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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This week we look forward to our annual Open House coming up on Sunday, along with our new attraction, the Pancake and Porky breakfast! We also look ahead to Catholic Schools Week (CSW) next week! Please keep in mind that we need everyone's help and support to make the many events over the next week a success.

- Please remember to donate **bingo prizes** and **snacks** for Grandparent's Day (*we have very few items thus far!*)! We also need parent volunteers on this day! Please return the yellow form that was sent home last week, if you can help us!
- Those families that volunteered students for Liturgical roles in the Sunday, 1/29/12 10:00AM Mass will be hearing from me individually regarding Mass part assignments.
- Please plan to attend our all-new Pancake and Porky Breakfast on Sunday and ***please return the blue ticket order form that is included in today's Parent Folders to order advance tickets!***
- Please be sure to return your child's permission slips and fees for the CSW Field Trips!
- FAST is once again providing a CSW gift to each HCCS student. This year, since our Catholic Virtue and Value Program is focused on the Rosary, FAST has purchased beautiful Rosary Bead Kits for each student! As a part of our CSW activities, students will be making their own Rosary from these bead kits in their classrooms. These Rosaries will be kept here at school in a bag with the student's name on it for the student to use. At the end of the school year, the Rosary is theirs to keep and will be sent home. Thank you to our wonderful FAST organization for providing these gifts for our students!

LITURGY:

Our school Liturgy this week is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2012, led by Grade 5 and Mrs. Hansen. Please join us for Mass, if you are able to do so.

8TH GRADE SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Thanks to ALL who attended and supported the 8th Grade's fundraiser to support their class trip this past Saturday night! Thanks to all of the 8th Grade students and their families for their hard work and generosity to make this event such a



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huge success for the students! Special thanks to Mrs. Michelle Jacques for coordinating and facilitating this dinner for our 8th Grade families once again this year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (CSW):

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday: January 29-February 3, 2012.

- We will kick-off CSW with our HCCS students filling the Liturgical Roles at our Holy Cross Parish Mass at 10:00AM on Sunday, 1-29-12. Our annual HCCS Open House will also take place here at school on Sunday from 9AM to Noon. This year our Open House will be highlighted by a Pancake and Porkie Breakfast and a special "Breakfast with the Teacher" at 11:00AM.
- We will have our School Spelling Bee Final on Monday, January 30th at 8:30AM in the Gym.
- Middle School students (Grades 6/7/8) will attend the GRACE CSW Mass on Tuesday, January 31st, at 9AM at Nativity Parish. Our Nutrition Services program is planning a special "Pizza Lunch" for us on Tuesday and we will have "Board Game Fun" in the Gym from 1-2:15PM ****Please note that we need parent volunteers to help with our game time; please contact Mr. Johnson at ajohnson@gracesystem.org if you can volunteer your time! Also if you have board games that are age appropriate for your child's age that we could borrow for game day, please clearly label them and get them to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you!**
- Wednesday, February 1st will be *Thunderbolt Spirit Dress Day*. A jean pass will be awarded to the "best dressed fan" in each grade.
- On Thursday, our students and teachers in Grades 4K through 5th will take a field trip to ChuckE Cheese and our students and teachers in Grades 6, 7 and 8 will take a field trip ice skating at the DePere Ice Center. Students may wear jeans for the field trips and we ask that students wear Holy Cross Logo wear, if they have it, or blue or white shirts. There will be no hot lunch served on Thursday, 2/2/12 as both field trips will include lunch.
- Our annual CSW School Mass (8:00AM at Church) and Grandparent/Community Day and Bingo Party (9:00-11:00AM in the Gym) will take place on Friday, February 3, 2012. Students may "dress up" today. If they chose not to wear "dressy clothing" they may wear normal dress code. Please also note that this is an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY AT NOON.

Please refer to the inserts that were sent home in last week's Parent Folders regarding Catholic Schools Week:

- Schedule of events (gold);
- Grandparent's Day/Bingo Party sign-up and donation form (yellow);
- Permission Slip for Grades 6/7/8 to attend the GRACE CSW Mass (white);
- Permission Slip for Grades 6/7/8 Field Trip to DePere Ice Arena (white);
- Permission Slip for Grades 4K-5 Field Trip to ChuckE Cheese is included in today's Parent Folders (pink) – please return promptly.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR:

Registration for the 2012-13 school year is targeted to open on Monday, January 30, 2012 through the FACTS website.

HCCS TALENT SHOW:

REMINDER: Mark your calendars for the 2012 HCCS Talent Show on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:30PM. You already received information from our Music Teacher, Mrs. Maertz on this event, via e-mail. Paper copies of the information, permission slip (lime green) and audition sheet (green ½ sheet) were sent home last week. Please contact Mrs. Maertz if you have any questions.

HOLY CROSS AUCTION!

REMINDER: Mark your calendars for the 2012 Holy Cross Auction on Saturday, March 10, 2012!! Schedule your babysitter and reserve the date! You don't want to miss this fabulous event! Remember, our Annual Auction is our largest fund raiser of the year and is the major event that raises the necessary 3rd Source funding dollars for our school! We need every school family to participate in the Auction by **donating items, attending and participating in the event!** Please see the "Babysitter Donation Form" in today's Parent Folders (green) for those families that have Middle School students. Thanks to **Gail Limoni, Marci VandenHouten** and our entire Auction Committee for all the work they are doing to prepare this awesome event for our parish, school, faith formation program and guests!

HOLY CROSS SUMMER CARE PROGRAM:

REMINDER: If you are interested in utilizing the HC Summer Care Program, please return the white form that was sent home in last week's parent folders.

BASKETBALL FOR GRADES 3 AND 4:

REMINDER: Attention Future Basketball Players!

It is that time of year to plan teams for our 3rd and 4th grade instructional basketball program. This program, *not a league*, is run as a highly educational program, with stop in play and coaches right on the floor with the athletes during play, to teach fundamentals and skills with more accuracy.

Week of Feb. 20th - practices/instruction; Week of Feb. 27 practices/instruction; Games (two games each week) scheduled for the weeks of: March 5th, March 12th and March 19th. This remarkable program is available to Holy Cross School students, Holy Cross Faith Formation students, and students of Prince of Peace School. The participation fee is \$10 and each athlete must turn in a completed registration form. Registration forms are available in the school office. Sign up today!! **Registrations are due on or before January 31, 2012.** Please return registration forms to the school office.

CAMP INVENTION:

REMINDER: Mark your calendars! HCCS will be a host site for Camp Invention this summer! This is a one week, day long science and creativity camp

combining science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in fun, hands on activities. Our Camp Invention will take place here at HCCS the week of June 18- 22, 2012 for students entering grades 1 through 6. More information coming soon!

SUPERBOWL MANIA:

REMINDER: We have over 500 SuperBowl Mania tickets given out and our goal is to activate 1000!!! Please consider buying or selling a few! Now that we can't cheer for the Packers, we can cheer for our numbers to come up and win BIG BUCKS! *Reminder---this is NOT mandatory---ONLY FOR FUN!*

YEARBOOK ORDERS:

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Yearbook order forms! New forms are being sent home today to all families who have not yet ordered a yearbook. Don't miss this opportunity to order this wonderful keepsake for your child!

\$CRIP:

Total \$crip sales January 16-22: \$20,345.00; Tuition credit: \$591.32; Parish profit: \$436.52. Please remember to use your blue envelopes to send in \$crip orders. Special orders for retailers not carried in inventory must be in the office by 9 a.m. on Mondays. Any orders received Monday-Wednesday will be filled and sent home in the blue envelopes in the parent folders on Wednesdays. If there are backorders, they will be filled and sent home on Fridays – please remember to return your blue folders if you have a back order. **\$crip is available for sale on Mondays in the Faith Formation office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. in the Rectory, on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Rectory, and at church after all the weekend masses.** Please help us by using these posted hours to purchase your \$crip, or utilize the ordering system through school. Remember, your \$crip purchases credit your tuition bill! Thank you for your support of the Holy Cross \$crip Program!

MILK CAPS AND BOX TOPS, ETC:

REMINDER: Please continue to save Kemp's, Kwik Trip and Morning Glory Milk Caps, as well as Box Tops for Education, empty printer ink and toner cartridges, and Campbell's Labels for our school! Every LITTLE bit helps our school a LOT! Thank you!

VIRTUS TRAINING:

REMINDER: Do you wish to help out at school this year? Chaperone a field trip or two? Help in your child's classroom? Work on extra-curricular projects and events with our students? If so, you must be VIRTUS trained and must complete an eApps Background Check application. All parents who wish to be trained should visit www.virtus.org to pre-register for the one time training. If you plan to complete the training and the background check, please send me an e-mail and I will send the necessary paperwork and instructions home to you. Thank you!

PARENT FOLDER ENCLOSURES:

The following documents are included in today's Parent Folders: **Youth Stewardship Envelopes; Yearbook Order Forms (for those who have not ordered); Fire Safety Tips from the American Red Cross; February School Calendars and Market Day Order Forms.** Please pay special attention to the items in your Parent Folders! Please address all of these items by reading them carefully and *returning the folders, all necessary documents and payments* to school. Remember, folders need to be returned each week, to be prepared for the following week! Please note the *required due dates on forms and paperwork.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, January 27, 2012 – 8AM All-School Mass led by Grade 5;
Saturday, January 28, 2012 – Freshman registration at NDA!
Sunday, January 29, 2012 – Catholic Schools Week (CSW) Begins! 10AM Holy Cross Parish Mass led by HCCS students; HCCS Open House and Pancake and Porkie Breakfast 9AM-Noon;
Monday, January 30, 2012 – CSW; 8:30AM Spelling Bee-Gym;
Tuesday, January 31, 2012 – CSW; Grades 6/7/8 to GRACE CSW Mass at Nativity Parish-9AM; Special Lunch; Game Day 1-2:15PM;
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – Thunderbolt Spirit Dress Day; Bookmobile;
Thursday, February 2, 2012 – CSW Field Trips: 4K-5 to ChuckE Cheese; 6/7/8 to DePere Ice Arena;
Friday, February 3, 2012 – CSW-8AM All-School Mass led by Gr. 4;
Grandparent/Community Day and Bingo-9-11AM; **EARLY DISMISSAL-NOON**;
Monday, February 6, 2012 – FAST sponsored Artist in Residence – Randy Peterson begins;
Wednesday, February 8, 2012 – Ski Trip Forms are due today!
Friday, March 9, 2012 – HC Parish Ski Trip to Pine Mountain in Iron Mountain, MI

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Please continue to save your can tabs for our September (and ongoing) Service Project. **Our January/February Service Project is "Outreach to Africa"**. Grades 2 and 3, Sr. Carolyn and Mrs. Wennesheimer will be leading this "global" service project. Please note that a guest speaker will present to our students, faculty and staff on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 1:15PM. You are most welcome to join us for this Catholic Virtue and Value Program Assembly. Also, please see the insert in today's Parent Folders regarding this project (white).

CATHOLIC VIRTUE AND VALUE PROGRAM (CVVP):

In January and February we will continue our CVVP focus on the Holy Rosary, specifically the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The Sorrowful Mysteries can be said on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery – The Carrying of the Cross

“As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For look, the days are surely coming when people will say, "Blessed are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne children, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" to the hills, "Cover us!" For if this is what is done to green wood, what will be done when the wood is dry?' Now they were also leading out two others, criminals, to be executed with him. (Luke 23:26)

Even if He had suffered just for you, Jesus would have accepted such pains; great is His love for you. Along the road to Calvary Jesus sees Mary, His Mother. Can we imagine the moment when Their eyes met? Oh how Her Heart must have ached. Let us pray to Mary for the grace to always accept our cross.”

Peace and prayers,

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“He remembers us when we were in trouble. His love endures forever.”
Psalm 136:23