



## Holy Cross School

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Dear Parents,

It's great to be back in the routine of school. Now we can continue to pray for moderate temperatures, cool classrooms and lots of teaching and learning.

Peace,  
Mrs. Kobilek

### **Paperless Tuesday Envelopes and Paperless Report Cards**

If you ever have questions in regard to the paperless Tuesday envelope, please feel free to contact us in the school office at 815-539-7003.

### **Holy Cross School Spirit Day**

The next Holy Cross School Spirit Day will be Friday, September 6. Students do not wear jeans. This particular day is for students to wear a spirit wear shirt with school shorts, school pants or school skirt/jumper.

### **REPEAT - Sports Parent Meeting**

Parents of Holy Cross students in our Holy Cross sports, will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30pm in the school basement for the Sports Parent Meeting. It should not last longer than 25 minutes. Please mark your calendar. The Family Math Night will follow immediately in the school gym.

### **REPEAT - Family Math Night**

Holy Cross School is using a new Math Curriculum this year. It is called Eureka Math by Great Minds. We will have a Family Math Night on Tuesday, September 10 from 6:00-7:00pm in the school gym. Each of the homeroom teachers will be there and the students will be showing some of the ways we will be working with numbers and ratios. Parents bring your kids. Kids bring your parents. There will be a table set up for each grade. See you on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **REPEAT - Grandparent Lunch**

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the day that the student's grandparent/s or adult/senior friend can come and eat lunch at Holy Cross School. We invite you to visit your grandchildren in their classrooms the half-hour before the first lunch period or the half-hour following the last lunch period. If grandchildren are in both groups, please indicate which group in which they will eat. These are the lunch times:

11:15-12:00 Last name's A-L

12:00-12:45 Last name's M-Z

Reservations are due Thursday, August 29, 2019. **The reservation form can be found at [www.OptionC.com](http://www.OptionC.com) in the File Library.** If you have questions, please call Mrs. Thomas at 539-7003. Please, please, please get your reservations in on time.

Pay the day you come. Adult lunches are \$3.50 and student lunches are \$2.50.

### **REPEAT - Pulled Pork Dinner and Open House**

We will be having our Pulled Pork dinner and Open House on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The Dinner will be from 4:30-7:00pm. The Open House in the classrooms will be from 6:00-7:15pm. We hope you will be able to help at the dinner, eat with us and join us in the classrooms.

Enclosed is a form to sign up to help. We also appreciate your help by bringing in desserts for the dinner. The form is due Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **REPEAT - Acts of Love Food Collection**

We are collecting boxes of cereal, macaroni and cheese, rice, and PopTarts for the Acts of Love Campaign for Catholic Charities and Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry. Each grade is asked to collect 5 items each month. Students can bring the items into their classrooms and give them to their teacher. The first collection is due Monday, September 16. If the goal is met, the grade jean day will be Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping our kids in our Diocese and community.

### **Map (Measure of Academic Progress)**

Attached is a letter explaining MAP Growth.

### **Box Tops for Education**

Our school will continue to collect Box Tops for Education this school year. By clipping Box Tops and turning them in, you are helping Holy Cross School earn cash. If you have been saving them all summer, now is the time to turn them in. *Please help us.*

A good rule to have is to check the boxes and bags before they go in the garbage. If you see a Box Top, clip it and send it to Holy Cross School. The expiration dates matter, so don't let them sit too long.

### **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.

### **Shoparoo**

Help us with an 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.

### **Coming Up:**

Monday, September 2 – No School for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3 – Grandparent Lunch

September 10 – 5:30-5:55pm Athletic Parent Meeting

September 10 – 6:00-7:00pm Family Math Night

September 14 – Exultation of the Holy Cross – our School Feast Day

Monday, September 16 – Mid-quarter #1

Monday, September 16 – Food collection – 5 items per homeroom – if goal is met per class, there will be a jean day for that class on Friday, September 20

Wednesday, September 18 – 11:30 Dismissal for K-8 with 11:30 buses – Preschool is in session in the afternoon

Friday, September 27 – No school for Prek-8 – Teacher in-service

October 11 and 14 – No School

Tuesday, October 22 – 11:30am dismissal for K-8 – Preschool in session for the afternoon

K-8 Conferences 1:00-4:00pm

Thursday, October 24 – 11:30am dismissal for K-8 – Preschool in session for the afternoon

K-8 Conferences 3:00-7:00pm

Thursday, October 31 – 2:00pm dismissal for Prek-8 – No 2:00 buses – Trunk or Treating in the parking lot for those who want to participate.

Tuesday, December 10 – TENTATIVE date for the Christmas Program for Preschool through Grade 8  
6:30pm