



Holy Cross School

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January 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Laura Knapp's father, Joseph McNally. He died on December 25. We also pray for Bill Muetze, Grandfather to some of our students. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

I pray that you had a great Christmas break and a great beginning to 2020. As we continue our momentum for the second half of the school year, we have lots of things happening in January, February and March. As you know, we do not survive without our third source income. Please brace yourself for the upcoming fundraisers. Do what your family can do. We do not expect that you can participate in everything that is offered. Please discuss with your children, about the reality of your spendable income. Here are the fundraisers from which to choose and participate:

- Pajama Day – Friday, January 10 - \$1.00 or more to participate – 8th Grade fundraiser
- 8th Grade Raffle during Catholic Schools Week
- Magazine Sale/Cookie Dough Sale
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Murder Mystery Dinner and Auction
- 5 K Run/Walk

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

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.

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.

Thursday, January 9 – Spirit Wear Day

Thursday, January 9 is our spirit wear day at HCS. Students and staff may wear a spirit wear shirt with school pants or a school skirt. We moved this spirit wear day to January 9 instead of January 10.

Grade 8 Raffle and Information

The 8th Grade class has a goal for the 2019-2020 school year. Their goal is to purchase a new water fountain with a bottle filling feature. The money from their fundraisers will be put towards their goal for the school year. Thank you for everyone's participation in order for them to help reach their goal.

The 8th grade class will be hosting a raffle for the whole school! One ticket costs \$1 or you can buy 6 for \$5. The prizes will be an assortment of fun that will please all ages! The raffle will take place during Catholic Schools Week, January 27th- 30th. 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.

Friday, January 10 is Pajama Day. Students and staff may participate by paying \$1.00 or more to participate. Slippers may be worn. (The Holy Cross Spirit Day has been moved to Thursday, January 9, 2020. Spirit Wear shirts may be worn with school pants or school skirts or jumpers.)

Other Fundraisers:

January 10, Pajama Day – pay \$1.00 or more to participate

January 27-30 - 8th Grade Raffle

February 21, Class Color Day

March 27, Sports Jersey Day

April 17, Future Career Day

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 - 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.

It will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Mendota Civic Center. Doors will open at 5:00pm. [The registration form is attached.](#)

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. [If the class goals are met, the non-uniform day will be Friday, January 17, 2020. No rips or tears. No leggings as pants. No exercise clothes, sweat pants, etc.](#)

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:



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



Ready. Set. Race.

The Shamrock 5K Run/Walk is coming soon. Make sure to save March 14th, 2020 on your calendars. **Race entry forms are included with the Tuesday information.** 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.

Shannon Beetz will have a table set up on January 28th (Parent's Lunch). Race entry forms will be available to fill out and also you can sign up to volunteer for race day. Thank you in advance for helping out with this fun event.

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:

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