



## Holy Cross School

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Dear Parents,

Attached is the Parent Resource page that we gave out at the Family Math Night. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Family Math Night. It was great to see so many parents testing their math skills and learning more about our curriculum, Eureka Math.

For those of you who could not make it, the Parent Resource page is attached. There are resources in English and Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or me via email at [akobilsek@holycrossmendota.com](mailto:akobilsek@holycrossmendota.com).

You can also subscribe to the Eureka Math parent newsletter. It is a great way to get regular tips, parent resources, and more. You can subscribe at [www.greatminds.org/newsletters](http://www.greatminds.org/newsletters). I look forward to an inspiring and exciting school year!

Peace,  
Mrs. Kobilsek

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

September 5<sup>th</sup> 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 began September 5<sup>th</sup> and will end September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes will be awarded to the Top 2 Students that sell the most Gift Certificates: 1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$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.

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

### **REPEAT - 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.

### **No School Friday, September 27, 2019**

There is no school for Holy Cross School students on Friday, September 27, 2019. Our teachers will be in Ottawa working on our Diocesan Math Curriculum. There is no Preschool. Ready, Set, Grow Extended Care will be available from 7:00am to 5:30pm. 1-815-538-7604.

### **Lost and Found**

There are several school uniform items in the lost and found. If they are not claimed by this Friday, September 20, they will go to the used uniforms in the basement.

### **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.

On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 - 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

### **Pulled Pork Dinner – Dine in, Carry out, Drive through and Open House**

Please join us for 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. The teachers will be in their classrooms during that hour and fifteen minutes. We hope you will be able to help at the dinner, eat with us and join us in the classrooms. Dine in, Carry out, or Drive through.

We also appreciate your help by bringing in desserts for the dinner that day/afternoon. All contributions are greatly needed. The profit from the dinner helps off-set the cost of your child's tuition.

### **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.

### **Vision and Hearing Screenings**

Kindergarten through Grade 8 students will get their vision and hearing screened by LaSalle County Health Services on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

### **Collect Your Pop-Tabs**

Send your pop-tabs to the Holy Cross School office. The Huffaker family is taking charge of the pop tab collection. 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.

### ***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.

### **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:**

Wednesday, September 18 – 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

Friday, September 20 – Jean day if classes met their grade goal of 5 items for the Food Pantry.  
No rips, tears, or leggings.

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.

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