

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Students

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Important Dates

Wed. Oct. 27- Parents begin decorating the gym for the Halloween Carnival (after 5:00 p.m.).

Fri. Oct. 29- Feast of All Saints- children dress as favorite saint.-

Sat. Oct. 30- Halloween Carnival, Santa Cruz Gym, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Taking Care of Our Beautiful Gym

Two years ago, HCCS spent over \$100,000 . Renovating the inside of our beloved Santa Cruz Gym. The repairs were badly needed. The gym had, for many years, been ignored and presented many challenges for us, especially during events/activities, like basketball games, the Extended Care Program, and the Christmas Play. The fire exit signs and doors were replaced, windows in the classrooms were modified to comply with regulations, tile replaced old battered tile, water was brought in for the Extended Care Program and the concession stand (mandated by law), and the electricity was upgraded which enabled us to operate a concession stand without the breakers shutting down. The walls were painted, a score board was purchased and the walls were painted. Thanks to the Mel and Geri Martinez family, a beautiful mural was painted on the stage wall, a sound system was installed, and curtains were made for the stage.

Please do your best to keep our gym beautiful! Children should not be left unattended during games, should not be left to loiter in the hallways, left unsupervised outside and should not be allowed on the stage during activities. Finally, children should not be allowed to stand on the concession stand counters for any reason. It is OUR gym. Please do not hesitate to correct those breaking the rules. .



Halloween tickets money was due last Friday- On

Monday, November 1, 2010, all money not turned in will be rolled into your

FACTS account. We have a few parents who have not turned in their money yet.

Student Survey Results for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

Students in grades 4-6 were recently surveyed regarding the delivery of instruction new to HCCS this year, whereby the students change classes. On the positive side students like the following:

1. They feel welcome
2. They like the uniforms
3. They like being "prepared" for middle school
4. They like some of the games played
5. Teachers are good at what they teach
6. Subjects are explained better
7. Classes are challenging
8. Great teachers
9. Having three different teachers

On the "Needs Improvement", or "Delta" side students offered the following:

1. Books are hard to carry;
2. Not enough time to finish our work
3. Need lockers
4. Too much homework
5. Too many teachers

Note: We have completed one nine week period with this delivery system and are meeting continually to iron out the "kinks" in the new method of instruction. At a meeting this afternoon with teachers, we will address student and parent input regarding the program and will keep you informed of the results. The consensus appears to be that we continue the method for yet another 9 week period.



Change in lunch menu for this Friday

Our cook, Mrs. Castañeda, will attend a workshop in Albuquerque this Friday. Therefore, there is a change in the lunch menu. Children will be served ham and cheese sandwiches, chips and fruit cups with milk.

Decoration of the Gym for the Halloween Carnival

Parents are needed to help decorate the gym in preparation for the Halloween Carnival this evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Although two of our custodian/maintenance employees will be on hand to help, a good number of parents are needed for this annual activity. The work you complete for this project will go toward your required volunteer hours. Please make certain that you have included this time in your child's classroom "volunteer log." As principal, I have been astonished by the outpour of help from parents and the community. This is sure to be the best Halloween Carnival ever! Thank you for sharing your time, money and talents with us all.

Sports Activity Fee

We have a few parents who have not yet paid their student activity fee. Please send your \$25 fee to the office. Thank you.

Visitors to HCCS (parents and non parents)

All visitors to HCCS must report to the office before visiting the classrooms. The school cannot make exceptions to this rule for any reason, including the reason give sometimes that you have been affiliated with HCCS for a long period of time. Parents who don't know you may not understand. Therefore, in order to maintain consistency with this rule, and to ensure the safety of ALL children, parents visiting classrooms must come by the office for a visitor's pass. Please help us keep all our children safe!

Uniform Compliance

Please remember that all children must wear solid black shoes and solid black belts (no flowers, stones, etc.). For a time, we allowed black shoes with another color provided the "other" color was just a "little bit" of another color. Since then some students have chosen to wear shoes that have "a lot" of another color. To avoid having to assess a "percentage" of what is allowed for the "other" color we are now requiring that students wear ONLY solid black shoes. This requirement will avoid confusion among teachers, parents and students as to "how much of another color on the shoes" is acceptable. Please call the office if we can help with the purchase of shoes. We understand that in some circumstances, this may pose a financial hardship on parents. Jackets must also be navy blue. Again, we can help with this requirement if need be.

Cards for troops

HCCS students will be creating Christmas Cards for the troops in Iraq. Parents are welcome to assist in our classrooms with this project. Cards will be picked up from the school by any employee of Blue Sky Mothers on November 18 so they can be mailed off, and received by our troops in time for Christmas.

2010 Abuse Awareness Training for Adults: Creating a Safe Environment for Our Children (revised 10/22/10)

Attendance at this workshop is encouraged for all Catholic adults and is required of the following persons: 1. All priests and deacons incardinated in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe; 2. All religious employed by or volunteering for the Archdiocese or any of its entities; 3. All employees of the Archdiocese, Catholic schools, parishes and affiliated entities; 4. All volunteers serving in Archdiocesan and affiliated Catholic schools; 5. All volunteers in Archdiocesan parishes whose services place them in regular contact with or close proximity to children and youth; and 6. All persons who supervise those who work with children and youth in any capacity. **Pre-registration is necessary. These workshops are sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Contact: Annette in the Victims Assistance Coordinator 's Office @505-831-8144. Note: DO NOT bring children. No one under age 18 is allowed in the workshop. Following is a schedule for the workshops and locations up until December:** Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 10:00-1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Espanola; Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 9:00 am. To 12:00 noon, Catholic Center 4000 St. Joseph Place, NW in Albuquerque; Saturday, December 4, 2010, Catholic Center, 4000 St. Joseph Place, NW in Albuquerque; and Saturday, December 4, 2010, at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 443 Richard Avenue, in Fort Sumner, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

TQ Kids (Top Quality) for the weeks of October 27-November 10, 2010

Pre-Kinder: *Andres Sanchez, "For always improving and working hard. "*

Kinder:

First Grade: *Lauren Jaramillo "Knows what 's expected; leads her own learning. "*

Second Grade: *Emma Montano, "Knows what 's expected in second grade; works with teaches and peers. "*

Third Grade:

Fourth Grade: *Jayla Martinez, "Knows what 's expected; is always improving. "*

Fifth Grade: *Justin Ainsworth- "Leads his own learning; knows what 's expected. "*

Communication Training

Marc Worthington, RN, will lead a free four session workshop to improve communication at work and home. The group starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, October 30, at the Espanola Advanced Center for Healing, 509 West Pueblo. Participants will practice different ways to constructively discuss and solve issues with less stress. Space is limited. Please call 614-6706 to register.

As you meditate on each bead, imagine yourself “there”, take the role of any person in that scene, or be a bystander.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Historians think the Rosary developed slowly from the 1100s to 1569, during a time when Catholics were cut off from any real participation in the liturgy. In 1569, Pope Pius V brought the Rosary to its current form and recommended it be used to meditate on the “mysteries whence recall the entire life of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The Rosary is a powerful prayer and a wonderful way to express love for our Lord and his Mother.



Joyful Mysteries:

The Annunciation Lk. 1:26-38- The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to be the Mother of God.

The Visitation Lk. 1:39-56- Elizabeth greets Mary: “ Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ”

The Birth of Our Lord Lk 2:1-20-The Virgin Mary gives birth to our Lord.

The Presentation Lk 2:22-39-The Blessed Mother presents Baby Jesus in the Temple.

Jesus is Found in the Temple-Lk. 2:42-52-The Blessed Mother finds Jesus in the Temple.

The Luminous Mysteries:

The Baptism Jn. 1:29-34-The heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares Jesus the Beloved Son.

The Wedding at Cana Jn. 2:1-11-Because of Mary ’ s intervention, Jesus changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith.

The Coming of the Kingdom of God Mt. 4:17-Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls us to conversion and forgives the sins of all who draw near to Him in humble trust.

The Transfiguration Mt. 17: 1-8-The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to “listen to him. ”

The Institution of the Eucharist Mt. 26:26-30-Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies “to the end ” His love for humanity, for whose salvation He will offer Himself in sacrifice.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden Lk. 22:39-44-At Gethsemane, Jesus prays as He contemplates the sins of the world.

The Scourging at the Pillar Mt. 27:26-Jesus is cruelly scourged until His mortified body could bear no more.

Crowning of Thorns Mt. 27:28-31-A crown of thorns is placed on the head of Jesus.

