



Important Dates

- * Tuesday August 25th *
First day of school K
- * Wednesday August 26th *
First day of school PK4 & Young 5s
- * Thursday August 27th *
First day of school PK 3
- * Friday August 28th *
Non-Uniform Day
- * Monday September 7th *
No School-Labor Day
- * Wednesday Sept. 16th *
Grandparents Day K-2
- * Wednesday Sept. 30th *
Dads & Donuts
- * Wednesday October 7th *
Fall Picture Day

Pre-K Tuition

Attention Pre-K parents: If you intend to use FACTS for your student's tuition, please contact Mrs. Sampson ASAP!
rsampson@defianceholycross.org
419-784-2021

Tuition Grades K-6

If you have not filled out your Ed Choice paperwork or made arrangements to pay tuition, the deadline to do so is **Friday September 12th**. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need help filling out your paperwork.



Mass on Wednesday
August 26th is planned
by Grade 6.
(Mass begins at 9:30am)

Chromebooks

Attention 5th & 6th grade parents! Enclosed you will find an invoice for laptop fees. All 5th and 6th grade students receive Chromebooks that they will use at school and can take home with them when necessary. Students will not receive their Chromebooks until the laptop fee has been paid. If you need help with your fee, please contact the office. Thank you!

Fundraising Opportunities

Aside from our yearly fundraisers, we also have some easy ways that you can help us raise funds for HCCS without spending any extra money. Please refer to the Fundraising Opportunities form that went home last week for more details!

PMO

Our first meeting is Tuesday September 1st at HCCS at 5:30pm. Please join us! We would love to hear your thoughts about how we can make HCCS an even better place for your students!



Birthdays

2	Ronin Porter	4 th
5	Hadley Wolff	5s
7	Marley Hoellrich	2 nd
8	Leo McCann	5s
11	Alayah Conley	6 th
12	Jayden Fox	2 nd
	Joshua Fox	2 nd
14	Mrs. Detter	
15	Jace Tobias	PK
16	Gabe Alford	5 th
19	Aiden Meine	1 st

Free & Reduced Lunch Program

If you received a free and reduced lunch form in your M&M please fill it out and return it ASAP. If you were on the free and reduced lunch program last year, you do not have to fill out new paperwork this year.

Pick Up/Drop Off

Please note that we only use the lane closest to the parking lot for pickup and drop off. To ensure the safety of our students, please avoid making two lanes. Thank you!

Enclosures:
September Lunch Menu
Chromebook Invoices
FACTS-Pre-K
School to Home Connection
PMO Flyers

BIRTHDAY GRAM

SEND YOUR CHILD A HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH A BIRTHDAY GRAM DELIVERED TO THEIR CLASSROOM!

**\$5
EACH**

ORDER TODAY FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR!

For only \$5 a PTO member will deliver a birthday gram to a student or staff member on their birthday! Complete the attached form and return it with the payment. We will mark our calendars and be sure the student or staff member get their special gram on their birthday. Each Birthday Gram will include a balloon, goodie bag and a personalized message.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PTO!

BIRTHDAY GRAM ORDER FORM

STUDENT'S NAME _____

BIRTHDAY _____ ☐ BIRTHDAY ☐ HALF-BIRTHDAY

TEACHER _____ GRADE _____

FROM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

MESSAGE _____

☐ PINK ☐ BLUE ☐ YELLOW ☐ PURPLE ☐ RED ☐ GREEN ☐ ORANGE



Venmo @HCCSPMO

QTY _____ GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE

PMO

After the Bell

Parent Meet & Greet

August 27

Moncho's Lounge

5:30 P.M.

Parents & Guardians
Welcome!

We survived the first week of school,
now lets celebrate and mingle!



MONCHO'S LOUNGE
1880 S Jefferson Ave



KIDS FREE
Celebration!

PMO MEMBERS, WE CHALLENGE YOU!

Bring new members to our event!



Whoever brings or invites the most new members
will win a prize!



A new member is classified as someone
who has never attended a PMO meeting.

*Come for the conversation,
stay for the connection!*



We can't wait to see you there!



LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 2026

Defiance HCCS

Labor Day 7th
Grandparents K-2 16th

Monday

7
Chicken Tenders
Celery or Carrots
Peaches
Milk

14
Popcorn Chicken
Celery or Carrots
Peaches
Milk

21
Ckn Patty Sandwich
Peas or Carrots
Peaches
Milk

28
Chicken Nuggets
Carrots or Celery
Peaches
Milk

Tuesday

1
Hot Dog
Baked Beans or Fries
Pears
Milk

8
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans or Peas
Pears
Milk

15
Hamburger
Baked Beans or Fries
Pears
Milk

22
Spaghetti/Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Broccoli
Pears
Milk

29
Hot Dog
Baked Beans or Fries
Pears
Milk

Wednesday

2
Pancake Bites
Scrambled Eggs
Carrots or Potato Rounds
Banana
Milk

9
Sausage Egg
Cheese Sandwich
Potato Triangles
Carrots
Strawberries
Milk

16
Egg Cheese
Sandwich
Potato Triangles or Corn
Strawberries
Milk

23
French Toast Stix
Sausage
Potato Triangle or Carrots
Strawberries
Milk

30
Pancake Bites
Scrambled Eggs
Carrots or Potato Rounds
Banana
Milk

Thursday

3
Sloppy Joes
Corn or Peas
Apples
Milk

10
Cheese Quesadilla
Refried Beans or Corn
Applesauce
Milk

17
Deli Sandwich
Carrots or Green Beans
Applesauce
Milk

24
Chicken and Rice
Refried Beans or Corn
Apples
Milk

Friday

4
Pepperoni Pizza
Dk Green Salad or Green
Beans
Pineapple
Milk

11
French Bread Pizza
w/Marinara
Broccoli
Pineapple
Milk

18
Pepperoni Pizza
Broccoli or Salad
Pineapple
Milk

25
Cheese Pizza
Broccoli or Green Beans
Pineapple Milk

Student Lunch \$3.40
Student Breakfast \$2.35
Milk \$.70
Water *not a milk substitute* .75

Adult Lunch \$4.30
Adult Breakfast \$2.85

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MY SCHOOL BUCKS
PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com

Backpack Buddy Program

Parent Release of Information and Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are continuing a program that provides students supplemental food for the weekend. Anyone that is in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade and on Free or Reduced-Priced Lunches is eligible. Please disregard this form if you are not interested in the program. If you are interested in this program, please check the following box 'yes' and complete the information needed below:

- ☐ Yes. I DO want information from my Free and Reduced-Priced School Meals Application (Or Direct- Certification process, if applicable) shared with the Backpack Buddy Program.

Child's Name: _____ Lunch Number _____ Grade ____ Teacher _____

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Return this form to: Mrs. Sampson
Holy Cross Catholic School



United Way of
Defiance County

The Backpack Buddy program is sponsored by United Way of Defiance County

***** Application due by Wednesday, Sept 2nd *****



Laptop Fees

Your 5th or 6th grade student will receive their own personal Chrome book to use at school, and take home when necessary, for the year. Students will not receive their Chrome books until their \$50 Laptop Fee is paid, please submit your payment ASAP. If you are in need of assistance, please contact the office. Thank you!

Student Name: _____

Amount Paid: _____



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Helping Children Learn®

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Defiance City Schools

Students do better when families and schools communicate

Two-way communication between families and schools supports academic success. When you and the school work together, it is easier to identify and address what your child needs to do well in class.

To keep this productive communication flowing:

- **Sign up to receive** communications from the school on all platforms—social media, parent portals, etc. If you aren't sure how, contact the office.
- **Reach out to your child's teachers** with questions or concerns about your child's learning. For questions about a school policy, ask the office who to contact.
- **Offer suggestions.** Explain factors that the teacher or the school may not know about and what you think would help your child most.
- **Keep an open mind.** A teacher's or staff member's view of a situation may be different from your child's or yours. Ask for clarification of anything that is confusing. Focus discussions on finding solutions.
- **Follow up** after meetings to see how things are going. If a plan of action for your child isn't working, discuss next steps for addressing the situation.



Attendance is a foundation

One of the most important ways you can support school success is to make sure your child attends every day. Missing as few as six class days can harm academic performance. To keep attendance on track:

- **Prep for mornings** the night before—lay out clothes, pack schoolbags, etc.
- **Schedule appointments** and family trips for non-school times.
- **Reach out to school staff** for help finding solutions for attendance issues.

Source: E. Blad, "Absenteeism May Hurt Academics Long Before It Becomes 'Chronic,'" EducationWeek.

Foster friendship skills

Friends can make school life better—and more dramatic. To help your child navigate the ups and downs of friendship:



- **Listen.** Sometimes, children need a sympathetic ear more than a solution.
- **Ask questions.** "What do you think you could do about that?"
- **Tell stories** about your own social challenges and how you faced them.



Make read-alouds an everyday thing

Elementary schoolers of every age benefit from hearing books read aloud. Reading aloud to your child not only supports literacy development—it also demonstrates that reading is an important and fun way to spend time.

For maximum results:

- **Create a daily routine.** Choose a read-aloud time when your child will be most receptive, such as after playing outside or before bed.
- **Preview books.** Reading aloud is performing. You'll do a better job if you are familiar with what you are going to read. Previewing a book can also prevent getting bogged down in a story neither you nor your child enjoys.
- **Get dramatic.** Emphasize the first line of the book to grab your child's attention. Use voices and facial expressions to bring characters and situations to life.
- **Prolong interest.** Stop reading for the day at a point where you and your child are both eager to hear what happens next.

Reinforce online safety

Millions of children go online every day to learn, create and socialize. Ensuring their safety is vital. To help protect your child:

- **Monitor** your child's online activities. Keep devices where you can see them and use parental controls.
- **Establish** rules—no playing online games with people not also known in real life, no underage social media use, etc.
- **Tell** your child to alert you to inappropriate content, messages or experiences online.

