

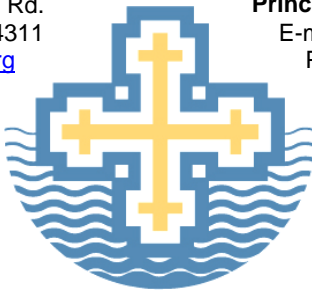
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January 4, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas with family and friends, and that you had an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate! Thank you for your support and encouragement of my time away from school to be with my daughter and her husband while they were home on leave from Japan. Our family time together was precious and I will treasure the memories until we can all be together again. Again, thank you so much for being so kind and understanding while I was away. I also want to thank the HCCS Faculty and Staff for their support and willingness to “hold down the fort” while I was away. I am so fortunate to work with such a great team of professionals. Thank you too for all of the beautiful and generous gifts that you gave me. Truly, my gift is the blessing of seeing the face of Jesus in your beautiful children each and every day here at HCCS! Wishing you many blessings, good health and happiness as we begin 2012!

As we begin this New Year and approach the “second half” of our school year; I would like to take a moment to reflect on our school philosophy of “**C-A-R-E**”: **C**onversation with God; a positive **A**ttitude; **R**espect for ourselves and others; and putting forth our best **E**ffort, each and every day.

“Prayer is a conversation. We speak to God in prayer, then listen attentively as He speaks to us through His Word. Do you think the promise that Jesus gave His disciples was like handing them a Divine Genie in a bottle? And that if they would just rub the bottle with enough faith, the Genie would pop out and grant them their “wishes”? As ludicrous as that is, it actually is the way some people view prayer. And when the Genie doesn’t pop out of the bottle, they become offended with God and resent Him for not being at their beck and call.

One major prerequisite to receiving answers to prayer is that our requests line up with God’s will. How will we know what God’s will is? By abiding consistently in His Word; instead of basing our prayers on “I hope so,” our prayers are based on ‘God says so’. And if we are saturating ourselves in His work, then His desires will be ours.

Anne Graham Lotz: “The Joy of My Heart”

LITURGY:

Please be advised that the school Liturgy scheduled for this week has been canceled. Father Tom is away at the Norbertine Retreat this week; therefore there will be no masses at Holy Cross this week.



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Our next school Liturgy is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012, led by Grade 7. Please join us for Mass next Friday, if you are able to do so.

FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL:

Congratulations to our Middle School students that achieved Honor Roll status in the First Trimester. Please see the "Honor Roll" document that was included with the newsletter, via e-mail, this week.

FIFTH GRADE PRODUCTION OF "A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS":

Congratulations to our 5th Grade students and Mrs. Nennig on their wonderful production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas"! They did a superb job with the play and really put us all in the Christmas spirit! Thank you for your hard work 5th Grade, to make your Christmas play such a big success!

KITCHEN AND PLAYGROUND DUTY HELP IS STILL NEEDED:

We still have numerous dates to be filled between March 1st and the end of the school year. Please contact Ginny to sign-up!

6TH ANNUAL HCCS LOCK-IN/PARENT'S NIGHT OUT:

Thanks to Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Parker, and all of those who assisted with the Lock-in! Over 100 students participated in this year's event and from what I hear, had a GREAT time! Thanks to all of our alumni and our 8th grade students for your help and hard work to make this event a success. The proceeds from the Lock-in directly offset the cost of our annual All-School Field Trip.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH BOWL:

All 6/7/8 Middle School students will compete in the Diocesan Math Bowl on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at Xavier High School in Appleton, WI. Our students will compete against other students from other Catholic schools in our Diocese. Mrs. Sato, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Parker will accompany our students to the Math bowl and will travel by bus. If there are parents interested in chaperoning this trip, please contact Mrs. Sato. More information and a permission slip will be sent home soon for this trip.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (CSW):

Plans are in the works for Catholic Schools Week, 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 that same 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. Middle School students (Grades 6/7/8) will attend the GRACE CSW Mass on Tuesday, January 31 at 9AM at Nativity Parish. Our annual CSW School Mass and Grandparent/Community Day will take place on Friday, February 3, 2012 beginning with our All-School Mass at 8AM, followed by Bingo in the school Gym

from 9-11AM. More details and activities are being planned for CSW and will be communicated in the coming weeks.

NDA 8TH GRADE EXPLORE TEST RESULTS:

A representative from NDA will be here on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 9AM to share EXPLORE Test results with our 8th Grade students. 8th Grade parents are invited and welcome to attend this presentation if interested.

WEEK 15 AND WEEK 16 FOOTBALL MANIA WINNERS!

A Message from our Football Mania SuperStar-Mrs. Michelle Jacques:

Week 16 was not a good week for our Football Mania Fundraiser...we did not have any winning tickets :(In Week 17---our final week-- had one winner! Ticket #1099 – HCCS student Alex Wasilkoff won \$50; Congratulations!

Thanks to all for supporting this wonderful "Fun"draiser for our school and parish family!

Now...on to the **SUPERBOWL Mania!!** We have over 500 tickets given out and our goal is to activate 1000!!! Please consider buying or selling a few....it will be extra fun and easy to sell, as the Packers are looking SUPERBOWL BOUND!!!

Reminder---this is NOT mandatory---ONLY FOR FUN! Go Pack GO!!!!!!

\$CRIP:

Total \$crip sales: December 19-25: \$20,370.00; Tuition credit: \$581.10; Parish profit: \$407.81. 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!

FIRST TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS:

REMINDER: Please SIGN your child's report card and return it to your child's Homeroom Teacher when you have completed your review. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please contact the teacher. Thank you.

YEARBOOK ORDERS:

REMINDER: Please remember to return your Yearbook order forms! These forms are blue and were sent home in your Parent Folders several weeks ago! Don't miss this opportunity to order this wonderful keepsake for your child!

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; Pancake and Porkie Breakfast Flyer and Ticket Order Form (blue); Holy Cross Parish Family Ski Trip Forms (white-Gr. 5/6/7/8 only); Holy Cross Auction Donation Forms (green); Green Bay Strikers Soccer Registration Forms (yellow); and Middle School Roller Skating Party Invitation (tan-Gr. 5/6/7/8 only). 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:

Thursday, January 5, 2012 – NDA Elementary Pep Band Night-for all HCCS Band students;
Friday, January 6, 2012 – NO MASS TODAY; 9AM-NDA EXPLORE Results shared with Gr. 8 students; Geography Bee-10:00AM in the Gym; Market Day Orders are due; NDA 7/8 Grade Dance.
Sunday, January 8, 2012 – Feast of the Epiphany;
Monday, January 9, 2012 – “Off the Hook-Needleworx Crew Meeting”-2:45-4:30PM;
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 – FAST Meeting-6:30PM;
Wednesday, January 11, 2012 – Bookmobile; Market Day Pick-up 2:30-3:30PM;
Thursday, January 12, 2012 –Faculty/Staff Meeting 3PM;
Friday, January 13, 2012 – 8AM All-School Mass led by Gr. 7; DEAR; Midpoint of the 2nd Trimester;
Monday, January 16, 2012 – Martin Luther King Day;
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – Prince of Peace Shadow Day at HCCS;
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 – Middle School students to Math Bowl at Xavier High School; Mid-Trimester Progress Reports available;

Friday, January 20, 2012 – 8AM All-School Mass led by Gr. 6; **EARLY DISMISSAL-NOON**; Faculty In-Service 1-3PM;
 Saturday, January 21, 2012 – 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner!
 Monday, January 23, 2012 – “Off the Hook-Needleworx Crew Meeting”-2:45-4:30PM;
 Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – SAC Meeting – 7:15PM;
 Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – Coupon Dress Day to benefit Nicholas Raker’s Eagle Scout Project;
 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;
 Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – CSW;
 Thursday, February 2, 2012 – CSW;
 Friday, February 3, 2012 – CSW-8AM All-School Mass led by Gr. 4; Grandparent/Community Day and Bingo-9-11AM; **EARLY DISMISSAL-NOON**.

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. More information to come soon!

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 First Sorrowful Mystery – The Agony of Jesus in the Garden

“Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and He said unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then He said unto them: “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me”. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying: “O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt”. (Matthew 26:36-39). “And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” (Luke 22:44)

In the forsaking prayer to the Father, Jesus found strength, trust, and an angel was sent to comfort Him. So Jesus will be our comforting angel. It's as He said

to us: 'Why do you worry in your difficulties? Be strong in me; look to your God in your most troubled hour, and you will be triumphant.' Let us ask to forsake ourselves to God, to always do His will."

Enjoy these remaining days of the Christmas Season and Happy New Year!

Peace and prayers,

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"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

John 15:7