



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We are a family of HOPE!

November 20 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We continue to hold each and every one of you close in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that you and the students are doing as well as you can during these trying times. Be assured of God's love and presence in your life and our support and care as well.

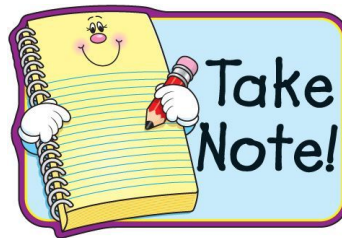
We have been involved in weekly meetings/conference calls with the state, county, district, and the diocese to gather information about not only the number of COVID cases, but also the impact they are having on our school and community. Although we wish we could tell you case numbers are improving, unfortunately, they continue to climb. One thing that stays steady is our commitment to return to in-person learning as quickly and safely as possible.

Many of the difficult questions and answers must also focus on information we gather from our local, county and state health experts. Decisions are based on short-term and long-term goals to ensure a return to in-person learning is sustainable. We also see the importance of working in partnership with our community, district and medical field to provide for the common good of all.

Although data, guidelines and mandates, our used in the decision-making process, we are driven first and foremost by our faith and trust in the Lord. He is the light needed to see things clearly. Our prayer for all of you is that God's light and clarity will also help you face obstacles and decisions that come your way. May you turn to Him for guidance, find joy in His graces, and see the blessings and hope that He provides. We ask that you please pray for all our families, staff, and community members dealing with COVID or quarantine at this time, and please offer special prayers for all our healthcare workers.

God bless you,

Mrs. Peterson & Staff



COVID Notifications - If you or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, please continue to contact the school. If we can maintain an accurate picture of the number of quarantined individuals from HFS, we can better determine a safe return to school date.

Lunch Pickups - Pickup for anyone who signed up for free lunches will continue to be from 10:30 - 12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays. If an unforeseen circumstance arises, please notify us before 12:30 on the pickup day so that an alternative pick up can be made. We can only provide lunch on the days the school would normally be open so please remember their will not be meals for next Thursday and Friday.

Distance Learning Information- If you or your child is struggling or you have concerns regarding distance learning, please reach out to the teacher as soon as possible so we can discuss your child's needs and determine what we can do to assist them during distance learning. We value and appreciate your honest feedback and we are working together to meet individual and family needs.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Every year, during the month of November, we kick off our annual Calendar Raffle. Proceeds from this raffle are used to aid in covering ongoing school expenses as well as maintaining affordable tuition. The raffle drawing will take place at 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 18th, at which time, tickets will no longer be accepted. Raffle winners are drawn at random for each day of the 2021 calendar year. After each drawing, that ticket is placed back into the barrel giving you 365 chances to win. Cash prizes range from \$20 to \$200. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be mailed or dropped off at the school office. Each family is asked and encouraged to sell at least 5 tickets. Additional tickets may be picked up at school or from the area church offices. We ask that you please return any unsold tickets as the school needs to account for each and every ticket.

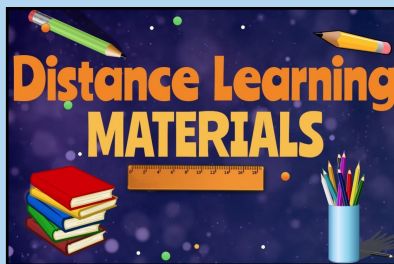
CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

- 11/20/20-\$20>Kathrine Walter, St. Paul
- 11/21/20-\$20>Cody Marthaler, Sauk Centre
- 11/22/20-\$20>Herb & Clara Mies, Sauk Centre
- 11/23/20-\$20>Don & Mary Wenning, Melrose
- 11/24/20-\$20>Mike Primus, Melrose
- 11/25/20-\$20>Joe & Kate Uphus, Sauk Centre
- 11/26/20-\$20>Rich & Mary Lauer, Sauk Centre
- 11/27/20-\$20>Dan & Norma Hemmesch, Melrose
- 11/28/20-\$20>Tammie Weidendorf Narrish, Roseville
- 11/29/20-\$20>Dave & Irma Bromenshenkel, Sauk Centre
- 11/30/20-\$75>Ted & Deb Spanier, Sauk Centre
- 12/01/20-\$20>Brent & Sonja Miller, Sauk Centre
- 12/02/20-\$20>Kevin & Laurie Middendorf, Sauk Centre
- 12/03/20-\$20>Pat & Brenda Jennissen, Sauk Centre



Important Dates

24
(Tuesday)



Materials Drop Off and Pick up

Please plan to **drop off** (if applicable) library books and completed learning materials from the previous packets.

Please plan to **pick up** new materials in the cafeteria from 10:30 - 12:30 OR 5:00 - 6:30.

If you have signed up for the free lunches during distance learning, you can also pick up your lunches from 10:30-12:30

26-27
(Thursday & Friday)



Thanksgiving Break

No School and no lunch pickup on Friday



29
(Sunday)

First Sunday of Advent



Loving God,

We open our hearts to You and praise You for all the gifts You have given to us. For each one, we are grateful, we are thankful, we are blessed!

May this Thanksgiving be a day to give thanks for family and friends, and a day to respond with love and generosity to others, May all the gifts we have been given be used to serve You and help others. We praise You. We rejoice in You. We give You thanks.

Amen.