

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - Nov. 30, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It doesn't seem possible, but the first week of Advent is this Sunday. We will be doing many activities, prayers and projects throughout the season as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. All of our students are learning songs and lines for the Christmas Pageant and students in grades three through six will have their Penance Service this coming Wednesday morning. Fr. Greg and Fr. Jim, along with one or two additional priests will be hearing confessions that morning.

We continue to work on our self-study and standards as we prepare for the MNSAA Accreditation Site Visit which will take place at HFS this coming year. The information and feedback from your surveys, along with committee and staff work, will help us as we look ahead to the long-term needs and goals for the school. Please know how much we appreciate and value your input and help.

The cold weather has seemed to set in for good. We would like to remind the students to dress warmly for outside time and travel to and from school. Coats, boots, snow pants, hats and mittens, and even a change of clothes if they get wet certainly will help on these cold days.

There continues to be a number of illnesses right now ranging from coughs and strep throat to the stomach flu. Thank you for calling us when your child is absent and keeping us informed on the symptoms your child is experiencing. Thank you for also keeping your children home when they are ill and waiting at least 24 hours after symptoms stop before returning to school.

Calendar raffles continue to come in each day. They must all be returned before Wednesday, Dec. 19. Thanks for your help and efforts selling these tickets.

Have a good weekend and try to stay warm! You are all in our prayers!

May God bless you,  
Mrs. Peterson & everyone at HFS



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## CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Sat., Dec. 1, 2018** - Three-Parish Retreat Day at OLA from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Sun., Dec. 2** - The season of Advent begins

**Tues. & Thurs., Dec. 3 & 5** - Student mass at 8:15

**Wed., Dec. 4** - Advent Reconciliation Service for students in grades three through six in the morning

**Sat., Dec. 8** - Immaculate Conception of Mary

**Tues. & Thurs., Dec. 11 & 13** - Student mass at 8:15

**Fri., Dec. 14** - Mid-Quarter-two reports sent home

**Sun., Dec. 16** - Advent Penance Service held at OLA (4pm)

**Mon., Dec. 17** - Two-hour late start in district & HFS. Buses will be running two hours late and school will begin at 10:15.

**Tues., Dec. 18** - **HFS Annual Christmas Pageant. in the HFS Gym** - Pageant times open to the public include the 9:15 a.m. dress rehearsal as well as the 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. performance. the school gym. Students are asked to dress up and wear black, white, and/or red, or their dressy Christmas outfits.

**Wed., Dec. 19** - Board Mtg. at 11:30 followed by calendar raffle drawing for all 365 winners for the coming year.

### REMINDER:

(\***Wed., Jan. 30, 2019** - Parent Day at HFS starting at 11:15)

## Office and Other Reminders

St. Paul's & OLA Catholic United Financial (CUF) Parish Volunteer Team invite all youth and their parents from these two parishes to a free Pizza and Christmas Movie Party on Sunday, Dec. 9 at noon in the church basement of St. Paul's Church. You do not need to be a member of CUF. Please RSVP by Dec. 6 to Betty Wessel at 320-352-2788 or Pam Wolbeck at 320-352-2755.

Thank you to all the students and families who turned in money for the "Life is Precious" Baby Bottle Drive. The Foresters thank you for your help and hope to notify us soon about how much money this drive raised at HFS.

Please note we have some confirmed cases of Influenza A, strep throat, stomach aches and head aches in school. Please remember to keep your child at home at least 24 hours after a fever subsides, or until they are feeling better for their health as well as the health of everyone at school.

The December calendar and menu is included on the back side of our newsletter. To see lunch updates, the newsletter, reminders, grades and general school information, log in to School Speak or visit our website at [www.holyfamilyisc.org](http://www.holyfamilyisc.org).

## Calendar Raffle Winners - November 25 - December 1

11/25/18 - \$20 > Rodney & Jane Thompson, Karlstad  
11/26/18 - \$20 > Ashley Massman, Sartell  
11/27/18 - \$20 > LeRoy Wolbeck, Sauk Centre  
11/28/18 - \$20 > Thomas & Linda Sammon, Faribault  
11/29/18 - \$20 > Jordan VanHavermaet, Sauk Centre  
11/30/18 - \$75 > Cyril & Jane Meyer, Sauk Centre  
12/01/18 - \$20 > Sam & Tracy Barhorst, Sauk Centre