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Dear Parents,

Thank you to *We the Least*, for providing your talents for our school family fun night! We truly appreciate you!! 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!"

Thank you to all of you who contributed cakes, decorations, time and most of all your presence. We love Holy Cross School. Thank you for your support!

Thank you, Mrs. Quintana, for donating and decorating the game table in the school playground area. We appreciate your kindness.

Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much for which to be grateful.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Advent

This Sunday, December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent. May we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.

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 Krusader 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.

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis Calls for Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's Beatification

Pope Francis has called for Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's beatification on December 21, 2019. Bishop Daniel Jenky, of the Diocese of Peoria, said it will take place at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria, IL. Archbishop Fulton Sheen is a native of El Paso, IL. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1919 in the cathedral in Peoria. His remains are interred at the Cathedral in Peoria since the fall. The miracle that was attributed to his beatification was a baby boy from Washington, IL. Beatification is the first step to become a saint. Once Archbishop Fulton Sheen is beatified, he will need one more miracle attributed to him and then he will be considered for Sainthood. Please continue your prayers through Archbishop Fulton Sheen's intercession.

8th Grade Fundraiser

The Eighth Grade class will be holding a Candy Cane Sale December 4-6th. Candy canes will cost 50 cents a piece and will be sold before and after lunch. This sale is on a first come first serve basis. Merry Christmas!

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.

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://Irschmidt99.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!

REPEAT - 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

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.

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:

November 27-December 1 – Thanksgiving break

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

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