

## **ACADEMICS AT HCCS FOR 2009-10:**

- 21 student in grades 3-6 were named Great Lakes Scholars
- 30 students in grades 3-6 were eligible to participate in the Summer Honors Academy at the Defiance City Schools
- All 8 Sixth graders received the Presidential Academic Honors award (must have maintained a 3.5 accumulative gpa since third grade)
- HCCS has a higher grading scale than the City Schools – we have higher expectations of our students
- 5 of the 8 Sixth graders qualified for the Junior High Pre-Algebra program
- 4 of the 8 Sixth graders qualified for the National Young Leadership Conference
- Average Scantron Performance Assessment testing gains were higher than Toledo Diocese testing gains in all subject areas.
- SMART Boards used for interactive learning
- SMART Response Systems are used for immediate assessment of students knowledge in specific areas
- Independent research and multiple projects are required of students
  - Compositions
  - Power Points
  - Movies – created/edited/made into a DVD
  - Spreadsheets and graphs
- Grades PreK-6 used the Technology Labs for curriculum integration
- Grades PreK-6 received Computer instruction during designated Computer Class time
- Grades PreK-6 participated in World Math Day
- 33 AlphaSmarts/NEO 2's were available to students
  - can be used at students' desks
  - miniature word processor/computer for taking AR Quizzes/Journal writing/Spelling review and testing/keyboard practice – prints to networked printer
- Five students earned over 200 Accelerated Reader points for the 2009-2010 school year.\*
  - 445 points by a sixth grader
  - 358 points by a fourth grader
  - 336 points by a fifth grader
  - 331 points by a fifth grader
  - 255 points by a fourth grader

- Sign language was taught in PreK and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Alphabet, color words, Pledge of Allegiance, Days of the week, etc.)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Experience at Camp Mohican
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trips – experience different cultures and ways of life, hands-on education in all curriculum areas
  - Chicago; 2007, 2008, and 2009
  - New York City; 2010
    - Daily journals were kept
    - Trivia questions about the trip had to be answered going and returning
    - Rode a train – learned to be aware of and courteous to those around them
- Field Trips to enhance classroom learning
  - Toledo Museum of Art
  - Renaissance Fair
  - Plays/programs at Lourdes College
  - Earth Day participation at the local GM Foundry
  - Visits to area Fire and Police Departments, Medical Centers, Zoos
  - Visits to Rosary Cathedral in Toledo
  - City Walk to experience the rich history of Defiance
- Testing available through a partnership with the Defiance City Schools for students with special needs
  - Regular meetings between parents/HCCS personnel/City School personnel are held
- Speech and Hearing Teacher in building ½ day, twice a week
- Title I reading instruction available daily
  - \*To earn A.R. points students read books and take online quizzes for the book. Points are pre-assigned to the books. The number of points students are required to earn are determined by taking a STAR Test – this assesses the students’ reading levels. Students discuss the goals with their teachers and some students choose to increase their goals. This shows that our students are taught to be motivated and strive to do better than expected. Average point goals, per grade level, for the final nine weeks:
  - Grade 1: Average Goal 4.6 points
  - Grade 2: Average Goal 5.5 points
  - Grade 3: Average Goal 11.8 points
  - Grade 4: Average Goal 24.8 points
  - Grade 5: Average Goal 40.3 points
  - Grade 6: Average Goal 45.6 points

## **RELIGION AT HCCS FOR 2009-10:**

- Made Rosaries
- Priests came to school and blessed rosaries and explained why the students have them and what they are used for
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade colored Stations of the Cross pictures and placed them in the Gym – a special presentation accompanied this
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade made Mother Mary displays
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades set up and took down gym for Mass every week
- Grades K-6 planned the Wednesday Masses
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade made cards for on the Giving Tree at St. Mary's
- Each classroom had a special prayer area
- Each classroom held a special prayer service each morning
- PreK/5 (Buddies) made advent wreaths, Lent Prayer Pots
- Held masses where children recognized volunteers, deacons, Sisters, priests
- Servers for masses and funerals at St. John's and St. Mary's
- Priests come to Holy Cross for sacrament of Reconciliation

## **EXTRA-CURRICULARS AT HCCS FOR 2009-10:**

- Grades 4-6 Girls' Basketball team
- Tech Teams – troubleshooted and cleaned computers each quarter
- Students in grades 4-6 produced a monthly television program shown on DCTV – HCCS KIDS' FOCUS
  - Each month focused on topics of interest to the community
  - Wrote scripts, used camera, interviewed people, edited the program
  - Sent a video invitation to President Obama to visit our school
- The Ohio State Attorney's General's Office requested a copy of a televised interview our students did with their Internet Safety representative, Kathy Nichols and with Sheriff's Deputy Jim Hall.
- Quiz Team competed against Defiance City Schools 6<sup>th</sup> grade Quiz Team
- Offered an after school Lego Robotics program in partnership with Defiance County 4-H
- Students in grades 4 & 5 videotaped an invitation to President Obama to come to our school
- Buddy activities (a lower grade is paired with an upper grade and they do activities together throughout the school year)
- In correlation with stories read in reading books - made applesauce and soup in classrooms
- Students obtaining a specific Reading goal went to a Tin Caps baseball game
- Participated in Defiance City Band program
- Can participate in City Football, cheerleading etc.

## **PRESENTERS AT HCCS FOR 2009-2010:**

- Jean Frey from Toledo - Rosary making instruction
- Bill Grimes from Defiance County Soil and Water Conservation on the water table
- Terri Bok – retired teacher assisted in Science Lab
- Sheriff's Deputy Jim Hall - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade D.A.R.E. program
- Todd Shafer conducted Self-Defense classes and did Finger-printing with PreK and Kindergarten
- Lisa Hancock (instructor at NWSCC and DC) worked with students on report writing skills
- Elaina Mack (studied in China for 1 year while attending Loyola University) spoke with the students on China and India
- Mike Patin from Generations of Faith
- Darlene Clemens, Author and Linda Yenser, Illustrator talked with students about their published book and guided the students in writing their own books as a class
- Rick Small, Officer Mitch McClure & his canine partner - Rex, Lisa Hancock, and Dawn Buchholz read books to students in classrooms
- Kathy Nichols from the Ohio Attorney General's Office talked to students and parents about Internet Safety
  - Mrs. Nichols has since informed us that she mentions HCCS when she visits other schools – she uses us as positive examples in Internet Safety.
- Representatives from Dr. Behringer's office talked about dental health

## **INTERVIEWS FOR HCCS KIDS' FOCUS (school's program televised on DCTV-5):**

- Nancy Porter – Defiance County Animal Shelter
- Deputy Hall – Defiance County Sheriff's Office
- Theresa Snyder – Defiance County 4-H
- Todd Shafer – Defiance City Police Officer
- HCCS Kindergarten Teachers
- HCCS Pre-K Teachers
- Mrs. Mack and Cordell Stover on 6<sup>th</sup> grade Service projects
- Kathleen Nichols, Project Coordinator – Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Lisa Hancock – instructor NWSCC/DC – on occupation
- Darlene Clemens – Author
- Linda Yenser – Illustrator
- Participants in the Justin F. Coressel/HCCS Golf Outing
- 6<sup>th</sup> Graders/Rick Small/others at Biggby's collecting money for Christmas For Kids
- Mrs. Phyliss Newton at the Catholic Food Pantry

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Defiance College students observed various classes and work with students, as well as Student Teaching
- Defiance College sports teams have come into the school and read with the students.
- Students planted trees and a rose bush and discussed the effects of keeping our environment the way God wants it
- Students wrote letters to nursing home residents – had penpals – wrote ‘surprise’ notes to parents
- Enjoyed a puppet show at Christmas time presented by Mrs. DeCola and her family
- Students, parents, teachers and staff members enjoyed a Family Game Night in January
- Two Bookfairs
- Parent/Grandparent/Special Guest luncheon
- Right to Read Week activities
- End of year picnic attended by over 200 people – great fellowship and family feel
- Before and after school care offered
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades hosted a Pancake Breakfast at Open House
  - learned how to operate a business (work ethic, checks/balances, budgeting for spending money and making wise purchase decisions – the third graders purchased trees and flowers to be planted at school with their money, donated leftover food to the Catholic Food Pantry, and also treated themselves to an afternoon of activities at the YMCA

## **SERVICE PROJECTS:**

- Worked at Hospice Fair and donated an item for the auction
- Held a mini Crop Walk for Hunger
- Helped collect money for Christmas for Kids at Biggby’s Coffee
- Held a very successful food drive for Catholic Food Pantry
- Raised money for local Cancer Society
- School recycling program in partnership with Werlor’s
- Served for funeral masses at St. John’s and St. Mary’s

## **ALUMNI/TRANSITION TO CITY SCHOOLS:**

- Students on Honor Roll
- Students participate in sports and cheerleading
- Students are active in Student Council, National Honor Society, various clubs
- Many alumni serve as homecoming and prom court attendants/queens