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Dear Parents,

Most of your children had their 2019 spring pictures taken on February 26. We sent them home March 25 & 26. You are able to purchase only the pictures that you want, from the actual package. All pictures not purchased must be returned. Please do that as soon as possible. Please read the instructions in the picture envelope. There are different ways you can pay. Please follow the directives. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 815.539.7003.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Harlem Wizards

In last week's Tuesday Envelope, there was information regarding the Harlem Wizards basketball game. The flyer provided information regarding the chance to get a discount on tickets if you purchase them by April 10, 2019.

The event is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 for the Harlem Wizards with Karl's Crusaders at Mendota High School. It will be a fun night. The team of 10 has some local celebrities: Mrs. Doyle, Mr. Younger, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Zac Wujek, as well as other local celebrity players.

The First Communion practice is being moved to Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 5:20-6:00pm. This will accommodate student attendance at the Wizard's game.

2019-2020 FACTS Tuition Payment

This is just a reminder that ALL families must have registered in FACTS tuition management for their tuition payments for 2019-2020. Please log in and double check how you want the payments made. Using this system is a Diocesan requirement. **You have the ability to edit how and when the payments are made for 2019-2020.** Tuition is set up through <https://online.factsmgt.com>.

All 2018-2019 tuition and fees are due Friday, May 10, 2019.

2019 Children's Annual Diocesan Appeal

Bishop Jenky has asked that our students participate in the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please send in your gift by Wednesday, April 10, 2019. We will collect the money and send one check to the Diocese. If you write a check, please make it payable to Holy Cross School. We will be writing one check to the Diocese of Peoria.

Please note that this collection does not count toward the parish ADA goal. This year, the collection from the youth, will help support priestly vocations for our diocese, specifically Emmaus Days, Totus Tuus, and the Priests Pedaling for Prayers.

The children's ADA video is available online at www.cdop.org/ada2019. The teachers will be showing this video to the students.

Grade 2 First Confession

The 2nd Grade First Confessions are scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 1:30pm. 2nd Grade parents are welcome to come and support your child during their First Confession. Following the First Confession, there will be a small gathering in the school basement for the 2nd Graders, hosted by the 1st Graders.

Reservations for Parent Night Out are due April 10

The reservations for the rescheduled Parent Night Out are **due Wednesday, April 10**. The Parent Night Out will be Thursday, April 25 from 5:00-7:00pm. Thank you for sending in your new reservation for a fun night out.

IESA Sectional Qualifiers for Bowling

The IESA Sectional Qualifiers for Bowling are as follows: Kevin Swope, Ricky Orozco, Owen Aughenbaugh, Brody Hartt, Kooper Novak, Alex Holland, Marly Tillman, Cassie Gonzalez, Alyssa Engels, Grace Royer, Ava Eddy, Kirby Bond.

We wish them all the best as they travel to bowl on April 6.

Spirit Wear Day on April 5

Friday, April 5th is a Holy Cross School spirit wear day. Students must wear school pants, school shorts or a school skirt or jumper.

Preschool Spring Conferences May 17 and 20

Parents of 3-year-old and 4-year-old Learning Lambs Preschool can sign up for a conference in OptionC. Conferences are on Friday, May 17 and Monday, May 20. You will need your parent username and password. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 539-7003.

The last day of class for the 4-year-olds is Wednesday, May 15. The last day for the 3-year-olds is Thursday, May 16.

REPEAT - Tax Credit Scholarship Program from Empower Illinois

Parents can apply for the Tax Credit Scholarship Program by going to the website empowerillinois.org. Applications opened up on January 15, 2019. The application is a two-part process. Parents can have their questions answered by contacting: 1-309-416-0741 or email scholars@empowerillinois.org.

REPEAT - Spalding Scholarship

In December, we sent the paperwork for applying for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship. Please note that the deadline is April 15th. All of the protocol must have been met by that date.

For those applicants to this scholarship, we would like for you to apply to this scholarship before you apply for the Monsignor Wissing Scholarship at Holy Cross School.

REPEAT - Friday Fish Frys

Please join us at the Elks for the Knights of Columbus Fish Frys. *The Knights of Columbus promote a Family Meal special. All kids up through Grade 8 eat free.* The Knights cell phone number for carryouts is 1-815-414-3381.

We are still in need of a little bit of help at our Friday Fish Fry dinners at the Elks Club. They will be April 5 and 12. Please help our school with your time. We appreciate it. Thank you!

REPEAT - Food Pantry Items - Collection count Monday, April 8

We continue the collection for cereal and pop tarts for the Food Pantry by Monday, April 8. Each grade is asked to collect 5 items each month. The Jean/Khaki/Non-uniform Day will be Friday, April 12 if the class goals are met. No sweat pants, exercise clothes, rips or tears or leggings as pants. Thanks for the good work. Thank you for helping our kids in the community.

It looks like Preschool, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th need to meet the goal of 5 items, yet.

REPEAT - Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser

The next athletic fundraiser will be April 16, 2019. Thank you for your support. Don't forget to name the homeroom for the pizza party.

CHANGE of DATE - First Communion Practice

Wednesday, April 24th, there is a 5:20 to 6:00pm First Communion practice in the church. A parent should attend with their child.

REPEAT - Daily Dollars for 2019

If you need more Daily Dollars for 2019, please let us know in the school office. The profit goes towards the school. We appreciate your support and help. Remember that if your name is drawn, it goes back into the drawing. There is a winner every day of the year.

Shoparoo

Help us with a new EASY way to raise funds for Holy Cross School. It is called Shoparoo. Download the app called Shoparoo. Select Holy Cross Elementary School Mendota. Take pictures or your receipts through the app. Our school receives a check when we have a minimum of 25,000 points.

Scrip

Enclosed is the Scrip order form. The businesses listed are only a few of the choices. If there is something you would like that is not listed, please write it on the order form and write the amount that you want. You can always direct your questions to Lorraine Loomis 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.

Things to collect for Holy Cross School:

Pop tops
Box Tops
Coke Rewards
Empty computer ink cartridges

Here is the prayer for souls: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Coming Up:

Thursday, April 4 - Stations of the Cross - 2:10pm 5-8
Friday, April 5 - Saint Bede visit day
Monday, April 8 - Grade 3 Field Trip
Wednesday, April 10 - 1st Confession for Grade 2 - 1:30pm
Wednesday, April 10 - Parent Night Out reservations are due
Thursday, April 11 - Stations of the Cross - 2:10pm K-8
Thursday, April 11 - Quarter Auction at the Moose for Karl's Crusaders
Friday, April 12 - State Bowling Tournament for qualifying students
Tuesday, April 16 - Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser
Tuesday, April 23 - Grade 3 Spring Nature Day
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - 5:20-6:00pm - First Communion practice in the church for ALL students receiving their First Communion
Thursday, April 25 - Parent Night Out - 5:00-7:00pm for HCS K-8 students
Friday, April 26 - Prairie Conference Track Meet for Grades 5-8
Friday, April 26 - 8th Grade non-uniform fundraiser "Class Color" day for \$1.00 or more
Tuesday, April 30 - Grade 2 First Communion Banners are due
Ongoing - Caldecott and Newbery book reading contest - ends May 3, 2019
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - 8:00am Mass and May Crowning; First Communion pictures; Graduation pictures
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - 6:30pm Harlem Wizards Basketball at MHS
Thursday, May 2, 2019 - Grades K-3 Field Trip
Friday, May 3, 2019 - 9:00am Kindergarten Graduation in the HCS gym
Friday, May 3 2019 - IESA Track Sectionals in Kewanee
Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 5:00pm Graduation Banquet for Grade 8 and their parents; Bowling at the Elks
Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 2:00pm First Communion in Spanish
Thursday, May 9, 2019 - Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip
Thursday May 9, 2019 - 5:30pm and 7:00pm Band Concert at Northbrook School
Friday, May 10, 2019 - IESA State Track Meet and May 11th
Friday, May 10, 2019 - All tuition and fees are due
Sunday, May 12, 2019 - Happy Mother's Day!!
Monday, May 13, 2019 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 Field Trip
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - last day for the four-year-old preschoolers
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - no school Mass attendance
Thursday, May 16, 2019 - last day for the three-year-old preschoolers
Thursday, May 16, 2019 - School Mass at 8:00am and not Wednesday - Students and staff will be enrolled in the Brown Scapular
Friday, May 17, 2019 - Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences from 7:45am-3:30pm
Friday, May 17, 2019 - Grade 8 retreat
Sunday, May 19, 2019 - 2:00pm First Communion in English
Monday, May 20, 2019 - Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences from 7:45am-4:00pm
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 - HCS picnic at Strouss Park (Purple Park) unless it rains, then at HCS
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - Last day of school with an 11:30am dismissal - no 11:30am buses
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - 6:00pm 8th Grade Mass and Graduation in Holy Cross Church - open to the public