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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Fri., Oct. 6th	Blessing of your Pets 2:00 p.m.
Mon., Oct 9th	HFS School Board Mtg- 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11th	Mrs. Bautch's 2nd Gr. School Mass
Thurs., Oct. 12th	Home & School Mtg 7:30 p.m.
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. 18th	Early Release
Oct., 19th-20th	No School - Fall Break

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Yesterday (Oct. 4th) was the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi who grew up wealthy in the small town of Assisi, Italy. Despite the anger it brought his father, Saint Francis took a vow of poverty after receiving multiple visions from God, where in one of which God told him to "repair my church, which is falling in ruins." Saint Francis soon established the Franciscan Order where he and his followers sought to live out the gospel in a literal way. He is known for his love of nature and animals, his strong commitment to both physical and spiritual poverty, and for receiving the stigmata (marks resembling the wounds on the crucified body of Jesus Christ).

Inspiring quotes from St. Francis:

- "Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly, you are doing the impossible."
- "For it is in giving that we receive."
- "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you received, only what was given to you."
- "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love..." (The Peace Prayer).
- "The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure."
- "Do a few things but do them well, simple joys are holy."

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

When: Friday Oct. 6 at 2:00 PM

Where: The Holy Family School Playground

What to do: Please bring your pets in for a blessing!

All pets need to be on a leash and should be able to tolerate being around a lot of people and animals. If you would like to crate your animal that would work also. We will all meet on the side of the school for the blessing of our pets. Children are able to go home with their families and pets after the blessing.

HOME & SCHOOL INVITATION

Parents, please join us for our 1st Home & School Meeting (our parent association) **Thursday, Oct. 12th at 7:30 p.m. It will either be in person or virtual depending on the committee members schedules. 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!

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. 11th with Mrs. Bautch's 2nd grade class preparing it.

CASH RAFFLE AND FALL FESTIVAL

Our first school fundraiser of the year is next 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. 10/6	Paul & Stephanie Sauerer
Mon. 10/9	Emma Overmann/ Nick Primus
Tues. 10/10	Matt & Marie Pantze
Weds. 10/11	Ross & Lacy Oehrlein
Thurs. 10/12	Jonathan & Reba Leither
Fri. 10/13	Todd & Katie Lisson

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

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

BORROWING CLOTHES FROM THE OFFICE

Occasionally your child may need to borrow extra clothes from the office. If this is the case, please be sure to return them washed as soon as possible. Thank You

FUN RUN!

Albany Area School is having a ½ mile fun run for students in grades 1-5. This event will be held on Thursday Oct. 12th at 3:30 PM just prior to the Jr High Cross Country meet. If interested, meet on the practice field north of the bus garage at 3:30 then stay to watch the cross county meet.

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

The Carbert Family

The Carberts are a family of 6! They live on a small hobby farm just south of Albany. Owen (7th gr.), Kurt (3rd gr.), Joey (Kindergarten), and Emmy (Pre K). They also have two yellow lab dogs, Maggie and Lucy. They enjoy camping and lots of swimming! They also like to do many things at home such as work on projects, ride four wheelers and dirt bikes on the trails, hunting, kayaking, and caring for their two cows. Kurt’s favorite thing about HFS is the school lunches and playing gaga ball. Joey likes seeing his friends and playing with cars and trucks.



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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