

Newsletter
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mon., Sept. 11th HFS School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Tue., Sept. 12th School Spirit Day
Sept., 12th-13th STAR Reading and Math testing
Wed., Sept. 13th Mrs. Orbeck's 5th Gr. Mass 9:00 a.m.
Sept., 18th-28th NWEA MAP Testing Gr. 1-5
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

please let the office know. Please remember to return the folder that you received at Open House as this is the folder we use for our weekly communication.

SCHOOL MASSES

Please join us this school year for our school Masses on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. The first Mass is next week, Sept. 13th, and will be led by Mrs. Orbeck's 5th grade class. ***It will also be a memorial Mass for Ethan Gerads on the 13th.*** Mrs. Lauer's 4th grade class will be preparing the Mass on Sept. 20th. All are welcome to attend our school Masses.

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school year is off to a great start! Thank goodness we only had one extreme heat day to deal with!!

Tomorrow, Sept. 8th, we celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday. In Mary's birth, we see the dawning of salvation, which Jesus brings about in all fullness. Mary was conceived without sin, and is a sign of hope for us all. In Mary, we can hope to achieve the good work Jesus charges us with in today's reading: to offer words of grace and truth, to be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving. To be imitators of God. 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 hfamily@albanytel.com and the principal's address is msowada@holyfamilyalbany.com Thank you!

WEEKLY FOLDERS AND NEWSLETTER

This year we will be sending home the weekly folders on Thursdays with the oldest child in the family. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter,

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. 9/08 | Nicholas & Kelly Korn |
| Mon. 9/11 | Joe & Kali Klaphake |
| Tue. 9/12 | David & Doris Belford |
| Wed. 9/13 | Adam & Molly Hoppe |
| Thur. 9/14 | Joe & Amy Burg |

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

BOOK CLUB

Holy Family School will once again offer a book club after

school to our 4th and 5th grade students. Information about the club was sent home in today's folders. We are also working on details for possibly offering an art club again. Stay tuned for more information!

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.

SPIRIT DAY

School Spirit Day will be Tuesdays again this year. Students can wear their HFS clothing, or a shirt of similar color. Every Tuesday two students who are wearing their spirit wear attire are chosen to come to the office to pick out a treat. We are looking into getting a clothing order put together soon.

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.***

LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES

Many of the families at Holy Family School have a credit in their lunch account to begin this year. Since lunches are free this year, Jan will be moving your credit to your tuition balance or a childcare balance if you have one. Please email Jan at hfsfinance@albanytel.com with questions. Thank you!

MORNING DROP OFF

When dropping your students off at school in the morning, please follow the same path direction as the buses. Enter on the west side of the church and exit of the east side. School doors will be opened at 7:30 a.m.

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!

STUDENT ABSENCES/VACATION

If you know ahead of time that your child will be missing school for an appointment, vacation, or some other reason, please let the classroom teacher and the office know so that we can plan accordingly and mark the attendance correctly. For any extended absences, the teachers will gather the homework assignments and give to the student before being gone, given the teacher has ample time to prepare the materials. Following last year's teaching/learning protocols, we will not be utilizing remote learning as an option.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY

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

The Geise Family

Jim & Julianna Geise have three children all of whom attend HFS. Henry is in 5th grade, Lucas in 1st grade, and Eliza is in Kindergarten. They live on a farm outside of Albany where Jim farms and Julianna is a RN at the St Cloud hospital. They enjoy spending time outdoors in the summer, especially doing water activities and fishing. They also enjoy gardening, biking and spending time with cousins. They enjoy being a part of HFS and their favorite activities are the Fall Festival and the school dance.



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.