



Important Dates

- * Thursday February 6th *
No School
- * Friday February 14th *
No School
- * Monday February 17th *
No School
- * Thursday February 27th *
Pre-K Open House
- * Saturday March 1st *
Reverse Raffle
- * Sunday March 2nd *
PMO Meeting
- * Wednesday March 5th *
Ash Wednesday

♥ Valentine's Day ♥

All orders are due by February 7th, we will not be able to accept late orders as flowers have to be ordered ahead of time.

Reverse Raffle

Please join us for a fun-filled night of opportunities to help support our school!
Casino Night with a 1920's theme!

Questions & Concerns

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or have inquired about something that you have not gotten an answer to, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Sampson in the office at 419-784-2021 or rsampson@defianceholycross.org. If she does not have the answer, she will find it for you.
Thanks!

A message from Mrs. Reinhart



Mass Wednesday
February 5th is
planned by grade 3.
(Mass starts at 9:30am)

GoodDeeds Corner

* Raynna Hoffman *

CEO Award (Chief Example for Others)

* Marley Hoellrich *

Emergency Evacuation Drill

HCCS will have a full scale evacuation exercise this school year in partnership with local first responders, as required by the ODE.

* Please make sure that we have a current working cell phone number on file in **Option C.** *

PMO

The PMO, Parent Ministry Organization, is a great way to make your voices heard. Our next meeting will be Sunday March 2nd at HCCS at 3:00pm. Parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings, guardians, any and all are welcome to join us!!

February birthdays

We apologize, we accidentally omitted 3rd grader Karmin Elston's birthday from the February birthday list. Her birthday is February 14th. ♥

Mrs. Westfall

Mrs. Westfall's husband Danny has lost his brave fight with cancer. His funeral is being held on Thursday February 6th. HCCS will not be in session on Thursday so that any student or staff member wishing to show their support is able to do so. The link to Danny's obituary is below. Please keep Mrs. Westfall and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.
<https://www.rodembergergray.com>

Save the Date

We have decided to separate the art and the music portions of Knight of the Arts. The art portion will be held at HCCS on Wednesday May 21st from 5:30pm-7:30pm. More details coming soon.

Enclosures:

Rice Bowls
January Invoices
PMO newsletter
3-6 Morning Detention Policy
2nd Grade ID Kit info
School to Home Connection

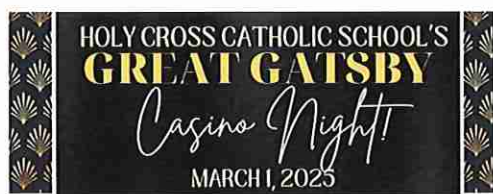


HCCS PMO NEWS

February 2025

We hope you had a peaceful and joyful holiday season and are ready to embrace the new year with renewed energy and excitement. As we return from winter break and get back into the swing of things, we are grateful for the opportunity to continue building a supportive and vibrant community at Holy Cross!

Hopefully the books purchased by the PMO for each student have been enjoyed over the break! Not only did this benefit the students, but it also helped make our Book Fair even more successful! Our teachers are also sporting new laptop bags in the new year. A gift we were able to provide them thanks to the fundraising efforts of families like you, and the generosity and talents of Higbea Embroidery.



Quickly approaching is the school's Annual Reverse Raffle. Mrs. Ruiz has done a wonderful job of planning this event! It will be held at the Knights of Columbus on March 1st. The fun starts at 4:30pm! Try your luck at the casino tables and other games, have a chance to win art projects created by the students of Holy Cross, as well as the Reverse Raffle itself. Tickets are available now! Get yours before they run out. If you have any questions- please contact the school

IMPORTANT UPDATE

March meeting has been moved to March 2nd to avoid some potential conflicts. This meeting will be finalizing details for the Mother-Son Date night, Father-Daughter Dance and Teacher Appreciation Week. If you are looking to be involved in any of these events- please plan on attending or contact us at our email

pmo@defianceholycross.org

2024-2025 MEETINGS

3/2 5/2*

MEETINGS HELD AT THE SCHOOL AT 3PM.

*5/2 MEETING WILL BE AT 6PM

CHILDREN WELCOME TO PLAY IN GYM

CONTACT US:
PMO@DEFIANCEHOLYCROSS.ORG

Dear Holy Cross Family,

After much consideration and reflection, I have decided to resign as PMO President effective the end of this school year. Serving as PMO President has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had. It's given me the chance to grow, give back, and work alongside so many incredible parents, staff members, and students. I'm especially grateful to all of you who have supported the PMO over the years—your time, energy, and dedication have made such a difference. Thank you for everything you've done to help bring our goals to life. Over the years, I've also built some exceptional friendships here that go far beyond the walls of Holy Cross. These connections have been such a blessing, and I'm so thankful to have been part of this wonderful community for so long. My hope is that I've been able to make a positive impact and help strengthen the amazing spirit of this school, and I can't wait to see it continue to thrive in the years ahead. With that being said, that means that we had to find replacement. Luckily, Katelyn Ruiz and Megan Tobias have stepped in, knowing that they are going to be a part of this school and organization for a long time to come. This, however, leaves a few open positions which will need to be filled like Fundraising Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. If you've ever thought about stepping into either of these roles, or would like to know more about them, I'd love for you to reach out so we can all work together to make this transition a success.

Thank you again for your support, encouragement, and trust.

Kristen Wannemacher

March 1st-

HCCS Reverse Raffle

April 4th :

Mother-Son Date Night

April 12th-

Father-Daughter Dance

May 5-9th:

Teacher Appreciation Week

Additional details, RSVP forms and volunteer opportunities will be coming out soon!

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Scan the QR code or search "Parent Ministry Organization" on Facebook and click to join! Follow the page for news,



PLEASE
NOTE...



DAVE YOST

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Child Identification Kits for All Ohio's Second-Grade Students

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost is bringing the National Child Identification Program to Ohio again. Attorney General Yost, with the support of American Electric Power and your local County Sheriff, is providing every Ohio second-grade student with a Child ID Kit.

Statistics show that more than 1,000 children in America go missing each day. Yet, most parents do not have a copy of their child's fingerprints to use in case of an emergency.

The National Child Identification Program is a community service initiative dedicated to changing these statistics by providing parents and guardians with a tool they can use to help protect their children. The Child ID Kit allows parents to collect specific information by easily recording the physical characteristics and fingerprints of their children on identification cards that are then **kept at home** by the parent or guardian. Only the parent or guardian will have a copy of their child's kit. If ever needed, the Child ID Kit will give authorities vital information to assist their efforts to locate a missing child.

You are receiving this kit for your second-grade student. Please complete it at home with your child and store it at home for safekeeping.

It is our sincere hope that this kit is never needed for another child in this state. But in the event that it is, every parent having their child's identifying information at home will help authorities locate that precious child.

Before School Morning Detention Policy Information

February 3, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,



We would like to inform you about a new policy that is going to be implemented for students in grades 3-6 at Holy Cross.

As teachers, it is our responsibility to assist our students in learning academic information, help them learn life skills that will get them ready for the world once they leave Holy Cross, allow them opportunities to grow because of successes and failures, and help them deal with emotional and social situations they face.

Just as it is true that the teachers have responsibilities to assist students in learning, it is also necessary that the students fulfill their responsibilities. This includes completing daily assignments, homework, and classwork. It also includes completing long term projects, reports, or assigned work. It is important for students to complete their work so that they are learning the skills for the current grade, but will also be prepared for the next grade. When students do not complete their work, they get farther behind, and are not learning skills necessary for the next grade.

Holy Cross will be implementing a **Before School Morning Detention Policy** from 8:00-8:30 AM for grades 3-6 students, who are not being responsible about completing their assigned work. We feel this policy is necessary because some of the current practices such as, walking for a certain number of minutes during recess are not effective with some of the students. Some students would even rather walk during their recess instead of completing their work.

Here are the guidelines that will be used for this policy.

- A Morning Detention will NOT be given to students who forget or misplace their homework the first time. It WILL be used for students of repeated offenses regarding homework. Repeated offenses will be grade level appropriate, in other words stricter for grade 6 than grade 3.
- If a student does not complete their work, they will be given an extra day to complete it and turn it in the next day.
- Students will work on the incomplete assignment during recess if it is still not completed by the next day.
- Each teacher will determine if a student has points subtracted for late work, and how many points.
- Students will serve a Morning Detention for repeated offenses regarding work that is not finished when it is due.

-Parents will be notified through a written note and/or Option C if a Morning Detention has been given. If a Morning Detention is to be served, parents will have an extra day of school to allow you to make arrangements for your child to have transportation to school, since it is before the actual school day starts. An example is if a child has not completed work on Tuesday and is notified that a Morning Detention is to be served, the child is expected to serve that Detention on Thursday.

-When a student is to serve Detention, they are to enter through the bus loop entrance, which is the door that Morning Care and After School Care students enter and leave. Students do not enter through the main entrance of Holy Cross, which is where students are dropped off and picked up.

-Upon entering through the bus loop entrance, students will need to walk to the classroom where Detention is being held. Mrs. Rohn, Mrs. DeCola, Mrs. Keweenaw, and Mrs. March will each have a day when Detention is in their classroom. Detentions will be served on Monday through Thursday, with no Detentions on Friday mornings.

-A Detention is not a tutoring time. It will be a quiet time for students to reflect about their decisions, read, or work independently.

-We feel it is necessary for students to be held accountable and do their part in the learning process. If a student does not serve 3 Morning Detentions that were assigned, an In-School Suspension will be given. In the event that a student is not responding to the plan for recess time, Morning Detention, or In-School Suspension, a conference including parents, teachers, and the principal will be scheduled to discuss strategies so that the student will be completing work and learning skills necessary for the next grade.

It is our hope that students will understand the importance of completing their work, so that it will not be necessary for your child to serve a Detention. It will also be used for students who are repeatedly behind in completing their work. Please be assured that we have the needs of your child in mind, as we assist them in their educational process. Thank you for choosing to send your child to Holy Cross Catholic School, and allowing us to be part of their lives.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rohn, Grade 3 Teacher

Mrs. DeCola, Grade 4 Teacher

Mrs. Keweenaw, Grade 5 Teacher

Mrs. March, Grade 6 Teacher

Mrs. Reinhart, Principal

- Please return this slip to your child's teacher by Friday, February 7. This policy will go into effect the week of February 10, 2025.
- I acknowledge that I have read and am aware of the Before School Morning Detention Policy.

_____ Child's signature

_____ Parent's signature

_____ Date

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