

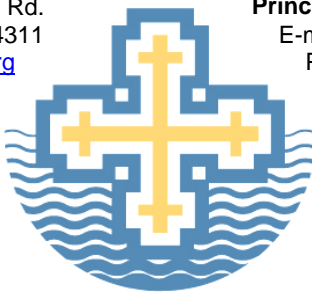
# Holy Cross Catholic School

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October 26, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

**Please note that no Parent Folders are being sent home today due to the short week of classes.**

## LITURGY:

Next week, we will celebrate two Masses as a school community:

- Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 8:00AM for the Feast of All Saints, led by Grade 7 and Mrs. Parker. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Friday, November 4, 2011 at 8:00AM, led by Grade 8 and Mr. Johnson.

Both of these masses will be in the church. Please join us if you are able to do so. Please also note that our students, faculty and staff will take a walking field trip to the Holy Cross Cemetery on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 12:45PM for an All-Saints Prayer Service. We will pray the Rosary on the way to the cemetery. Parents are welcome to join us; please let your child's teacher know if you will be attending.

## HALLOWEEN:

Halloween falls on a school day this year. The Faculty and Staff have made the decision to offer the students in Grades K-8 an **"orange and black"** choice dress day. Jeans may be worn on this day if the student wishes to wear orange and/or black, or a fall season themed shirt or a Halloween themed shirt. No "blood or gore" on Halloween shirts is allowed. No costumes, face paint, hats or masks will be allowed for students in Grades K-8. 4K students will receive a separate communication from Mrs. Jacques regarding their classroom's Halloween activities. If your child does not wish to participate in the "orange and black" dress day, they may wear regular dress code as normal.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Mandatory Parent/Teacher Conferences for students in Grades K-8 will begin today at 1:00PM and will end at 7:00PM. Tomorrow, Thursday, October 27 conferences will take place from 8AM-3PM. If you did not schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please contact your child's teacher immediately to do so.

## MAP:

You will receive your child's fall MAP score reports at conferences today and tomorrow. A handout of information regarding the MAP assessment and how to interpret your child's results will also be shared.

Did you know that MAP Assessments:

- are individualized for each and every student;
- are administered two times a year to assess progress in basic skill areas;
- provide immediate feedback for instructional planning.



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Did you know that MAP Assessment Data is:

- analyzed during our annual Data Retreats;
- used to draft annual school improvement plans;
- used to individualize instruction;
- utilized to determine and provide necessary resources;
- used to report student progress.

School Improvement plans drafted as a result of MAP data consist of:

- a school improvement goal in both Math and Reading;
- assessment procedures;
- instruction and intervention strategies;
- family support and communication models;
- identification of professional development needs;
- tasks and/or action steps to measure success;
- identification of needed resources;
- timelines and benchmarks.

I hope that this information and the information that you will receive from your child's teacher this week will help you to analyze and understand your child's MAP Assessment data.

#### **NDA 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SHADOW DAY:**

**Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shadow Day on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at Notre Dame Academy.** Parents will receive information directly from NDA regarding this Shadow Day. Please inform us here in the school office if your 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student plans to attend the NDA Shadow Day, or if they will attend HCCS as normal that day. Please note that transportation to and from NDA is a parent responsibility.

#### **MAGAZINE SALE:**

Our Magazine Sale continues! Remember to turn in the Magazine Sale "Post Card Booklets". If your child returns a postcard booklet, they will receive a "Lil'Kinz" from WebKinz! Please be reminded that Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the end of the Magazine Sale! Please be sure to turn-in orders on or before that day to qualify for prizes! Also, please be aware that **you can sell magazines online!** Your friends and family can buy magazines at any time from your children online by entering our school code at this link: <https://www.qsp.com/store/lightreg.aspx>. Our school code is 1075152.

#### **WEEK SEVEN FOOTBALL MANIA WINNERS!**

**We had TWO winners this week!**

Winning Ticket #4936 - \$500 Prize! Winner: Jim Fruzen, ticket sold by Beaux Myers

Winning Ticket #901 - \$50 Prize! Winner: The Schwitzer Family, ticket sold by Schwitzer Family

Congratulations winners! This is the very last week we can activate tickets, so if you are still interested in winning up to \$500 for the remaining 13 weeks of the NFL season, please act quickly! The following tickets would have been winners, had they been bought or sold:

#1229	\$200
#2702	\$100
#4402	\$ 50
#3219	\$ 25

**GREEN BAY HOLIDAY PARADE:**

Please consider helping out with this project by donating items needed or attending the meetings to assist with construction. Many hands make the work light! Please contact Julia Broullire to get involved!

**GOLDEN APPLE AWARD NOMINATIONS:**

Please consider nominating your child's teacher(s) for the Golden Apple Award. Nomination forms were sent home in the Parent Folders last week. Please let the office know if you would like additional forms. Please note that nomination forms are due by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please take a few moments to recognize our professional educators!

**RIBBON OF HOPE-BREAST CANCER AWARENESS HAIR PIECE EVENT:**

Thanks to all those who participated in the Breast Cancer/Pink and Blue Hair Piece event! We raised \$132.00! \$66.00 went to Breast Cancer Awareness and \$66.00 went to HCCS! Thanks for your support!

**UWGB VS. MTU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:**

One of our alumni, Lynn Giesler, Class of 2003, is a collegiate basketball player for Michigan Tech University and will be playing here against the UWGB Women's team this Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 2:00PM at the Kress Event Center. Come on out and enjoy some basketball, represent HCCS and cheer on Lynn!

**\$CRIP:**

\$scrip sales for the week of October 17-23 were \$20,097.00; Tuition Credits earned were \$526.28; Parish Profit was \$585.92. **Your \$scrip purchases directly benefit your family by reducing your tuition!** There is *no limit* to the dollar amount of \$scrip credit that can be applied to your tuition each year. Thank you for your support of the Holy Cross \$scrip program!

**ALL-SCHOOL FIELD TRIP DATE CHANGED:**

**REMINDER:** Please be advised that the date of the All-School Field Trip has been changed, due to schedule conflicts at our planned destination. The date of the All-School Field Trip is now **FRIDAY, May 11, 2011 (changed from 5-18-11)**. Please change your family calendars accordingly. This change has been made on the online school event calendar as well. Thank you!

**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](http://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:**

There are no parent folders being sent home this week, due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

October 26, 2011 – **Early Dismissal** at Noon; Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7PM;

**Market Day Orders due;**

October 27, 2011 – **NO SCHOOL**-Parent/Teacher Conferences 8AM-3PM;

October 28, 2011 – **NO SCHOOL**-Conference Trade-Off Day;

October 31, 2011 – Happy Halloween! **Orange and Black Dress Day;**

November 1, 2011 – Feast of All-Saint's-Mass at 8:00AM led by Grade 7;-Prayer Service at HC Cemetery -12:45PM; Magazine Sale Ends;

November 2, 2011 – Feast of All-Soul's; **Gr. 8 NDA EXPLORE Test-8:30-11:30AM;**

Choice Dress Day; Market Day Pick-Up 2:30-3:30PM;

November 4, 2011 – All-School Mass led by Grade 8;

November 5, 2011 – Boy Scout Merit Badge Saturday-Gym.

**SERVICE PROJECTS:**

Please continue to save your can tabs for our September (and ongoing) Service Project. Our October Service Project is to "Trick-or-Treat for the Troops"! This project is being led by Grades 8 and 7 and Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Parker. Please refer to the insert that was sent home in a previous Parent Folder (orange) for more details on this month's project.

**CATHOLIC VIRTUE AND VALUE PROGRAM (CVVP):**

One aspect of our CVVP here at HCCS is our Service Projects and teaching our children to do service and outreach to others in our community, our city, our nation and our world. These are very important morals and values for our children to learn and practice.

*"Giving kids clothes and food is one thing but it's much more important to teach them...that the best thing they can do with their lives is to use them in the service of other people."*

**Delores Huerta**

That being said, our school is struggling to find volunteers to fill necessary roles in its own programs and events. This year seems to be particularly more difficult than ever before. It seems as though it is the same families, all of the time, stepping up to do what needs to be done. I am asking each of you, directly, to please step up and volunteer your time to assist with the many aspects of our school program that need parent volunteer help. I will use our recent roof project as an example; we have 119 families at HCCS – multiplied by two parents, equals 238 able bodied volunteers. Do you know how many people helped with that project? Less than 20 people; now I realize that not everyone is cut out to pound nails on roof shingles, 15 feet off the ground on a very windy day! However, there was also a plea to help out with the lunch that was provided for the workers and only a very few folks volunteered to help. There are countless other examples: The Green Bay Holiday Parade Float work group – only five students attended the construction meeting-no parent volunteers; Lunch and Playground duties – we have literally had to "beg" to get folks to sign-up for their duties this year and still don't have duties filled; Development, Recruitment and Retention work – we are looking for folks to take on small scale projects that can be worked on from home – we have had only one person take on a project. These are just a few examples...I fully realize that every single one of you is busy with family, sports, jobs, etc., but if all 238 parents would do "just a little", it would certainly ease the burden for those who do "a lot"! Please

prayerfully consider getting involved in the volunteer opportunities that currently need your help; FAST will be sending home a list of volunteer opportunities next week and we have some especially large scale events coming up that really need a sizeable workgroup to be successful; namely The Gingerbread House and The Auction! You can also check out some of our "Volunteer Opportunities" on the school website:

<http://holycrossfamily.org/current-school-families/volunteer-opportunities/>

Volunteering at HCCS is AWESOME! Many lifelong friendships have started by getting involved and volunteering here at HCCS! Many opportunities have been presented to individuals from working on an event workgroup, both personal and professional! Please contact me, the school office, or event chairpersons to step up and do your part! Thank you in advance for your consideration!

*"I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."*

**Edward Everett Hale**

Enjoy the long weekend with your families, peace and prayers to each of you,

*Robin Jo Jensen*

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Principal

*"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**Acts 20:35**