

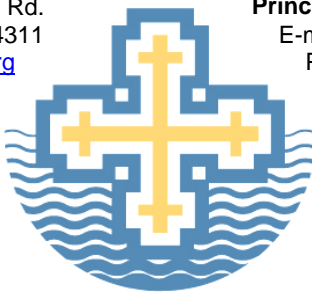
# Holy Cross Catholic School

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February 1, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We find ourselves in the midst of Catholic Schools week, as this week's letter arrives in your in-box. This year's National Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." In just three words, this theme expresses what Catholic schools are all about. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach them how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens.

Here at HCCS, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. We are excited to have the opportunity, during Catholic Schools Week, to celebrate our school and our students' accomplishments. Also, please join me in saying thank you to all those who help make HCCS and the GRACE system a success: Fr. Tom, our teachers, staff, administrators, SAC members, parents, volunteers, and the 23 GRACE parishes that financially support the ten GRACE schools. Through their dedication and commitment, our students are learning in a culture of faith, academics and service, that is preparing them for a full life in their families, communities and the Catholic Church.

Please consider praying this prayer for Catholic Schools across the world as a family this week:

## A Prayer for Our School

God, our Father and Creator, be with us in our school.

Help us to treasure your gift of life  
and treat one another with C-A-R-E.

Let us always remember that we are all created in your image.

Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us in our school.

Guide our teachers,  
guide our parents,  
and lead our students

to recognize you in all people.

Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us in our school.

Give us a vision for the future,  
and the determination for shaping that future with faith.

Amen.



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As we continue through this special week, ***please note the items that we still need help with and that need your attention!***

- We are in **GREAT NEED** of **bingo prizes** and **snacks** for Grandparent's Day (**we have very few items thus far!**) We also need parent volunteers on this day! Please send bingo prizes and snacks to school and please call the office if you can help us on Friday morning!
- Tomorrow, our students and teachers in Grades 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (middle school students should wear sweatshirts for ice skating). *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**. This week's Liturgy will be led by Grade 4 and Mrs. Malone.

#### **PANCAKE AND PORKY/OPEN HOUSE:**

Thank you to all who attended our Open House and enjoyed the Pancake and Porky breakfast here last Sunday. A very special thank you to Mrs. Cathy Zehms, our Development Director and 4K Aide, for planning and facilitating the details of our awesome Open House event. A very special thank you to Mrs. Michelle Jacques and the amazing 4K families for planning and facilitating the Pancake and Porky breakfast! It was a great day of community fun at HCCS!

#### **SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Congratulations to all of our HCCS Spelling Bee finalists: Mariah Michalski, Ellen Meeuwsen, Mia Turek, Jenna Cuene, Marion Hermitanio, Cole Cullen, Megan Schumer, Emma Kosmoski, Jack Boudwin and Ryan Konop.

Congratulations to the 2012 HCCS Spelling Bee Champion: Marion Hermitanio!

Congratulations to the 2012 HCCS Spelling Bee Runner-Up, Cole Cullen!

Marion will now advance to the Regional Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at Washington Middle School at 6:30PM. You are encouraged to attend the Regional Bee if you are interested! Good luck Marion!

#### **REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR:**

We have not received any updated information from GRACE regarding registration for the 2012-13 school year. As soon as we are informed that the registration portal and FACTS website is open, I will inform you immediately via a "Google Group" e-mail message! Thank you for your patience!

### **FAST FAMILY SLEDDING EVENT:**

Please see the insert in today's Parent Folders regarding the FAST Family Sledding Event on Friday, 2/10/12, from 6-9PM at the Winter Park Sledding Hill in Kewaunee. FAST will communicate via the "GoogleGroup" if the event has to be canceled due to weather or lack of snow.

### **SERVER TRAINING:**

I have been informed that the Parish will once again offer Server Training to students in Grades 4 and up. This training will take place at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, from 5:30-6:30PM. Mr. Gordon Adamczak will conduct this training. If you would like to sign your child up for this training, please contact the school office. Thank you!

### **HC ATHLETICS SPIRIT WEAR SALE:**

Please see the insert in today's Parent Folders, regarding the next Athletics Spirit Wear Sale. Please note the new items and that order forms are due back to school by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Sample items are on display in the school lobby.

### **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. Please contact Mrs. Maertz if you have any questions.

### **HOLY CROSS AUCTION!**

**REMINDER: Just under six weeks until the 2012 Auction Event!** Mark your calendars for 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Auction Volunteer Sign-up Form in today's Parent Folders (green)**. 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 previously.

### **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 were sent home last week 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 23-29: \$18,690.00; Tuition credit: \$521.65; Parish profit: \$437.21. 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](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:**

The following documents are included in today's Parent Folders: **Youth Stewardship Envelopes; GB Area Youth Baseball Registration Forms (pink); and Project LEAP flyers.** 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, 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;  
Saturday, March 10, 2012 – HC AUCTION!

### **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. Please see the insert in today's Parent Folders (beige), regarding this project.

### **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 Fifth Sorrowful Mystery – The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

*"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he said unto his mother: 'Woman, behold thy son!' Then said he to the disciple: 'Behold thy mother!' And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. (John 19:25-27)*

*Jesus wishes to see us close to His Mother; He wishes that, like children, we keep our hand in the hand of Mary. That is what He wants. He asks us to look to the heavenly Mother, that is, depend on Her. He asks that we accept Our Lady*

*as our true Mother, who will ignite in us a fervent love of Her Son. Mary, we trust in You, take us and put us in the refuge of Your Immaculate Heart, heal with Your humility our pride, that so often takes us far from God.”*

Peace and prayers,

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*“People harvest only what they plant.”*  
**Galatians 6:7**