

# Holy Cross Catholic School



**BUILDING FAITH    INSPIRING MINDS**

December 12, 2008

## Welcome!

Holy Cross School  
welcomes  
Mrs. Cathy Lash  
To our teaching staff!  
Cathy is teaching  
1st Grade

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### Staff Christmas Fund

Monday is the last day to  
donate.  
Thanks!

## **Calendar Dates**

**Sun. Dec. 14-**Advent Family  
Pot Luck

**Mon. Dec. 15-**Middle School  
Youth Group Mtg. 7pm at  
Church

**Tues. Dec. 16-**Mass lower  
8:15am Sunshine Club Lunch-  
eon 12:00 Christmas Program  
7pm in Gym K-4th

**Wed. Dec. 17-**Mass upper  
8:15am

**Fri. Dec. 19-**Green & Red Day  
(Out of Uniform) Posada Ser-  
vice 1pm Father Mark sing  
along 1:45pm Christmas par-  
ties 2:15 pm End of Second  
Quarter NO ASC

**Dec. 22-Jan. 2-** Christmas  
Break NO SCHOOL  
NO ASC

Dear Parents,

I sat in the gym last night, next to one of my very best friends, watching the Christmas Program. We used to live next door to each other and my daughters (who are now in their early twenties) babysat her children when they were younger. She and I whispered about how great the band performed, laughed at the skits, and applauded the singing groups. It was wonderful to enjoy that time with her, and I thank Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Drbal, and all of the students for giving us such a special gift.

The best part about it is that after the program was over, and everyone started making their way out of the gym and mingling with each other, I realized that the entire gym was filled with great friends. There were so many people, including myself, taking the opportunity to catch up with friends. I was able to visit with several of our graduates who are now making decisions about where to go to college; I had the honor of holding one of our family's newborn baby; took a few pictures with some students; and shared Christmas greetings with many of you.

We are all so connected with each other, and sometimes that beautiful yet illusive feeling escapes us. We go about our lives with our to-do lists and forget to "stop and smell the roses." Last night was an opportunity to do that, and I am so happy that our community took the time to embrace each other.

God's Blessings,

Mary Jo

## **Visiting Classrooms & Meeting with Teachers**

Please know that you are welcome at Holy Cross School, however if you need to speak with a teacher or wish to visit a classroom, please contact the teacher in advance to make arrangements. "Pop-Ins" can be very disruptive to the flow of the class. Thanks for your cooperation!

## A "SWEEP" AT MATHLETICS



It was a proud day for Holy Cross at the second quarter Mathle Thursday, Dec. 4 , at Cure' of Ars School. IT WAS A SWEEP!!!!!! We took **FIRST PLACE** on all grade levels! Team members for the competition were: 4<sup>th</sup> grade—Will Dvorsky, Becca Haeusser, and Kathryn Withers; 5<sup>th</sup> grade--- Anthony Pham, Nate Privitera, and Sophie Vogt; 6<sup>th</sup> grade---Jacob Cindrich, Molly Engen, and Catherine Pham ; and our 7<sup>th</sup> grade team was Tom Anjard, Julia Shields, and Sam Williams. We were holding our breath as they announced the winners grade by grade to see if we could do it---And WE DID!!!! Congratulations to all the students who represented our school---Holy Cross is **PROUD OF YOU!!!!**

### LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS:

Monday	12-15-08	Joan Hillyer, Ellen Jones and ?????
Tuesday	12-16-08	Paul Hocevar, Joel Campos and ?????
Wednesday	12-17-08	Deb & Steve Williams and ?????
Thursday	12-18-08	Joel Campos, ????? and ?????
Friday	12-19-08	Joel Campos, ????? and ?????
Monday	1-5-09	Joan Hillyer, Ellen Jones and ?????
Tuesday	1-6-09	Paul Hocevar, Tammy Privitera and ?????
Wednesday	1-7-09	Deb & Steve Williams and ?????
Thursday	1-8-09	?????, ????? and ?????
Friday	1-9-09	?????, ????? and ?????



THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL OF YOU!!

Please contact Rita Binns at extension # 25 or email [rbinns@hccsmail.com](mailto:rbinns@hccsmail.com) for lunchroom volunteer opportunities. Typical volunteer time is 11:00-1:00. We serve and then clean up. **Benefits:** enjoy a complimentary lunch; spend time with your child during their school day-----**PRICELESS!**

### HOLIDAY RECYCLING CONTEST



Tis the season for holiday catalogs, ads, magazines, etc. If these things are cluttering your house, why not **BE GREEN AND CLEAN** all at the same time. How?

Just **send your recyclable paper items** to your child's classroom next **Monday – Thursday**. Inches will be measured each day and then the items carried away to our beautiful green and yellow bins. You can clear away the holiday clutter, help your child's class earn the prestigious 'Green Room' award, and help HCS get a nice Christmas bonus. We especially want catalogs and magazines...They boost our tonnage and our earnings.



# **NO A.S.C.**

**After-school Care will be closed  
beginning Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
through Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Please rejoin us beginning Monday, Janu-  
ary 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**We wish your family a Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!**



The items with no names on them will be on a table across the hall from the nurse's office. The items will be left there for 2 wks. After that they will either be placed in the Used Uniform sale or will be donated to Catholic Charities.

**Here are a few items that you will find on the table:**

Grey **NIKE** lunch box. Somebody might miss this.

1 new navy blue **Holy Cross** hoodie

1 Nice **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS HOODIE** with the letter **K** on the tag.

2 **Holy Cross** jackets

1 pair of **HC** gym shorts

1 pair of size 11 **Starter** basketball shoes white / royal blue. Somebody will be missing these. ( These are still in the downstairs bin )

**1 Pillow & blanket** from the Girl Scouts lock in. Someone is missing herr pillow and blanket. These are still in the downstairs bin.

Misc jackets and gloves, hats and a pair **of boys size 12 navy blue pants.**

Please remember it takes only a few minutes to put your childs first initial and their last name on the items. It will save you \$\$\$ down the road.

## Win A \$100 Tuition Voucher! Donate to Celebration 2009

Time is running out! A unique opportunity has presented itself for those of you who have and those of you who have not donated yet to Celebration 2009! As a reward for your donation to Celebration 2009, whether cash, silent auction or live auction, your name will be put in a drawing for a \$100 Holy Cross Tuition Voucher for the 2009/2010 school year! One entry per household. The deadline for this drawing is Wednesday, December 17, 2008 with one winner selected from all entries on Thursday, December 18, 2008.

If you need any ideas, here are some “wants” and “needs” from the Celebration Committee:

**On The Town** – theatre tickets, restaurant gift cards, sporting event tickets and overnight hotel stays

**A Beautiful You** – hair cut gift certificates, jewelry, manicures and massages

**Home & Garden** – outdoor patio furniture, garden statuary, chimneas and fireplace tools

**Religious & Holiday** – rosary boxes, wall crucifixes, nativity sets, any and all things Irish and Christmas/Easter accessories

**Kid’s Paradise** – Wii games, kid’s jewelry, Nintendo DS Lite, girl volleyball accessories, scooters, skates and skateboards

**The Men’s Club** – golfing equipment, autographed sports equipment, wine baskets, and car wash gift certificates

**All-Star** – antiques, instruments, statuaries, furniture, collectibles, crystal pieces, artwork, collector coins (subject to approval by committee)

**Live Auction** – car rentals, airline frequent flyer points, airline tickets, gift cards for hotels and Visa/MC Debit Cards

Gift donation should be new and have a retail value of \$50.00, preferably in a box. The All-Star section is, however, subject to approval by the Celebration Committee. Cash donations of equal value are also welcome. Cannot be used to pay past due tuition.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity today! Thank you once again for all of your support! We cannot do it without you!

## Remember – Reach For The Stars!

**PTO MEETING  
January 12th, 7PM  
Location TBA**

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

**Holy Cross School implemented a comprehensive  
Emergency Response Plan  
several years ago.**

**We would like to share our plan with you  
and answer any questions you might have.**

**Watch the Newsletter for more information!**

### **Advisory Council Strategic Planning**

**The School Advisory Council is working on creating a five year Strategic Plan for our school. Their December meeting was devoted to creating a process and time frame to complete the Plan. They will be focusing on the strengths and needs of the school in the areas of Catholicity, academics, finances, facilities, and marketing/development. They will be starting the planning process in January.**

**We will be sharing information with the community as the process unfolds.**

**Watch the newsletter for updates.**