



## Holy Cross School

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Dear Parents,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ben Bokus. He graduated from Holy Cross School in 2014. His sister Lily is in Grade 6. His sister Anna is a Junior at Mendota High School. We continue our prayers for Ben's parents, Mike and Kaela, and all of their family. May the angels lead him into paradise.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Peace,  
Mrs. Kobilsek

### **Shamrock 5K**

Thanks for everyone's help for the 5K Shamrock Run/Walk. We appreciate it and wouldn't be able to do it without you.

### **Tax Credit Scholarship Program from Empower Illinois**

Parents can apply for the Tax Credit Scholarship Program by going to the website [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org). Applications opened up on January 15 2019. The application is a two-part process. Parents can have their questions answered by contacting: 1-309-416-0741 or email [scholars@empowerillinois.org](mailto:scholars@empowerillinois.org).

### **REPEAT - Spalding Scholarship**

In December, we sent the paperwork for applying for the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship. Please note that the deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. All of the protocol must have been met by that date.

For those applicants to this scholarship, we would like for you to apply to this scholarship before you apply for the Monsignor Wissing Scholarship at Holy Cross School.

### **Lent**

As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember that we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

#### **REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

1. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.
2. Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, and all the Fridays of Lent.
3. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, and Good Friday, April 21, 2019.
4. On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
5. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

### **REPEAT - Parent Night Out**

For those of you who signed up for the March Madness Parent Night Out, we will see your child at 5:00pm. You can pick up your child at 7:00pm. You will need to come into the school to get your child.

### **REPEAT - Frozen Cookie Dough Delivery**

Friday, March 15, 2019, is the frozen Cookie Dough delivery from the Cookie Dough/Magazine Sale. It will be from 2:15-3:30pm. It will be in the hallway by the office. Please have a plan, as we have no extra freezers at school for your items.

### **REPEAT - Friday Fish Frys**

Please join us at the Elks for the Knights of Columbus Fish Frys. *The Knights of Columbus promote a Family Meal special. All kids up through Grade 8 eat free.* The Knights cell phone number for carryouts is 1-815-414-3381.

We are still in need of a little bit of help at our Friday Fish Fry dinners at the Elks Club. They will be March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 and 12. Please help our school with your time. We appreciate it. Thank you!

### **Food Pantry Items - Collection count Monday, April 8**

We continue the collection for cereal and pop tarts for the Food Pantry by Monday, April 8. Each grade is asked to collect 5 items each month. The Jean/Khaki/Non-uniform Day will be Friday, April 12 if the class goals are met. No sweat pants, exercise clothes, rips or tears or leggings as pants. Thanks for the good work. Thank you for helping our kids in the community.

Just an FYI, all grades met the March 12 goal and all students can participate in the jean day on Friday, March 15. No sweat pants, exercise clothes, rips or tears or leggings as pants.

### **REPEAT - Quarter 3 Ends March 13**

Quarter 3 ends Wednesday, March 13. Report cards will go out March 20. Parents, you can view your child's K-8 report card in OptionC. You have to log in as the parent. Let us know if you are having trouble logging in to see the electronic report card. The electronic report card can be viewed on March 20th.

### **REPEAT - It's Time to Pre-register for 2019-2020**

Please complete the pre-registration form for 2019-2020. If you pay by March 15, 2019, the registration fee will go towards your tuition. If you pay after March 15, the registration fee will be in addition to the tuition. We are very grateful for the many generous donors to our Parish this year. If you have any questions, you can contact us in the school office. If you need financial assistance, please complete the FACTS financial aid.

For those of you who will be applying for the K-Grade 8 Spalding Scholarship, please be aware of the protocol and deadlines. The information is enclosed and the information can be found on the Diocesan website at [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org). Apply online at: [online.factsmtg.com/aid](http://online.factsmtg.com/aid). All of the information is due to the Office of Catholic Schools by April 15, 2019. Please call the school office if you have further questions.

### **St. Mary's Altar Society Luncheon and Fashion Show**

St. Mary's Altar Society invites the ladies of Holy Cross School to their "Haute Couture and Spring Luncheon" to be held on Saturday, March 16 in the Holy Cross School gym from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Doors open at 11:30am. A catered luncheon will be served including: ham salad, chicken salad, or turkey croissants, assorted salads, fresh fruit and veggie trays, assorted mini desserts with punch and coffee. The cost is \$15.00 payable at the door. Reservations are required and the deadline to call is March 13. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Following the luncheon, adults and children will model fashions for spring events. Stores that are participating are from Mendota, Peru and Princeton. It is the Altar Society's hope to see you and your invited guests at this special event. Thank you very much! Nancy Goble, President of St. Mary's Altar Society. For reservations, please call Jeanne at 815-343-0734.

### **Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser**

The next athletic fundraiser will be March 19, 2019. Thank you for your support. Don't forget to name the homeroom for the pizza party.

For the February fundraiser, there was a tie between Kindergarten and Grade 3. Their pizza parties will be during lunch on Thursday, March 14. We will provide bottles of water or students can purchase a milk.

### **Magazine/Cookie Dough Sale VIP Event**

The VIP event for the students who sold items for the Magazine/Cookie Dough Sale, will be Monday, March 18. Thank you, to all of you who sold items to help our school.

### **Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - 11:30am Dismissal**

On Wednesday, March 20, there is an 11:30am dismissal. There will be morning buses and 11:30am buses. The teachers have an inservice. There is no afternoon Preschool classes. Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care will be available.

### **Karl's Crusaders Spa Night**

Enclosed in this week's Tuesday Envelope, is the flyer for Karl's Crusaders Spa Night. It will be held at August Hill Winery on Thursday, March 28 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The cost is \$50.00 for ages 21 and over. You can purchase tickets at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

### **REPEAT - Daily Dollars for 2019**

If you need more Daily Dollars for 2019, please let us know in the school office. The profit goes towards the school. We appreciate your support and help. Remember that if your name is drawn, it goes back into the drawing. There is a winner every day of the year.

### **Shoparoo**

Help us with a new 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.

### **Things to collect for Holy Cross School:**

Pop tops  
Box Tops  
Coke Rewards  
Empty computer ink cartridges

Here is the prayer for souls: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### **Coming Up:**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - Quarter 3 ends - Report cards go out March 20th  
Thursday, March 14 - Stations of the Cross - 2:10pm 5-8  
Friday, March 15, 2019 - Pre-Registration is Due  
Friday, March 15, 2019 - 2:15-3:30pm - Cookie Dough delivery from Magazine Sale  
Thursday, March 21 - Stations of the Cross - 2:00pm K-8 with the CD  
Thursday, March 28 - Stations of the Cross - 2:10pm K-4  
Thursday, April 4 - Stations of the Cross - 2:10pm 5-8  
Monday, April 8 - Grade 3 Field Trip  
Wednesday, April 10 - 1st Confession for Grade 2 - 1:30pm  
Thursday, April 11 - Stations of the Cross - 2:10pm K-8  
Friday, April 12 - State Bowling Tournament for qualifying students  
Tuesday, April 16 - Rosati's Athletic Fundraiser  
Friday, April 26 - Prairie Conference Track Meet for Grades 5-8  
Tuesday, April 30 - Grade 2 First Communion Banners are due  
Ongoing - Caldecott and Newbery book reading contest - ends May 3, 2019  
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - 8:00am Mass and May Crowning; First Communion pictures; Graduation pictures  
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - 6:30pm Harlem Wizards Basketball at MHS  
Thursday, May 2, 2019 - Grades K-3 Field Trip  
Friday, May 3, 2019 - 9:00am Kindergarten Graduation in the HCS gym  
Friday, May 3 2019 - IESA Track Sectionals in Kewanee  
Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 5:00pm Graduation Banquet for Grade 8 and their parents; Bowling at the Elks  
Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 2:00pm First Communion in Spanish  
Thursday, May 9, 2019 - Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip  
Friday, May 10, 2019 - IESA State Track Meet and May 11th  
Sunday, May 12, 2019 - Happy Mother's Day!!  
Monday, May 13, 2019 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 Field Trip  
Sunday, May 19, 2019 - 2:00pm First Communion in English  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 - Tentative HCS picnic  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - Tentative last day of school with an 11:30am dismissal  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - 6:00pm 8th Grade Mass and Graduation in Holy Cross Church - open to the public