



Holy Cross School

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November 5, 2019

Dear Parents,

Holy Cross School had a donation of some homemade fleece hats and matching mittens. We also have a few youth winter coats if anyone you know needs them. If your child, or someone you know, needs them, please contact us in the school office.

Congratulations to Bella Hagenbuch on receiving the Student Excellence Award from the LaSalle County Board. She will receive the award on Thursday, November 7 at their 1:00pm business meeting. Keep up the hard work, Bella.

For those that participated in Trunk or Treating, thank you for your help! It worked out great in the gym. Thank you for everyone's flexibility. Hopefully, we will have nicer weather next year.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Monday, November 11 – Veteran's Day Program at Veterans' Park

The Kindergarten through Grade 8 students will attend the Veteran's Day program at Veterans' Park on Monday, November 11. Students and staff will walk to the park around 10:35am. The program begins at 11:00am. We want to celebrate our veterans and show our appreciation. The permission form is attached. Please print off the two-sided permission form for each of your children. Return it to Holy Cross School by Wednesday, November 6, 2019. If you need a paper form, please call for school office so we can send it home for you.

If you have completed the safe environment requirements, you are welcome to join us for the walk. You can communicate with your child's homeroom teacher for details.

We will eat when we return to the school around 11:45am. The Band students will not be going to Band that day so they can attend the ceremony.

PLEASE see that your child is dressed appropriately with coat, hat, gloves, etc.

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 - St. Jude Collection

Please remember our school collection for patients and families at St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. We have begun collecting items and we will do so through

December 4, 2019. The Mike and Kaela Bokus family will be making the delivery to Memphis at the beginning of December.

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). See the attached coupon. Make copies and share it with your family and friends. List your child's teacher at the bottom before you give it to a Rosati's employee. The class with the highest sales will earn a class pizza party.

Our first day is Tuesday, November 5, 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.

REPEAT - Saint Bede Academy Open House

Saint Bede Academy will host their annual Open House on Wednesday, November 6. It begins at 6:30pm. This is for all families, not just those who have an 8th Grader.

Grade 5 and 8 need a little help with the 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, November 11. Grades 5 and 8 need a few more items to reach the goal of 5 items. If the goal is met, the grade jean day will be Friday, November 15th. Thank you for helping our kids in our Diocese and community.

REPEAT - Monday, November 18 – Boys' Basketball Game Fundraiser for Doug Barr

Monday, November 18, Grades 5/6/8 Boys will play a home basketball game with Saint Michael the Archangel, Streator, at the Holy Cross School gym. It will begin at 5:00pm. The evening will include fundraising to help out Mrs. Barr's husband, Doug. He is currently undergoing cancer treatments. The fundraising money will go to Doug and Dee Barr. We hope you can join us and help out the Barr family. Thank you for your help!

REPEAT - We the Least Family Fun Fundraiser

Save the date of 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!"

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.

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:

Tuesday, November 5 – Rosati’s Athletic Fundraiser – 11:00am to 10:00pm – mention Holy Cross School

Monday, November 11 – K-8 attend the Veterans’ Program at 11:00am

Monday, November 18 – 5:00pm home Gr. 5/6/8 Boys’ Basketball Game with fundraising for Doug Barr, Mrs. Barr’s husband

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

November 27-December 1 – Thanksgiving break

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 – TENTATIVE date for the 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

December 21-January 5 - Christmas Break – HCS resumes on Monday, January 6, 2020

Friday, January 10 – K-8 dismissal at 11:30 for Teacher Inservice. There are 11:30 buses. Preschool is in session until 2:50pm

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, 2020 – Parent Night Out for students in Grades K-8

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – 4th Annual 5K Shamrock Run/Walk

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 6:00pm Graduation and Mass