



## Holy Cross School

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Dear Parents,

All Holy Cross School library books are due back in the library on Friday, May 3, 2019. We thank Mrs. Donna Sondgeroth and Mrs. Carol Vandre for their good work in the HCS library this year. If anyone is interested in helping in the library with the inventory, please contact the school office at 539-7003.

Peace,  
Mrs. Kobilsek

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Mrs. Karen Happ and Mrs. Therese Thomas. The Regional Office of Education recognizes staff and support staff each year at a banquet. This year, Holy Cross School will celebrate the good work of staff member, Mrs. Karen Happ and support staff member, Mrs. Therese Thomas. Congratulations!

### **Family Easter Fun Night**

The Schimmer Chevy Buick family invites your family to come in and see their family for some Easter family fun. It is Thursday, April 18 from 6:30-7:30pm. Kim Schimmer will be reading some of her favorite children's books for storytime. They will also have a bedtime-friendly (sugar free) snack and a station for the kids to decorate their own cupcake to take home. Their friend, the Easter Bunny, will be there, too! Join them at Schimmer Chevy Buick on Route 251 South, in Mendota.

### **Harlem Wizards**

The Harlem Wizards versus Karl's Crusaders basketball game will be Wednesday, May 1, 2019. You are able to get a discount on tickets if you purchase them by April 10, 2019. It will be held at Mendota High School. It will be a fun night. We hope you can join us at MHS on May 1st.

*The First Communion practice has been moved to Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from 5:20-6:00pm. This will accommodate student attendance at the Wizard's game on May 1st. There is also no CCD on May 1st.*

### **REPEAT - 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.

### **REPEAT - 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](http://www.cdop.org/ada2019). The teachers will be showing this video to the students.

### **REPEAT - 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.

### **REPEAT - 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 State Qualifiers for Bowling**

Congratulations to the students who bowled in the IESA Sectional Bowling Tournament this past weekend. We congratulate the students who qualified for the IESA State Bowling tournament on April 12 and 13. They are as follows: Kevin Swope, Alex Holland, Alyssa Engels and Grace Royer. We wish them all the best this week.

### **REPEAT - 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 Option C. 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](http://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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 Fry**

Please join us at the Elks for the last Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on April 12. *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 grateful for the help some of you have given at our Friday Fish Fry dinners at the Elks Club. 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.

All grades have met the goal. Awesome job! The next collection is May 13.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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:

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 - All HCS library books are due back to the library  
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