

Newsletter
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| Fri., Sept. 29th | HFS Picture Day |
| Wed., Oct. 4th | No School Mass - priests on retreat |
| Fri., Oct. 6th | Blessing of your Pets 2:00 p.m. |
| Mon., Oct 9th | HFS School Board Mtg- 6:30 p.m. |
| Thurs., Oct. 12th | Home & School Mtg 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Oct. 13th | Mid- trimester |
| Sat., Oct. 14th | 4th Annual Fall Festival |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Respect is a virtue, a habit which is central to human happiness. The core meaning of the word “respect” is to give something or someone particular attention and consideration. To respect someone means you recognize that he or she is important and deserves to be treated well. Each and every one of us had been made in God’s image, in his love, wisdom, and beauty. May all that we say and do show respect for others and bring God’s love to them. Taken from the book *365 Prayers for Catholic Schools*.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

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 is

There will be no school Mass Oct. 4th due to the priests being on retreat. The next school Mass will be Wednesday, Oct. 11th with Mrs. Bautch’s 2nd grade class preparing it.

LATE ARRIVAL/ EARLY PICK UP

Reminder, if your child will be arriving later than 8:10 a.m. or being picked up earlier than 2:40 p.m. please stop in the office and sign them in/out. Also, all visitors must report to the school office when entering the school. If you need to drop something off for your child, we will be happy to bring it to him/her. 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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

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| Fri. 9/29 | Scott & Tracy Schneider |
| Mon. 10/2 | Craig & Alisia Soenneker |
| Tues. 10/3 | Miles & Traci Vogel |
| Weds. 10/4 | Scott & Liana Birr |
| Thurs. 10/5 | Adam & Angela Rushmeyer |
| Fri. 10/6 | Paul & Stephanie Sauerer |

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

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!!

BOOK CLUB

Holy Family School will once again offer a book club after school to our 4th and 5th grade students. Book club will meet from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates:

October 3
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 this 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

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.

HOMECOMING BUTTONS

Homecoming buttons are available to purchase from the school office. The cost is \$2.00 per button. Show your support for the Albany Huskies at the homecoming game this Friday at 7:00 PM!

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

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.

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 Feldewerd Family

Jeremy and Kayla Feldewerd have three children all of whom attend HFS. Heaven is in 4th grade, Harper in 3rd grade and Hadley in Kindergarten.

They also have a dog named Cabela, a cat named Mattie and a turtle named Tucker. They love to go camping, fishing, swimming and taking family trips. They like the family friendly atmosphere of HFS and like participating in the Family Color Run each year in the spring.

