



## Holy Cross School

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Dear Parents,

We congratulate the alumni who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Peoria, at the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 6 at 3:30pm. Sorry, I inadvertently typed an 8. Sorry for the error.

Peace,  
Mrs. Kobilsek

### **Thank you, Fr. Fulgens**

We thank Fr. Fulgens for his time here at Holy Cross School and Holy Cross Church. The Bishop is moving him to Lincoln, IL. He will start there on October 15, 2019. He will be helping with four parishes and Carroll Catholic Elementary School. We wish him well and thank him for his service to our community. God bless you, Fr. Fulgens.

### **Grades 7 Act of Community Service**

Monday, September 30, 2019, Grade 7 performed acts of community service for Holy Cross School. The students drew with chalk on the front side walk to welcome LaSalle Lincoln School for the Girls' Basketball game. 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!

### **REPEAT - 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.

### **REPEAT - 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 - 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.

### **REPEAT - Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades K-8**

The OptionC portal for Parent Teacher Conferences is open for you to sign up for a conference time. Parents, you must sign in as the parent and not the student. If you need help with your password, please let us know in the school office at 815.539.7003 or email [akobilek@holycrossmendota.com](mailto:akobilek@holycrossmendota.com). We can also sign you up for a time if you call the office.

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.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>. We welcome fun with the wearing of Halloween costumes on October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Shamrock Run/Walk