



Holy Cross School

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December 17, 2019

Dear Parents,

I pray that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2020.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

HCS Fundraiser – Murder Mystery Dinner and Auction

Attached is the registration form for the Holy Cross School fundraiser. It is a Murder Mystery Dinner and auction.

It will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Mendota Civic Center. Doors will open at 5:00pm.

REPEAT - Scrip Cards Available

There were a few Scrip cards ordered in error and are on hand to purchase. There are:
4 \$25.00 Bed, Bath and Beyond cards

Please contact Lorraine at the rectory office at 538-6151 to purchase those cards. Thanks.

REPEAT - Daily Dollars Profit Goes to Our School

Did you turn in your sold and unsold tickets? Thanks to those of you who have sold. We appreciate it. The profit goes to our school. We are grateful for your efforts.

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Thursday, December 19, 2019, there is a 2:55pm dismissal. There are NO 2:55pm buses.

Friday, December 20, 2019

Friday, December 20, 2019, wear an ugly sweater. Students may wear jeans. K-7 students, bring a blanket/pillow for our Christmas movie. Kindergarten through Grade 8 dismiss at 11:30am. There are no 11:30am buses. No rips or tears, no leggings as pants, no sweat pants or exercise pants.

The 4-year-old preschool class is in session on Friday afternoon. They will dismiss at 2:50pm.

REPEAT - Free Bowling During Christmas Break

Thanks to the Optimist Club, they will host free bowling during Christmas break for ages 6-16. It will take place on Monday, December 30. The flyer is attached. Thanks, Optimist Club!

10:00am to noon Ages 6-9

Noon to 2:00pm Ages 10-12

2:00-4:00pm Ages 13-16

Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser

We will be participating in the Rosati's Athletic Fundraisers on a monthly basis. Rosati's will donate 20% of all food items for the day (before taxes). The class with the highest sales will earn a class pizza party. The preschool classes earned their class snack last week.

Our next fundraiser is Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Rosati's is open from 11:00am to 10:00pm. Carry out, get it delivered, or dine in. Please mention Holy Cross School when you order. Thanks for helping us out.

REPEAT - January 10 and 17, 2020

We have a new development for our school calendar on January 10 and 17, 2020. Holy Cross School was scheduled to dismiss at 11:30 on Friday, January 10 with 11:30 buses. Now that District 289 and 280 revised their calendar, Holy Cross School will not have 11:30am buses on January 10. We will still be dismissing at 11:30. Our staff will be taking their CPR/AED class. Preschool will be in session in the afternoon.

On Friday, January 17, 2020, Holy Cross School is still scheduled for a full day of school. There will not be buses at 2:55pm.

Again, Preschool is in session both January 10 and 17, morning and afternoon.

REPEAT - January 10 – Spirit Wear Day

January 10 is our spirit wear day at HCS. Students and staff may wear a spirit wear shirt with school pants or a school skirt.

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 next collection is Monday, January 13.** Thank you for helping our kids in our Diocese and community. No rips or tears. No leggings as pants. No exercise clothes, sweat pants, etc.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are planning our Scholastic Book Fair for the end of January 2020. We will have the following hours:

Friday, Jan. 24th 10-3 (student preview)

Friday, Jan. 24th 6-7 (during the Art Fair, History Fair, Science Fair)

Monday, Jan. 27th 1-5

Tuesday, Jan 28th 10-3

Wednesday, Jan 29th 9-12

Thursday, Jan 30th 1-5

Friday, Jan 31st 8-9

Save the Date - 4th Annual 5K Shamrock Run/Walk School Fundraiser

We hope you can join us on Saturday, March 14, 2020 for the 4th Annual 5K Shamrock Run/Walk school fundraiser. Save the date. It is always a fun day.

REPEAT - Collect Your Pop-Tabs

Send your pop-tabs to the Holy Cross School office. We will have a classroom competition. The classroom with the most weight of pop-tops by the end of March will win. The Huffaker family plans to attend the Pop-Tab-Palooza, at St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis Tennessee on April 24, 2020. Let's help the families who receive the great gift of being able to stay at Ronald McDonald House of Memphis.

REPEAT - Kindergarten Graduation

Kindergarten graduation will be Friday, May 1, 2020 at 9:00am. Mrs. Williams will have more details for her students. The Kindergarten students will not have class that afternoon. They will need to return to class on Monday, May 4, 2020.

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.

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 – Plan Ahead for Christmas Gifts!

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:

Thursday, December 19 –HCS K-8 dismissal is at 2:55pm - No 2:55 buses

3-year-old preschool dismisses at 2:50pm

Friday, December 20 – HCS dismisses at 11:30am – No 11:30am buses - Wear an ugly sweater. Students may wear jeans. Bring a blanket or pillow for our Christmas movie.

4-year-old preschool dismisses at 2:50pm

Friday, December 20 – Quarter #2 ends

December 21-January 5 - Christmas Break – HCS resumes on Monday, January 6, 2020

Monday, December 30 – The Optimist Club hosts free bowling at the Elks

10:00am to noon Ages 6-9

Noon to 2:00 Ages 10-12

2:00-4:00 Ages 13-16

Tuesday, January 7 – Rosati’s Athletic Fundraiser – 11:00am to 10:00pm – mention Holy Cross School and a particular home room teacher for a class pizza party

Friday, January 10 – K-8 dismissal at 11:30 for Teacher Inservice. There are NO 11:30 buses.

Preschool is in session until 2:50pm

Friday, January 17 – HCS has a full day of school with no 2:55pm buses

Friday, January 24 – 6:00-7:00pm Grade 7 & 8 History Fair and Science Fair in the gym,
Prek-8 Art Fair

January 26-31 – Catholic Schools Week

Book Fair theme is “Jungle”

Tuesday, January 28 – 11:30-12:30pm Parent Lunch

Thursday, February 6 – Preschool in session AM and PM – K-8 11:30 dismissal with no 11:30 buses

Saturday, February 8, 2020 – School Fundraiser – Murder Mystery Dinner and Auction held at the Mendota Civic Center – Doors open at 5:00pm.

Thursday, February 13 – Parent Night Out for students in Grades K-8

Thursday, February 13 – 8th Grade MHS Trojan Welcome for students attending MHS in 2020

Monday, February 17 – HCS has no school for Presidents’ Day

Wednesday, February 19 – 1:30pm First Confession for Catholic Grade 2 HCS students

Wednesday, February 19 – 2:55 dismissal with no 2:55 buses

Tuesday, February 25 – Spring Picture Day

Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 27 – 2:10pm Stations of the Cross for Grades K-4

Friday, February 28 – Penitential Meal during our Holy Cross School lunch

Thursday, March 5 – 10:00am Grades 5-8 Stations of the Cross

Thursday March 5 – Preschool in session in AM and PM – K-8 dismissal at 11:30 – No 11:30 buses – Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences from 12:30-3:30pm

Friday, March 6 – No School for Prek-8

Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Savings Time – Spring ahead

Tuesday, March 10 – Quarter #3 ends

Thursday, March 12 – 2:10pm Grades K-8 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – 4th Annual 5K Shamrock Run/Walk

Wednesday, March 18 – 2:55 dismissal with no 2:55 buses

Thursday, March 19 – 2:10 Grades K-4 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21 – Regional Science Fair for qualifying students in DeKalb at NIU

Thursday, March 26 – 2:10 Grades 5-8 Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 31 – First Communion banners are due to Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Weber

Thursday, April 2 – 2:10 Grades K-8 Stations of the Cross

April 4-12, 2020 – Easter Break – Students return on Monday, April 13, 2020

Wednesday, April 15 – 5:15-6:00pm First Communion practice for Grade 2 in the church

Sunday, April 19 – 2:00pm First Communion in English

Sunday, April 26 – 2:00pm First Communion in Spanish

Friday, May 1 – 9:00am Kindergarten Graduation in the school gym - they have no class that afternoon but need to return to school on May 4, 2020

Sunday, May 3 – 5:00pm 8th Grade Graduation Banquet for 8th Graders and their Parents
7th Grade Parents help with the evening

Wednesday, May 13 – Last day for 4-year-old preschool

Thursday, May 14 – Last day for 3-year-old preschool

Friday, May 15 – Preschool conferences all day by appointment

Monday, May 18 – Preschool conferences all day by appointment

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 6:00pm Graduation and Mass