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Dear Parents,

Thanks to those of you who helped in any way for the Pulled Pork Dinner. We appreciate it! Your desserts were much appreciated, as well.

We congratulate the alumni who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in Peoria, at the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 8 at 3:30pm.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Grades 2 & 3 Act of Community Service

Monday, September 30, 2019, Grades 2 & 3 performed acts of community service for Holy Cross Church. The students washed the pews and scraped gum from the bottom of the pews. This was part of the health and wellness curriculum with Miss Friedlein. The students were very proud to be able to help. Thank you, students!

Picture Retake Day & for 3-Year-Old Preschool

Picture retake day is Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 9:00-11:00 and 12:30-1:15pm. This is for 3-Year-Old Preschool students who did not get their pictures taken in August, students who were absent and those who need a retake. If a retake is needed, students must return their picture package on the day of retake day. Only those K-8 students who are getting their pictures taken may be out of uniform.

No School October 11 and 14

There is no school on Friday, October 11. The teachers have an in-service. There is no school on Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day. Enjoy your four day weekend.

REPEAT - Good Enough Shirt Orders

Last week we attached an order form for our Good Enough school year theme shirts. This week, we are attaching it again. Mrs. Marion Quintana will be making these shirts. If you are interested, you can complete the form, and return it school. Your child will be able to wear these shirts on HCS spirit wear days. **Orders and payment are due October 10, 2019.** We know the order form says October 11 but we are not in session that day.

REPEAT - MHS Homecoming – Dismissal at 2:55pm not 1:50

There has been a change to our Holy Cross School calendar for **Friday, October 4, 2019.** We were originally dismissing at 1:50pm but we **WILL BE DISMISSING at 2:55pm.** Buses will run at 2:55pm. The parade will be at 4:00pm. The football game at Mendota High School will be at 7:00pm. (District 280 and 289 will be dismissing at their usual dismissal times.

On Friday, October 4th, in honor of Mendota High School's Homecoming, students may wear purple and gold clothing for MHS, green and white for St. Bede Academy or black and white for Holy Cross Warriors spirit day. Clothing choices must be in good taste. Blue jeans may be worn. No rips or tears. Shorts and skirts must be knee length. Shirts must have sleeves and stomachs must be covered. Appropriate words and pictures must be worn. No "Crocks". No sandals. No hair dye or glitter. No makeup. If you have any questions, please bring them in to the office by October 3rd.

There will be a 2:55 dismissal with buses running. The parade will begin at 4:00pm.

The kids are more than welcome to wear something different to the parade than they wore to school. They will have plenty of time to change if needed.

REPEAT - Handbook Amendment - Shorts May Be Worn Through the End of October

Although the handbook says that shorts may be worn through the end of September, the handbook has been amended that shorts may be worn through the end of October.

Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades K-8

Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades Kindergarten through Grade 8 are Tuesday, October 22 from 1-4pm and Thursday, October 24 from 3-7pm. There will be 11:30am dismissals for K-8 on both of those days with NO buses running at 11:30am.

Preschool will be in session for full days on both October 22 and 24. There is no school for Preschool on Friday, October 25.

2:00 Dismissal for Prek-8 on Thursday, October 31 with No 2:00pm Buses

There will be a 2:00 dismissal on Thursday, October 31 for Prek-8. Buses will not be running at 2:00pm. District 280 and 289 dismiss at 11:30am. At 2:00, there will be Trunk or Treating at dismissal time. If you would like to participate, park towards the west side of the parking lot. If you are picking up your child at 2:00 and do not want to participate, park towards the east end of the parking lot for dismissal.

Parents who would like to participate can bring treats for "Trunk or Treating" in the parking lot. This statement was taken from the internet, "FARE's Teal Pumpkin Project[®] raises awareness of food allergies and promotes inclusion of all trick-or-treaters throughout the Halloween season." ***We do have students that have peanut and gluten allergies.***

Students and Staff may come dressed in costume for the school day. Let us know if you have any questions.

Downtown trick or treating will be from 3-5pm. City wide trick or treating will be from 5-7pm.

Halloween Costumes may be worn on October 31

We celebrate Halloween because it is the eve of All Saints' Day. We celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1st. We welcome fun with the wearing of Halloween costumes on October 31st. Please keep the scary, gory and inappropriate costumes for your own use and not worn at school. No weapons. Masks may be worn as students arrive at school and then after dismissal. Masks will not be worn during school. Have fun making your plans! If you don't want to wear a costume, you can wear jeans (no rips or tears), khaki's, knee length shorts or knee length skirt or dress and an appropriate shirt of your choice.

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. The HCS staff has a themed shirt. Students and others can purchase a shirt at the Pulled Pork Dinner and Open House. 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!”

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 Tuesday, October 15. If the goal is met, the grade jean day will be Friday, October 18th. Thank you for helping our kids in our Diocese and community.

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. *Please help us.*

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:

October 11 and 14 – No School

October 15 – K-8 Vision and Hearing screenings from LaSalle County Health Services

Tuesday, October 22 – 11:30am dismissal for K-8 – Preschool in session for the afternoon

K-8 Conferences 1:00-4:00pm

Thursday, October 24 – 11:30am dismissal for K-8 – Preschool in session for the afternoon

K-8 Conferences 3:00-7:00pm

Thursday, October 31 – 2:00pm dismissal for Prek-8 – No 2:00 buses – Trunk or Treating in the parking lot for those who want to participate.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, November 22, 2019 –

“We the Least” Family Fun Fundraiser in the HCS Gym 6-8pm

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020 – Parent Night Out for students in Grades K-8

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