



Holy Cross School

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Reverend Peter Pilon
Pastor
Mrs. Anita M. Kobilsek
Principal

February 23, 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you, parents, for helping your child with our remote learning days. Several employees had side effects from the 2nd covid vaccination. So your help with your children, or whomever helped, was much appreciated.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

REPEAT

Holy Cross School Lenten Challenge



LENT ALMSGIVING

Donating to the IVPADS homeless shelters in

Peru & Ottawa

Contact: Cal Doyle- 4th grade- Holy Cross School

Donations due by: Thursday, April 1st, 2021

Loving & Caring

Are you looking for some way to do almsgiving during Lent? Well, I have the perfect way of how to do it. I'm planning to give the donated items to IVPADS in Ottawa & Peru.

Items Needed for Donation:

Juice boxes	Dryer Sheets	Bleach	Bottled water	coffee
Dry Cereals	Laundry Soap	Hair Brushes	Paper Plates	Clipboards
13-30-39 gallon garbage bags	Air freshener spray	Pump hand soap	Pillow covers (new/ like new)	White copy paper
Paper Bowls	Powder coffee creamer	Multipurpose cleaning spray	Toilet bowl cleaner	Individually packed snacks
Paper Napkins	Dish Soap	Toilet paper	Adult socks	Paper Towels

You can brighten someone's day by giving just a little help.

So spread love to the world and give!

Bring your donations to Holy Cross School care of Cal Doyle.

Contact Mrs. Doyle at ldoyle@holycrossmendota.com if you have any questions!

8th Grade Fundraiser Non-uniform Day - Thursday, February 25, 2021

Hello, Holy Cross Families! The 8th grade class officers have planned a non-uniform day for Thursday, February 25, 2021. The theme is Fancy Pants. Wear your take on a nice outfit. An

example of what to wear is an outfit for a fancy dinner or a wedding! Bring \$1 or more to participate.

Reminder to the girls that dresses and skirts must be knee length. No leggings as pants unless the covering goes to your knee.

REPEAT - Spring Pictures – Friday, February 26th

We will have Spring Picture day on Friday, February 26th in the morning. You will need to purchase the picture package in advance this year. The students were to take home the paper copy of the order form on Monday, February 22.

Since this picture day is on a Friday, the 3-year-olds may come in any time between 8:30am and 11:30am or 12:30-1:00pm to get their picture taken if they would like. Pictures will be in the gym balcony. Group sibling pictures are not an option any more.

Uniforms do not have to be worn. Shirts must have sleeves and cover the stomach. Words or pictures must be appropriate. Skirts must be knee length. No legging-kind of pants may be worn without a knee length skirt or knee length sweater. No shorts. No capris. No exercise clothes or sweat pants. Khakis or corduroy pants may be worn. A belt must be worn if the pants have a belt loop. Jeans may be worn. No rips or tears.

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Fall Picture Retake Day Cancelled

We recently heard from Lifetouch, that there will not be retakes of the fall pictures. If you paid for fall pictures and were not able to get your pictures taken, you can contact Lifetouch and they can transfer your credit to spring pictures. The Spring picture date has been set for Friday, February 26, 2021.

Let us know if you have further questions.

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

1. Principal

Holy Cross School, Mendota

Application available through www.cdop.org

Click on: Catholic Education; School Openings; Principal Application Packet

Review of applicants in mid-March with interviews in Mid-April

Approximately 160 students

Contact: Mrs. Anita Kobilsek

1-815-539-7003

akobilsek@holycrossmendota.com

2. Part-time Physical Education Teacher

3. Part-time Computer Teacher

PE and Computer may possibly be a full-time job.

4. Part-time Athletic Director

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or

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

**REPEAT - Optional Parent Teacher Conferences for K-8
Thursday, March 4 in the Afternoon
K-8 11:30 Dismissal on Thursday, March 4, 2021**

Kindergarten through Grade 8 have optional parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon of Thursday, March 4. You can sign up through www.OptionC.com. You will have to log in as the parent and not the student. They will be held from 12:30-3:30pm with 10 minute conference times.

The conferences will be in zoom or google meet. The teachers will communicate with you on which platform they will use if you sign up.

Let us know if you have questions. 815-539-7003. It is all set up and ready for you to register.

There will be an 11:30am dismissal for Kindergarten to Grade 8. Preschool is in session in the AM and PM.

REPEAT - Preschool is in session for a Full Day on Thursday, March 4, 2021

On Thursday, March 4th, the K-8 families have optional parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon. Preschool will be in session in the morning **and** the afternoon.

REPEAT - No School Friday, March 5, 2021

There is no school for preschool to grade 8 on Friday, March 5, 2021.

REPEAT - Holy Cross School Spirit Day

Holy Cross School Spirit Day will be every Friday. Let's keep up our much needed school spirit. This means spirit wear shirts with school pants 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.

Scrip

The Scrip order form is in the File Library in OptionC. 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 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.

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

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
- 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

Thursday, February 25 - 8th Grade Fundraiser - "Fancy Pants" non-uniform day - \$1.00 or more

Friday, February 26 - Spring picture day - Lifetouch does not take family pictures anymore

Thursday, March 4 - 11:30am dismissal for Kindergarten to Grade 8 for optional parent/teacher conferences from 12:30-3:30pm.

Thursday, March 4 - Preschool in session in the morning and afternoon

Friday, March 5 - No school for Preschool to Grade 8 - Extended Care is available - arrange in advance 538-7604

Friday, March 26 - 8th Grade Fundraiser - "tie-dye/neon day" - \$1.00 or more

Thursday, April 1, 2021 - Lenten Almsgiving challenge items are due to Holy Cross School

April 2-11 - Easter Break - Happy Easter! - No school - Extended Care is available 538-7604

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 17 - Last day for 4-year-old preschool class

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

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

Conferences

Monday, May 24 - Tentative Picnic in Purple Park

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

Tuesday, May 25 - Tentative Graduation date for Grade 8