



Holy Cross School

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Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of you who came to Parent/Teacher Conferences and who continue to communicate with your child/ren's teachers. Holy Cross School is a great place to learn and grow in our faith. We appreciate you!

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilsek

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 3, 2019 is daylight savings time. Turn your clocks back one hour early Sunday morning.

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.

Pop Tops

Please continue to collect pop-tops for St. Jude Research Hospital. The Huffaker family will be taking the tabs to Memphis in April, 2020. Thank you for the tabs that families have sent in already.

St. Jude collection and attachment

Please see the attachment for the collection we are doing to help the 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 - 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.

REPEAT - 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. No leggings as pants.

REPEAT - November 1 – Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, November 1 is All Saints' Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Join us for our school Mass at 8:00am. Saturday, November 2 is All Souls' Day. We pray for the faithfully departed that they get to heaven.

I always like to be reminded about why the saints were saints. The author is anonymous.
Why were the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.

November 1 – Spirit Wear Day

November 1 is the first Friday of the month. Students and staff may wear a spirit wear shirt with school pants or a school skirt.

Saint Bede Academy Open House

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

Veterans' Day

We remember our many Veterans who fought for our country in any way. We appreciate your service to the United States of America and us so we might enjoy our freedom. Thank you!

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!"

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.

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.** 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 - 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:

Shorts may be worn through the end of October.

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.

Friday, November 1 – Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints' Day – School Mass is at 8:00am

Friday, November 1 – HCS spirit wear shirt day with school pants and school skirts

Sunday, November 3 – Daylight Savings Time – turn clocks back one hour

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

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 – 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

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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