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Dear Parents,

If any Kindergarten through Grade 8 parents had trouble viewing your child's report card, please let me know. We can help you out.

I will have the Catholic Schools Week schedule to you at the end of the week. The bowling permission slips are due this Friday.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

January 15, 2020 - Reservations are Due for the Parent Lunch

The Parent Lunch reservations are due Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Please get your reservations in so we know how many chicken patties to order and cook. The purpose of the reservation is so we know how many hot lunches to prepare. We appreciate your promptness to this date. Thank you!

January 17, 2020

On Friday, January 17, 2020, Holy Cross School will have a full day of school with no 2:55pm buses.

MAP Testing for Kindergarten to Grade 8

Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be taking their winter MAP probes this week and next week. Please see that your child gets a good breakfast and is well rested. These will be two great ingredients for success for your child.

Friday, January 24, 2020 – History, Science, Art Fair

Join us on Friday, January 24, 2020 from 6:00-7:00pm in the school gym. The 7th and 8th Graders will be sharing their History Fair and Science Fair projects. The Preschool to Grade 8 students will be sharing their Art Fair projects. Bring your camera and share some photos. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open from 6:00-7:00pm in room 105.

Your child received information last week on creating art work at home. Please make sure you ask your child about that information from Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Doyle.

REPEAT - Grade 8 Raffle and Information

The 8th Grade Class would like to thank those who participated in Pajama Day this past week. You are helping us meet our goal for the new water fountain.

Our raffle will take place January 27-30. One ticket costs \$1 or you can buy 6 for \$5. The prizes will be an assortment of fun that will please all ages! Raffle tickets will be on sale during the lunch hour during the week of January 27th. All of the prizes will be in the trophy case in the main downstairs hallway.

Thursday, February 6, 2020 – K-8 dismiss at 11:30am

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, Kindergarten through Grade 8 will dismiss at 11:30am. There are no 11:30am buses. Preschool will be in session in the morning and the afternoon. The Kindergarten through Grade 8 teachers have a teacher in-service.

HCS Fundraiser – Murder Mystery Dinner and Auction

Don't forget to register for the Holy Cross School fundraiser. It is a Murder Mystery Dinner and auction. We have attached the updated flyer.

Please notice that the caterer is the Right Spice from Peru, IL. The ticket includes wine and beer in the price of the ticket.

We appreciate the work of the students and staff in the creations for the auction items. They are always a big hit and appreciated by our school community.

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

Acts of Love Food Collection

We are happy to announce that all classes met the January Food Collection goal. All students and staff may wear jeans on Friday, January 17, 2020. No sweat pants, no exercise clothes, no leggings as pants, no rips or tears.

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, February 10. Thank you for helping our kids in our Diocese and community. If the class goals are met, the non-uniform day will be Friday, February 14, 2020. No rips or tears. No leggings as pants. No exercise clothes, sweat pants, etc.

REPEAT - Scholastic Book Fair

Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY! The 2020 Book Fair is coming very soon!

Hours as Follows:

Friday, January 24th 10:00a.m-3:00p.m. & 6:00p.m-7:00p.m.

Monday, January 27th 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Tuesday, January 28th 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. (Parent/friend lunch)

Wednesday, January 29th 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m

Thursday, January 30st 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Friday, January 31st 8:00a.m.-9:00a.m.

The All for Books program is a great way to raise money to purchase books for our classrooms and libraries. We have sent home coin bags to be filled with a monetary donation. Please remember the All for Books coin bags are due Thursday, January 30th. Label the All for Books Slip (included with coin bag) with child's name and grade level. The money collected after January 30th, will not count in classroom competition. The class that collects the most money will receive a **FREE** book from the book fair! The kids did great last year. A total of \$369.09 was collected and used to donate books to the teachers and School Library.

Our teachers at Holy Cross School are **WILD for BOOKS!** Another great way to help the teachers build and refresh their classroom libraries is to purchase a book from their wish list. The volunteers of the Book Fair have made this process very simple. We have classroom baskets filled with books the teachers have picked out. Simply grab a book out of the basket to purchase. We will deliver the book directly to the teacher/library for you. Gift certificates are also available.

**Online Book Fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holycrossschool>.
Available Jan. 18th-31st.**



Set up an eWallet for your student!

No cash on hand the day of your Scholastic Book Fair? No worries – our school offers Book Fair eWallet as a digital payment option.

Simply set up a free account and have funds immediately available for your student to shop the Book Fair. Safe and secure – it's easy shopping with Book Fair eWallet.

How it works:

- 1** Create Account
- 2** Add Funds (\$25.00)
- 3** Shop

To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/holycrossschool>

SCHOLASTIC

8th Grade Fundraiser - Color Day Friday, February 21, 2020

The 8th Grade fundraiser "Color Day" will be Friday, February 21, 2020. The 8th Grade class is asking for \$1.00 or more to participate on February 21. No rips or tears. No leggings, sweat pants or exercise clothes. Jeans may be worn. The following grades are asked to wear the following colors:

Class Color Day- Friday, February 21st

8- black

7-white

6-blue

5-orange

4-green

3-red

2-pink

1-yellow

K-purple

Pre-k - rainbow

Teachers will match their class's colors.

Ready. Set. Race. March 14, 2020

The Shamrock 5K Run/Walk is coming soon. Make sure to save March 14th, 2020 on your calendars. Race entry forms are in the OptionC.com file library. They are also available in school office and the Holy Cross Church Vestibule. All runners who sign up in January, will be entered in contest to receive a full refund. We will pick one Lucky runner.

Race forms will be available on January 28th (Parent's Lunch). You can also sign up to volunteer for race day. Thank you in advance for helping out with this fun event.

Magazine Sale and Cookie Dough Sale

We have moved the Magazine Sale and Cookie Dough Sale to begin on Monday, March 16, 2020. It will run through March 27. Great American Fundraisers has been bought out. There are some things that will remain the same and some things that are different.

Some differences that I know of are: we will have collectables, there are no college vouchers, magazine orders are only online for paper copies and electronic copies, cookie dough sales will be on a paper order form, there is no Chicago Bulls game incentive.

We know that change is difficult for some. Please be patient as we navigate through our Magazine/Cookie Dough Sale.

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.

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

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:

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

January 27-30 - 8th Grade Raffle

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

Friday, February 21 - Class Color Day – Pay \$1.00 or more to participate – No rips or tears. **No leggings as pants. No exercise clothes, sweat pants, etc.**

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
Friday, March 27 - Sports Jersey Day - Pay \$1.00 or more to participate – No rips or tears. **No leggings as pants. No exercise clothes, sweat pants, etc.**
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
Friday, April 17 - Future Career Day - Pay \$1.00 or more to participate - No rips or tears. **No leggings as pants. No exercise clothes, sweat pants, etc.**
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