



Holy Cross School Newsletter

September 9 -23, 2011

Dear Parents,

We are off to a fantastic start at Holy Cross School! The Open House was so uplifting, and such a great way to begin the year as a school community. We so appreciate the support we feel from you – our school parents in this most important mission of Catholic education. What a pleasure it is to work with your wonderful children – and YOU!

This newsletter will differ a bit from what you have received in the past. It will be sent home bi-weekly, corresponding with the date listed on the heading. Please read and keep the newsletter throughout the dates that it is in effect, as it is one of the most effective means of communication between school and home. **One copy per family will be sent home with your oldest child every other week (Friday) in the color coded office folder. Please return your office folder to the school promptly on Monday to insure further communication from the school. Also, if you would prefer a paperless copy of the newsletter please indicate that in a written note with the email address that you would like us to send it. Remember that the newsletter will also be included on the website for you to read and review there.**

Parents, you are to be commended on your well mannered, thoughtful and wonderful children! I am really enjoying getting to know them and love working at Holy Cross! Your kind words and prayers are making such a positive difference! Know that your children and you are upheld in our daily prayers as well. We're going to have a great year!

Ms. Scipioni

IN TODAY'S OFFICE ENVELOPE:

- *A packet of information is included about one of our major fundraisers, the Walk and Prayer-a-thon. Please review the information and start gathering pledges as soon as possible.*
- *Information regarding Grandparents / Special Friends Day (Sept. 30th) is also included. Please read and complete the reservation form and return it to school with your payment by Sept. 19.*
- *Since there aren't many events for the month of September, we will not be sending home a September calendar this month. Please check this newsletter for information and dates of happenings at Holy Cross School throughout the month of September.*
- *Family Faith Formation information for the Tri-Parish cluster.*
- *Kimball Community Education information*

Sat., Sept. 10

Mass Server – Ashley Haus

Monday, September, 12

- Your color coded office folder needs to be returned today. Any information that you want to be returned to the office (lunch checks, noted, etc.) should be returned in this folder.
- Library begins today and happens every Monday throughout the school year. Assistance at the library is offered by volunteer members: Lorraine Gregory, Carol Lenzmeier, and Marlene Kunkel.

Tues., Sept. 13

- Every Tuesday the students in grades K-6 have technology with Mrs. Symalla
- Grades 1 & 2 and 5 & 6 also have art with Mrs. Symalla.

Wed., Sept. 14

- 2:00 Mass – Feast of the Holy Cross. The sixth grade will assist with this special Mass. Please join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school and parish community.
- Every Wednesday the students in grades K – 6 have music with Mrs. Faber.

Thurs., Sept. 15

- Every Thursday the students in grades K-6 have technology with Mrs. Symalla.
- Kindergarten and grades 3 & 4 also have art with Mrs. Symalla

Fri., Sept. 16

- Friday is typically the day we attend mass as a school community. However, since we went to Mass this week on 9/14/11, we will not attend today. All parents and community members are invited and encouraged to join us for this celebration.
- Music is taught every Friday with Mrs. Faber.
- Your school office folder (a.k.a. the Friday Folder) will be sent home today. Although you won't have a newsletter enclosed on this date (remember that this newsletter will extend for two weeks), you should review the folder for various updates and other information that will be sent home to you.
- Early Childhood Screening is set today for 3 year olds in Kimball. Any child who will attend Kindergarten at a public or parochial school in Minnesota is expected to participate in early childhood screening. Call the Kimball School District to set an appointment. (398-7700)

Sun., Sept. 18

- Mass Servers – Jasmine Samuelson and Zach Weber

Mon., Sept. 19

- Last reminder I'll put in newsletter.....please send your Friday folders back with your child today

Wed., Sept. 21

Our tri-parish cluster is launching a new Family Faith Formation class to be offered monthly for parents and children in grades K–12. The goal is to engage parents in sharing their faith with their children through the promotion of family and personal prayer, and the practice of faith sharing. Although a faith formation program of this type is typically offered to the students and families who do not attend Catholic school, ALL parish families are invited and encouraged to participate. Tonight's session begins at 6:30 and is held at Luxemburg. The same session will be offered again on 9/28 at Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Rockville (6:30 – 8:30).

Fri., Sept. 23

- 8:30 Mass – Please join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school and parish community. The students in grades 3 & 4 will assist.

NOTES

PARENTS PLEASE BE ATTENTIVE

For the safety of all children and for better communication between school and home, we are asking that all parents remember to do the following:

- **If your child is absent, please contact the school by 8:00 a.m. You may leave a message the night before if you know your child is sick. If we do not receive a call from you and your child is not in school, we will call you.**
- **We must have a written note or telephone call from you if transportation arrangements have changed for your child on any given day.**
- **Children must wait inside the building for after school pick up. Please be on time when picking up your child after school. Children are not allowed to wait for you on the playground or outside of the building.**

DISMISSAL TIME CHANGE

As was discussed at Parent Night, we are working to meet the schedules given to us by the bus companies regarding the end of the day school dismissal. Because the buses won't be arriving at Holy Cross until 3:20-3:30, we'd like the kids to stay in their classrooms until 3:15. The teachers will use this supervised time for instruction, as well as for students to work on their assignments and homework for the day. Although we have little control over bus transportation and routes, we do apologize for any inconvenience the later dismissal time may cause. It is the feeling of the faculty that the children's time is better used in the classroom while waiting for the bus, then sitting in the gym. If you have any questions or concerns about this decision you should take them directly to Ms. Scipioni.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES – PLEASE NOTE

The date for our first parent teacher conference (grades 1-6) has been changed to Tuesday, October 18th (after school and evening). Parents will be getting more information regarding conferences in your 9/23/11 office envelope.

The Prayer and Walkathon date was incorrect on the school calendar. The correct date **is Saturday, October 8th**. The date is correct on the Prayer and Walkathon information you are receiving in the 9/9/11 office folder.

The date for the Christmas Program has been set for Tuesday, December 13th at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

SCRIP! A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER THAT COSTS YOU NOTHING TO USE!

Parents are encouraged to participate in an ongoing fundraising opportunity at Holy Cross that assists in raising extra capital for the school. For a number of years we have sold SCRIP certificates at the school, which are actual gift cards and certificates to various stores. Our school buys SCRIP certificates at a discount and sells them to you at face value, thus creating an income. (i.e. if we pay \$24 for a \$25 gas card and sell it to you at face value, we realize a profit of \$1) Since SCRIP is just like cash it is easier to use at most stores than checks! We have a good inventory of SCRIP cards for local establishments such as restaurants and fast food places, grocery stores, gas stations, clothing stores, home improvement places, and a host of other places too numerous to mention. Give it a try! What have you got to lose?

THANK YOU!

We extend our gratitude and humble thanks to the many parent volunteers who assisted with the school cleaning prior to the start of school. You helped us get off to a great start and we are grateful.

Our thanks are also extended to Michele and Al Haus and Sara Schneider for hosting the golf tournament fundraiser for Holy Cross School. A great time was had by all in attendance while earning necessary funds for our school. Thank you!

A great time was also had by all kids and parents who participated in the Kimball Days parade on August 14th as part of the Holy Cross School entry. Thanks to Sara Schneider and Jeana Meyer for organizing this event.

We are grateful to Michele and Al Haus for powder coating the stalls in the girls bathroom, and to Mr. George Ruhland, Jerry Arnold and Orville Kramer for installing the partitions. Last but not least, we thank Jack Zwilling for giving of his time and talent in doing countless projects around the school to help the teachers and staff. We are blessed by the sharing of time, talent and treasure of so many. Thank you!

PRAY AND WALKATHON

In today's (9/9/11) office folder you received information regarding our upcoming fundraiser, the Prayer and Walkathon. We hope to raise over \$10,000 on this 5 mile walk, and ask that each family solicit pledges from relatives, parishioners and friends to sponsor you on this prayerful stroll around Pearl Lake. Invite those who pledge you (and those who don't as well) to write a special intention on the "Prayer Flag" that you are given (get more copies as you need them at school). As we walk along our journey we will stop and pray for all intentions that are included on the prayer flags.

Please start soliciting pledges and contributions NOW. You may submit your money as it is collected to the school. Be sure to return it in an envelope with your family name on it as well as the dollar amount included in the envelope. Remember to seal the envelope so no checks or money are lost in transit between home and school.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school. Thank you all for your willingness to promote and support this necessary fundraiser.

OTHER UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, September 21 – Luxemburg Faith Formation, 6:30 – 8:00

Sunday, September 25 – School Breakfast from 8:30 to Noon at Holy Cross School

Monday, September 26 – NO SCHOOL – Catholic School Diocesan Ministry Day

Tuesday, September 27 – Home & School meets at 7:00 in the gym. All are Welcome.

Wednesday, September 28 – Family Faith formation class in Rockville, 7:00-8:30 ****See notes below****

Friday, September 30 – Grandparents & Special Friend Day, 10:30 Mass, lunch & more

*****Family Faith formation is a replacement for religious education for K-10 grades. At least one parent must attend with their child/children. You can attend Rockville or Luxemburg sessions. They are identical sessions at both parishes. Confirmation students, First Communion and First Reconciliation students will also have additional sessions. Dates still to be determined *****