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Dear Parents,

Family Math Night is tonight! It will be from 6:00-7:00pm. Each teacher will be at a different lunch table. Your K-8 child should sit at their grade's table. I will start with an introduction and a PowerPoint presentation for about 15 minutes. Parents can then move about from grade level to grade level for each of your children with about 10 minutes at each of your child's teachers. Your child and your child's teacher will be using some of the models that we are learning this year.

Peace,
Mrs. Kobilek

REPEAT - Raise Some DOUGH - Rosati's fundraiser for Holy Cross School

Last Thursday we began the fundraiser for Holy Cross School with Rosati's. We are asking you to sell \$20.00 gift certificates. For each gift certificate sold, Holy Cross School will receive \$5.00 back from Rosati's. The Gift Certificates can be used at Mendota, Yorkville and Sandwich locations. It will begin September 5th and will end September 17th. We sent information home with the students this past Thursday.

Prizes will be awarded to the Top 2 Students that sell the most Gift Certificates: 1st \$50.00 cash, 2nd \$25.00 cash. The top selling class will receive a pizza party. **Those students who sell at least 2 certificates** will earn a jean day on Monday, September 23, 2019. We have attached the flyer to the email.

You can pick up your gift certificates the night of the Pulled Pork Dinner.

REPEAT - Sports Parent Meeting

Parents of Holy Cross students in our Holy Cross sports, will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30pm in the school basement for the Sports Parent Meeting. It should not last longer than 25 minutes. Please mark your calendar. The Family Math Night will follow immediately in the school gym.

K-8 11:30 Dismissal /Afternoon Preschool In Session

On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, there is an 11:30am dismissal for Kindergarten to Grade 8. There will be 11:30am buses. The afternoon Preschool class will be in session as usual. The K-8 teachers have an in-service.

Library Reading Contest

We are happy to announce that the Kindergarten through Grade 8 students can participate in a Library Reading Contest for the first semester, from September to December, 2019.

The objective is to read different kinds of books each month. Students read the book, fill out the form found in the school library and turn the form in. There will be drawings in January of 2020 for the winners. Here are the goals for each month.

September:

K-8 read a fiction book

October:

K-8 read a nonfiction book

November:

Kindergarten – read a Margaret Hillert book

Grades 1-3 – read a book from a basket in the library

Grades 4-8 – read a book about a Saint

December:

Kindergarten-Grade 3 – Read a Christmas book

Grades 4-8 – Read a Beverly Cleary book or an Andrew Clements book

Coke Rewards

This is just an FYI. We collect Coke Rewards. Mrs. Thomas enters them in the Coke Rewards system. We just received a check for \$34.40 this past week. Thanks for sending in your Coke Rewards.

REPEAT - Pulled Pork Dinner and Open House

We will be having our Pulled Pork dinner and Open House on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The Dinner will be from 4:30-7:00pm. The Open House in the classrooms will be from 6:00-7:15pm. We hope you will be able to help at the dinner, eat with us and join us in the classrooms.

We also appreciate your help by bringing in desserts for the dinner that day/afternoon.

REPEAT - 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 first collection is due Monday, September 16. If the goal is met, the grade jean day will be Friday, September 20th. Thank you for helping our kids in our Diocese and community.

Free Elk Clinic

Attached is information regarding the free Children's Orthopedic Clinic. It is sponsored by the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, Mendota Elks Lodge 1212 and Oglesby Elks Lodge 2360. Please read the attached flyers.

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:

September 5 – the Raise Some DOUGH - Rosati's fundraiser begins

September 10 – 5:30-5:55pm Athletic Parent Meeting

September 10 – 6:00-7:00pm Family Math Night

September 14 – Exultation of the Holy Cross – our School Feast Day

Monday, September 16 – Mid-quarter #1

Monday, September 16 – Food collection – 5 items per homeroom – if goal is met per class, there will be a jean day for that class on Friday, September 20

Tuesday, September 17 – Raise Some Dough Rosati's fundraiser ends

Wednesday, September 18 – 11:30 Dismissal for K-8 with 11:30 buses – Preschool is in session in the afternoon

Monday, September 23 – Jean day for students who sold **at least 2** Rosati's Gift Certificates

Friday, September 27 – No school for Prek-8 – Teacher in-service

October 11 and 14 – No School

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.

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