



Holy Cross School

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Reverend Peter Pilon
Pastor
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Principal

April 27, 2021

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to Peter (PJ) Konopka and Sean and Anne Fox for providing the flowers for the students and staff to use to honor Mary on May 3rd.

Instead of Crowning Mary during Mass in May, as we have done in the past, we will have a varied recognition of Mary. **All Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will be treated to a flower from the Konopka/Foxes.** Classes will go to the church as a class group. Students and staff will place their flower in a vase in front of the image of Mary. We will show our Marion recognition without the procession during Mass.

Thank you, PJ and the Fox family!

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Wednesday, May 5 - Last Day to Use Non-uniform Pass

Wednesday, May 5, is the last day to use the non-uniform day pass. Those of you who are celebrating a birthday after May 5 may still be out of uniform for your birthday. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Monday, May 26 - School Picnic at Purple Park

Monday, May 26 is our school picnic at Purple Park. Students need to wear their school uniform shorts, uniform pants or uniform skirt. They may wear a spirit wear shirt if they would like.

Students need to bring a lunch and a drink. We will walk to the park around 9:30-10:00am. We will eat lunch around 11:30. We will walk back to school around 1:00-1:15. We will dismiss at 1:45 from Holy Cross School.

The teachers and I have discussed the opportunity for the parents to join us at the park. We have decided to allow parents to join us if you would like.

If the weather is bad, we will remain at school for the day. If we have to remain at the school, parents will not be able to join us in the building.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

REPEAT - 8th Grade Fundraiser

Hello, Holy Cross families! The 8th grade class has planned their last non-uniform jean day for April 30th! The theme will be Decade Day!

- Grade K-2 will be the 60s
- Grades 3-6 will be the 70s
- Grades 7-8 will be the 80s

Please refrain from wearing ripped jeans, leggings as pants, or short - skirts - dresses above the knee.

Please bring at least \$1 to participate. Thank you!

This is the last 8th Grade fundraiser for 2020-2021. The 8th Grade Class, has appreciated your participation and support. They have teamed up with Holy Cross School and purchased a water fountain with a bottle filler. It was installed over Easter break located by the 7th and 8th Grade classrooms. Thank you, to all of you, who have participated this year.

Thank you, Walter Bros., for your help! We appreciate it.

REPEAT - Scrip

The only way to order scrip now is online. There are no more plastic gift cards. Order online and you will have paper scrip.

We were getting less and less orders and high shipping costs. You can always direct your questions to Lorraine Walter in the business office at 538-6151.

This is an easy fundraiser for the school and it helps reduce your tuition for next year, as well.

REPEAT - Friday May 7 & Monday, May 10 - No Hot Lunch Provided

Holy Cross School will not be providing hot lunch on Friday, May 7 and Monday, May 10. Students need to bring a cold lunch on those days.

REPEAT - Tuition and Fees Due May 14, 2021

This is a reminder that the 2020-2021 tuition and fees are due by May 14, 2021. The only families that are exempt from this are those that pay year-round over 12 months.

REPEAT - New Curriculum for Student Safe Environment

The Diocese of Peoria has purchased a new curriculum for our student Safe Environment requirements. Teachers in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be teaching the 2-3 day lessons beginning the week of April 19. There is a specific hand-out for each grade level. Teachers will be sending home the parent note the week they teach the curriculum.

Since the curriculum is embedded into our other curriculum, as well, it will be hard to opt out of the material. If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

REPEAT - Ready Set, Grow Extended Care for the Summer

We are preparing for the summer for Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care. If you need care for your kids or know of someone who needs care, please call Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care at 815-538-7604. For the summer, we are beginning to open up Extended Care to families outside of Holy Cross School. Pass the word. Thank you.

REPEAT - Spalding Scholarship

For those of you who need to apply for a scholarship, The Diocese wants you to apply for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship first. The information is in the File Library in OptionC.com. **The deadline is May 17, 2021.**

You can apply any time. Besides the items needed for the upload, You will also need to ask Fr. Pilon, our parish pastor, to submit a recommendation to the Diocesan Office of Catholic

Schools that your family is in good standing in the parish. Do not wait until the deadline to ask for the recommendation.

Upload your 2020 federal income tax return and ALL supporting tax schedules and documents to FACTS Management by May 17, 2021.

Upload your 2020 W-2 Wage & Tax Statements to Facts Management by May 17, 2021.

REPEAT - Position Openings at Holy Cross School, Mendota for 2021-2022

1. Part-time Physical Education Teacher
2. Part-time Computer Teacher
PE and Computer may possibly be a full-time job.
3. Part-time Athletic Director

Contact: Mrs. Anita Kobilsek
1-815-539-7003
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or

Mail resume to:
Holy Cross School
1008 Jefferson Street
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Call 1-815-539-7003 Ext. 111

Application available through www.cdop.org
Click on: Catholic Education; School Openings; Teacher Application Packet

REPEAT - Holy Cross School Spirit Day

Holy Cross School Spirit Day will be every Friday. If we are not here on Fridays, Spirit Day is the day before. Let's keep up our much needed school spirit. This means spirit wear shirts with school pants. school shorts or school skirt or jumper.

REPEAT - Box Tops for Education has a New System

Our school will continue to collect Box Tops for Education this school year. You download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone. You scan your receipt. By scanning and choosing Holy Cross School, you are helping Holy Cross School earn cash. If you have any paper Box Tops, please send them into school.

A good rule to have is to check the boxes and bags before they go in the garbage. With the new system, the box top icon is not a coupon but an image to remind you to scan your receipt. If you see a Box Top icon, scan your receipt and choose Holy Cross School, Mendota.

Collect Your Empty Cartridges

One of our fundraisers is to collect your empty ink cartridges. We send them in and receive cash in return. Please help us.

Coming Up:

Theme for the 2020-2021 School Year - Fruit of the Spirit. Here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCU0IP5ioa8&t=16s>

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control

Zoom link for Masses - this link never changes

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9138050856?pwd=RzZtRi8xNjJtNHg4dnhNb2MzNzBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 913 805 0856

Password: 811195

Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care 815-538-7604

We have several items ready for 2021-2022.

In the OptionC File Library optionc.com, you will find:

- Preschool registration form
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 registration form
- Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care Fees Sheet 815-538-7604
- Learning Lambs Preschool Tuition Amounts
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 Tuition Amounts
- Spalding Scholarship Application Protocol
 - must complete this before the HCS Monsignor Wissing Scholarship Application
- FACT Financial Application - must be complete for the Spalding Scholarship - If you already have an account, you can just update how you want to pay
- Empower Illinois Application - <https://empowerillinois.org/apply/how-do-i-apply/>
- HCS Monsignor Wissing Scholarship Application - complete the Spalding Scholarship first

Friday, April 30 - 8th Grade Fundraiser -

“Decade Day” K-2=70’s; 3-6=60’s; 7-8=80’s - \$1.00 or more

Monday, May 3 - Thank you to PJ and the Sean and Anne Fox family for the flowers for our Marion Recognition

Wednesday, May 5 - last day to use a non-uniform pass if you have one

May 7 and May 10 - No hot lunch provided - everyone needs to bring a cold lunch

Friday, May 14 - Tuition and Fees due for 2020-2021

Monday, May 17 - Spalding Scholarship applications due with supporting documents in FACTS

Monday, May 17 - Last day for 4-year-old preschool class

Tuesday, May 18 - Last day for 3-year-old preschool class

Tuesday, May 18 - Last full day for Grade 8

Wednesday, May 19, Thursday, May 20, Friday, May 21 - Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, May 19 - Grade 8 is dismissed at 10:30am

Monday, May 24 - Tentative Picnic in Purple Park - students need to bring a lunch and a drink

Tuesday, May 25 - Tentative last day - 11:30am dismissal

Tuesday, May 25 - 6:00pm Graduation for Grade 8 - Private to graduates and limited guests