallow’s Day**. The word “hallow” means “holy.” (In the Our Father we pray, “Hallowed be thy name.”). All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and a **major feast** on the Church’s liturgical calendar. **All Saints Day** honors not only the saints in heaven whom we know by name, but also the countless saints in heaven **whose names are unknown to us**.

**Halloween is, therefore, the first day of**

**Allhallowtide**, the time of year when the living (the Church Militant) honor all the dead in Christ: the saints in heaven (the Church Triumphant) as well as all the holy souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven (the Church Suffering). It is a beautiful celebration of the Communion of Saints!



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sowada

#### 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.**

#### PICTURE RETAKE

Pictures were sent home in the folders on Oct 12th. Picture **retake day will be Wednesday Nov 1st at 8:00 am**. If you wish to have your pictures retaken, please return the originals and Ludwig will reprint them.

#### HFS APPAREL

HFS clothing order forms will be sent home in the folders today! 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. 1st - All Saints Day - with Mrs. Lauer’s 4tg 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. 10/27	Colton & Hannah Huseth
Mon.10/30	Michael & Judy Gondringer
Tues. 10/31	Aaron & Ashley Goebel
Weds. 11/1	Ben & Sarah Grutsch

Thurs. 11/2 Jon & Rachel Goebel  
Fri. 11/3 Early Dismissal

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  
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### **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!

### **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 [hfamily@albanytel.com](mailto:hfamily@albanytel.com)

#### **The Gully Family**

Riley (4th gr.), Kenzie (3rd gr.), Abigail (1st gr.) and Lilyana (preschool) all attend HFS! They also have a younger sister, Hannah, who is 1 yr old. Their dad, Mike, is a Union construction worker and Sue (mom) is the Institutional Advancement Coordinator at HFS. They enjoy camping, swimming, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. Riley plays soccer and baseball. Kenzie, Abigail and Lilyana take dance and gymnastic lessons. They like the welcoming atmosphere at HFS and getting to know the families. Their favorite activities are the Fall Festival and the school dance.



### **TEAL'S RECEIPT REMINDER:**

Just a friendly request to please continue to save & turn in your Teal's Market receipts! The school earns cash back throughout the year by saving the sales receipts. What a huge help & benefit to the school! Thank you to Dana Frank for organizing our receipts and Thank you for bringing your receipts!

### **INK CARTRIDGES**

Did you know you can bring your used ink cartridges and old cell phones to HFS office to earn cash for the school! Simply drop off your name brand used ink cartridges and we will send them in to recycle and earn cash back for the school. Thank you to Jessica Lust for coordinating this project. For more information about this or other programs we use to raise money and help support the school please contact the school office.

### **REMINDER: DOWNLOAD YOUR SCRIP APP TODAY!**

Parents, if you haven't already done so, we encourage you to join our [ShopWithScrip Mobile App Program](#) for a great, easy way to buy gift cards via our HFS Scrip Program!! Go to: **RaiseRight mobile app** (from the app store) and enter the code: **4F9LCA836L12** eGift cards are delivered to the app within minutes and you can view

them in your Scrip Wallet. Consider using scrip for your Holiday shopping.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” event that is scheduled to happen on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-6. Businesses and organizations will either have a parked vehicle in the City Hall parking lot with their trunks decorated and will hand out treats or their business will be open for you to stop in to get your treat!

