

Newsletter
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept., 18th-28th	NWEA MAP Testing Gr. 1-5
Tue., Sept. 12th	School Spirit Day
Wed., Sept. 20th	Mrs. Lauer's 4th Gr. Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 27th	Mr. Sopcyk's 3rd Gr. Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 27th	Early Dismissal
Fri., Sept. 29th	HFS Picture Day
Fri., Oct. 6th	Blessing of your Pets (tentative)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prayer for the First Quarter - Heavenly Father, we come to you today to ask you to be with us throughout this first quarter of school. It is filled with freshness and newness - new classes, new teachers, new friends, new experiences. With the summer break now over, it is a time for us to focus, to adapt to new routines, and to form good habits. May all of us in the Catholic school community use what we learn to meditate on your holy will, remembering to give you all of the glory. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord, Amen.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

OFFICE AND ADMIN SCHOOL EMAIL

Just a friendly reminder that if you need to contact the school office by email, the address is hfamilys@albanytel.com and the principal's address is msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com 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 is Sept. 20th, and will be led by Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class. Mr. Sopcyk's 3rd grade class will be preparing the Mass on Sept. 27th. All are welcome to attend our school Masses.

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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Fri. 9/15	Brett & Jillian Scharmer
Mon. 9/18	Mark & Amy Casey
Tues. 9/19	Gary & Jennifer Willenbring
Weds. 9/20	Steve & Amber Toenies
Thurs. 9/21	Grant & Andrea Tomsche
Fri. 9/22	Joe & Trista Stangler

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 320-845-4268
Jillian Scharmer 320-309-0347
Stacy King 320-290-2283
Karen Neidermeier-Gill (T/TH ONLY) 320-428-8021

NEW HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL WEBSITE

Thank you to Mrs. Sue Gully for all of the time and work she put into developing the new website for our school.

Check out Holy Family School's new website at

<https://www.holyfamilyalbany.org>

It contains information about upcoming events, news, general information about Holy Family School, teacher bios, resources and more.

HOLY FAMILY FACEBOOK

Be sure to follow and like Holy Family School's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyalbany> The Holy Family School Facebook page is updated regularly with photos of students' activities, projects and accomplishments and information about upcoming events.

CASH RAFFLE AND FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Fall of Fortune cash raffle with a grand prize of \$15,000!!! and the Fall Festival event Saturday, October 14th on the school grounds. Please return any sold tickets so we can keep track of each ticket. If you need more to sell, contact the school office. ***For every 20 tickets sold, the family will receive a \$5 DQ certificate.*** Please see the Fall Festival Event flyer in today's folder for more information. Thank you!!

HFS LIBRARY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our students at HFS love to read. This means many books are taken off of the shelves in the library and need to go back. We are in need of a volunteer or two to reshelve the books each week. If you would be willing to help with this task weekly or biweekly please contact Mrs. Huckenpoehler in person or by email dhuckenpoehler@hollyfamilyalbany.com.

BOOK CLUB

Holy Family School will once again offer a book club after school to our 4th and 5th grade students. Please return registration forms and fee so that the correct number of books can be ordered. The first book club meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd.

ART CLUB

Holy Family School will once again offer an art club after school to our 4th and 5th grade students. Information about the club will be sent home soon with the first meeting November 7th.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to be in compliance and be able to volunteer at HFS, all parents are required to go through the Safe Environment Training. This includes Recess & Lunch Duty. If a parent is not current with Safe Environment, he/she will be expected to find a sub who is current with the training to cover his/her Recess/Lunch Duty. The family is charged \$12 per time a sub covers your duty. Information regarding logging into Safe Environment was sent home in the Fall Packet, or call the school office if you have questions.

PICTURE DAY

Picture order forms are being sent home today in the folders. Picture day is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29th. You can also order online <http://vando.imagequix.com/G9TRM9D>

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CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

When: Friday Oct. 6 at 2:00 PM (tentative date)

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.

AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Just a friendly reminder that we are asking parents to park in the East Parking Lot (by the gym) at the end of the day to pick up your children. The teachers will walk them out to the sidewalk where they can meet you. We will not be allowing students to walk through the parking lot to the cars. Pick up time is 2:40-2:45. If you are running late, please come to the main school entrance to pick up your child. Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

Please be sure to send a family photo if you haven't already done so. Email to hfamily@albanytel.com

The Vogel Family

Easton Vogel is very excited to be in 1st grade this year. His dad, Miles, works for Marco as a phone systems specialist and his mom, Traci, is a para at the Albany middle school. As a family they enjoy going golfing, bowling and spending time with family and friends. They like being a part of HFS and getting to know others through the fundraising events.



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.