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Dear Parents,

Thank you to those families who worked so hard at the 6th and 8th Grade Basketball Tournaments the past two weekends. We truly appreciate your help.

Thanks to those of you who participated in the Doug Barr fundraiser at the Boys' Basketball game yesterday. Thank you for your kindness.

Thank you to the students from Holy Family School, Oglesby, who brought items for the St. Jude Hospital collection. We appreciate your kindness.

I have added several dates and reminders to the "coming up" section below. Please let me know if something doesn't quite look right. It seems strange that we are planning for the second half of the year.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Band Concert

The intermediate and advanced bands will perform at Northbrook School on Thursday, November 21, 2019. They will begin at 7:00pm. You are welcome to attend.

Thank you, District 289, for allowing our students to be part of Mr. Younger's Bands. Thank you, Mr. Younger, for your excellent work. Thank you, Holy Cross School families, grandparents and friends, for getting our Holy Cross School students to Northbrook every day, for their rehearsals.

REPEAT -We the Least Family Fun Fundraiser

In preparation for the Family Fun night, we ask our students and staff to wear their *We the Least* shirt, if you purchased one. You can wear it to school on Friday, November 22nd with your school pants or school skirt.

We hope to see you on Friday, November 22, 2019. We will have a Family Fun Fundraiser with the band *We the Least*. It will be from 6:00-8:00pm in the Holy Cross School gym. It will cost \$5.00 for ages 3 and up. There will also be a raffle to win a cake. There will also be a cakewalk and some other fun activities.

Our theme this year is "good enough." *We the Least* wrote this song and will be performing it that night. We are so grateful for Miss DeLong and her band. We can't wait for our family fun fundraiser. Thank you for allowing us to use one of your song's for our theme. We are good enough to keep striving to be a Saint. Thank you, "We the Least!"

8th Grade Remembrance Reminder

We remember Karl Soliman as we approach December 1st. The 8th Grade class and Holy Cross School faculty and staff would like to invite you to wear a Karl's Crusader or Fly High #30 or other Karl Soliman remembrance shirt on Monday, December 2nd. We ask that you wear

school pants or school skirt, as usual. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Daily Dollars Profit Goes to Our School

Thanks to those of you who have sold and are selling our Daily Dollars for 2020. The profit goes to our school. We are grateful for your efforts. Please return the tickets you are not able to sell.

REPEAT - 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, December 3, 2019. 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.

The preschool classes won the highest sales for November. They were treated last week during their snack time in their preschool classes. Thanks for supporting Holy Cross School!

REPEAT - St. Jude Research Hospital Collection

Please remember our school collection for patients and families at St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. We continue collecting items through December 4, 2019. The Mike and Kaela Bokus family will be making the delivery to Memphis at the beginning of December. Thank you to those of you who have contributed.

Again, many thanks to the Holy Family students who contributed items to our collection. They made the delivery to Holy Cross School during the 8th Grade Tournament this past weekend.

REPEAT - December 6 – Spirit Wear Day

December 6 is the first Friday of the month. Students and staff may wear a spirit wear shirt with school pants or a school skirt.

REPEAT - Paint Party with Lucy in the HCS Gym

Join us for a Paint Party in the HCS Gym on Friday, December 6, 2019. You can sign up through the Holy Cross Catholic Church School-Mendota Facebook page. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Shannon Beetz. Here is the link to sign up.

<https://lrschmidt99.wixsite.com/lucypaintings/classes-workshops>

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, December 9.** If the goal is met, the grade jean day will be Friday, December 13th. Thank you for helping our kids in our Diocese and community.

REPEAT - Christmas Program

Our Christmas program will be Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30pm. Students in Preschool through Grade 6 will be singing. Preschool through Grade 6 students are to wear their dress clothes. Our 7th and 8th Graders will be our hosts. Gr. 7 & 8 are to wear black pants and a white shirt or sweater.

Students may go to their classrooms at 6:00pm. The Preschool students are to follow the directives from Miss DeLong. We hope you can join us!

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

January 10 and 17, 2020

We have a new development for our school schedule 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.

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.

Save the Date - Murder Mystery Dinner/Auction School Fundraiser

Saturday, February 8, 2020. We will be having a school fundraiser at the Mendota Civic Center. We are having a Murder Mystery Dinner and Auction. Doors open at 5:00pm. Dinner will begin at 6:00pm.

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.

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, November 22 – Wear your We the Least shirt, if you purchased one – with school pants or school skirt

Friday, November 22, 2019 – “*We the Least*” Family Fun Fundraiser in the HCS Gym 6-8pm

November 27-December 1 – Thanksgiving break

Monday, December 2 – Wear your Karl Soliman shirt with school pants or school skirt

Tuesday, December 3 – Rosati’s Athletic Fundraiser – 11:00am to 10:00pm – mention Holy Cross School

Friday, December 6 – HCS Spirit Wear day – with school pants or school skirt

Friday, December 6 – Paint Party with Lucy in the HCS Gym

Tuesday, December 10 – Christmas Program for Preschool through Grade 8 6:30pm

Thursday, December 19 –HCS K-8 dismissal is at 2:55pm - No 2:55 buses. 4-year-old preschool dismisses at 2:50pm.

Friday, December 20 – HCS dismisses at 11:30am – No 11:30am buses

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

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

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. Dinner begins at 6:00pm

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

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