

Holy Cross Catholic School Newsletter

"150 Years of Discipleship"

January 17, 2018

Issue #18

In This Issue

- Catholic Schools Week 2018-19
- 150th Anniversary Spirit Wear
- Grandparents/Special Persons day
- St. John Homeless Shelter

Kitchen Duty Schedule

Thur. 1/18: Stacy Michiels

Fri. 1/19: **NO SCHOOL**

Mon. 1/22: Amanda Perry

Tues. 1/23: Tina Van Egeren

Wed. 1/24: Charles Benner

Thur. 1/25: OPEN

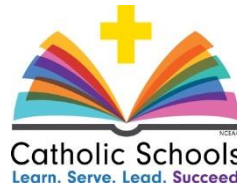
Fri. 1/26: OPEN

Sign up here:
<https://goo.gl/yEEX4z>

Lunch Menu:

1/18: Build Your Own Sub, Doritos, Peas

1/19: NO SCHOOL



Dear Holy Cross Catholic School Families,

We are approaching the kick off to our 2017 Catholic Schools Week. An interesting article from NCEA (The National Catholic Educational Association) states *A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools*:

- We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.
- We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
- We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
- We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
- We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.
- We use technology effectively to enhance education
- We instill in students the value of service to others.
- We teach children respect of self and others.
- We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
- We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
- We have 99% high school graduation rate. 85% of our graduates go to college.
- We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.

Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year begins the weekend of Catholic Schools Week. If you enroll early during Jan. 28th-Feb 3th the fee is \$50.00, Feb. 4th-Feb. 28th the fee is \$100.00 and beginning March 1st the enrollment fee is \$125.00. The best way to market our wonderful school is word of mouth.

God, our Father and Creator, be with us in our school. Help us to treasure your gift of life and treat one another with care. Let us always remember that we are all created in your image. Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us in our school. Guide our teachers, guide our parents, and lead our students to recognize you in all people. Come Holy Spirit, and be with us in our school. Give us a vision for the future, and the determination for shaping a faith-filled future. Amen

God Bless, Mrs. Gast

1/22: Pepperoni Pizza,
Garlic Bread, Green Beans

1/23: Sloppy Joe, Fries,
Corn

1/24: Grilled Cheese,
Tomato Soup, Cookies &
Cream

1/25: Mac-n-Cheese,
Breadstick, Broccoli

1/26: Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Tater Triangle

Morning Family

Prayer:

1/18: Mass

1/19: No School

1/22: Cheslock

1/23: Cumicek

1/24: Davister

1/25: Mass

1/26: DeFrank/Brown

Important Dates:

Fri. 1/19: NO SCHOOL-
Teacher In-Service, FAST
Ski Event.

Thur. 1/25: 8:00 am
mass Grade 5, GRACE
Forensics Invitational 4-8
pm

Sun. 1/28: Catholic
Schools Week Starts-
Students participating in
10:00 am mass.

St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter

On Monday, Jan. 29th of Catholic
Schools Week we will be collecting
socks (all sizes and colors) for St.
John Homeless Shelter, Golden
House, and Freedom House. We
will be having a Sock Toss in the
afternoon. Start looking for the
deals on socks!

Students should hold onto them
until they bring them to school that
Monday for the Sock Toss.



Grandparents/Special Persons Day February 2nd

Bingo Prizes Needed!

We are in need of wrapped Bingo
prizes for all ages for our
Grandparent/Special Person Day
Event that will be held after mass
on **Friday, February 2nd**. Prizes
can be dropped off at the school
office. FAST will be providing the
snacks for this event!



Teacher In-Service Day Friday, Jan. 19th

This Friday, Jan. 19th, there is NO
SCHOOL. The teachers have an in-
service day. Holy Cross School
along with the other GRACE
schools have begun the year two
Accreditation process as a GRACE
District. The process allows schools
to take a look and reflect upon their
strengths as well as areas in which
they can grow. In year two Holy
Cross School staff will be reviewing
the areas:

- Curriculum and its alignment with
our Catholic values
- Curriculum and instruction for 21st
Century learners
- Meeting the diverse needs of all
learners
- Development and effectiveness of
the professional learning
community
- School-wide data and the use of
various types of assessment tools

Our teachers will be working on the
accreditation process in the
morning. In the afternoon Grades
EC-5th will be at various school
sites working on writing curriculum.
Middle School teachers and
Specials will be attending the Notre
Dame Academy Forum.

“It’s more important than ever
that educators collaborate
to continually improve and support
the success of each learner.”

- Dr. Gene Carter, CEO and Executive Director of ASCD



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 –
February 3
#CSW18

“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic School, over above this, should help all its students become saints.”-Pope Benedict XVI

Sunday, January 28th:

- Students participate in 10:00 am Sunday liturgy at Holy Cross Parish
- Book Fair opens after mass 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Monday, January 29th:

- Crazy Coupon Day sponsored by the 8th grade class
- Donuts and Coffee with Dad 7:45-8:15 am (Gym)
- Spelling Bee 8:30 am (Gym) Parents are welcome to attend!
- Sock Collection and Sock Toss 2:10 pm (Gym) Outreach for St. John Homeless Shelter, Golden House, and Freedom House

Tuesday, January 30th:

- Spirit wear with dress down bottoms (Spirit Wear hoodies allowed ONLY on this day)
- School wide Bible study led by the 8th graders 8:30-9:00 am
- All school Science Fair walk through 1:45 pm (Grades 3-5 classrooms)
- **Open House 5-7:00 pm**-Science Fair in 3-5th grade classrooms, Book Fair in Library, Carnival in Gym, treats provided by the Hot Lunch program

Wednesday, January 31st:

- Wear your favorite sports team attire with dress down bottoms
- Muffins with Mom 7:45-8:15 am (Gym)
- Geography Bee 8:30 am (Gym) Parents are welcome to attend!
- Super bowl Buffet for lunch (Please RSVP to the Hot Lunch Program)
- Magician 1:45 pm (Gym)

Thursday, February 1st:

- Dress as a class theme
- Game show “Who Knows Their Teacher?” with **SPECIAL SURPRISE GUEST STAR MC** 1:45 pm (Gym). **Parents are welcome to attend!**

Friday, February 2nd:

- Wear your 150th Anniversary tee shirt with uniform bottoms
- **School Mass** 4th Grade 8:00 am
- Grandparents/Special Persons Day & Bingo in the Gym following Mass
- Happy Joe’s Pizza lunch (\$3.00 a slice, students bring their own beverage NO SODA)
- Movies in the afternoon

Mission Statement: Holy Cross Catholic School guides each student in developing academic, emotional, and physical excellence while spreading the Gospel message as Jesus did, since 1868.