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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE JESUS LOVES YOU, AND SO DO WE

Important Dates

- ⇒ Thurs. Nov. 11- *Veteran 's Day*-
THERE WILL BE SCHOOL ON THIS DAY!
- ⇒ Tues. Nov. 16- Progress Reports go home;
- ⇒ Wed. Nov. 17, -Retakes and Sports Pictures, 8:30 a.m., library;
- ⇒ Thurs. Nov. 18-21- Basketball Tournament, Santa Cruz Gym
- ⇒ Fri., Nov. 19- Thanksgiving Food Drive, Children 's Mass, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church;
- ⇒ Fri. Nov. 19- Student Treasures Books due in the office;
- ⇒ Wed., Nov. 24- Early dismissal (11:00 a.m.), for Thanksgiving Break;
- ⇒ Thurs., Nov. 25- Thanksgiving Day, **NO SCHOOL;**
- ⇒ Mon., Nov. 29- Students return from Thanksgiving break;
- ⇒ Tues., Nov. 30- Healthy Sprouts Grants Notification

Thanksgiving meal tickets on sale

Thanksgiving Lunch at HCCS will be served on Thursday, November 18, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with pre kindergarten. Tickets are \$5 for adults; and \$3 for children. Because this is a "special" meal and the cost of providing it has risen considerably, there is a need to raise the price of the tickets this year. Please buy your ticket the day of the lunch from Ms. Borrego in the cafeteria.



Spanish Classes Cancelled

Early this year I, the principal of HCCS, agreed to teach Spanish to children in grades 1-3. Since then, I have come to realize this my goal may have been a bit unrealistic. Due to my work load and often a conflicting work schedule, I have had to cancel Spanish for the last three weeks. Although I have absolutely LOVED teaching the children Spanish, my work schedule is such that I am unable to continue this practice for another nine week period. Perhaps I can re-examine my schedule in the near future make a determination as to when I can continue to teach. Thank you for your understanding.

Student Tuition Assistance

Every year we are able to provide needy families with student tuition assistance. The small but badly needed amounts provided to parents are made possible by the Santa Fe Archdiocese. Please keep in mind that those who receive financial assistance must volunteer at school in some approved capacity, over and above the required 20 hours required of all parents. The school is always in need of help, including a chess coach, a plumber, office helper, and handyman.

The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together!!!!



Fr. Javier Gutierrez, Pastor, SF

Lorraine M. Sanchez, Principal

Angela Gonzales, School Secretary

H Honest

C Caring

C Considerate

S Students

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TQ Kid



Pre K- *Moorea Montaño*- Gets results; knows what she need to learn in Pre-K, and is always improving! Great job!;

Kinder- *Alejandro Archuleta*- Is always respectful, courteous, and very dedicated to his work as a kindergartener. His cheerful and caring attitude helps guide his classmates in positive directions;

First Grade- *Donovan Valerio*- Works with teachers and peers; gets results;

Second Grade- *Marisa Herrera*- Works with teachers and peers; is always improving;

Third Grade- *Emilio Martinez*- Always Improving; sets goals;

Fourth Grade- *Gabriel Huerta*- Leads hiw own learning; is always improving;

Fifth Grade- *Joshua Garduño*- Is always improving; knows what's expected; and

Sixth Grade- *Elena Romero*- Knows what's expected in 6th grade.

Congratulations to our Special TQ Kids!!!

Children's Thanksgiving Mass

HCCS students will celebrate Thanksgiving mass on Wednesday, November 24, and not on Friday. The mass on this day will begin at 8:30 a.m. like all Children's weekly masses. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. on this day for the Thanksgiving break, and will return on Monday, November 29th. Please remember to send you non-perishable items to your child's classroom by then so they can be distributed to the needy of the Valley.

Halloween Carnival Update

Thanks to all the wonderful parents who worked so hard during the Halloween Carnival. Special thanks goes out to the members of the Advisory Board, Bonifacio Vasquez, Jose Armijo, Yvette Branch, Renee Valerio and Marcy Vigil, President of the Advisory Board for their unrelenting dedication to Holy Cross Catholic School.

More Thanksgiving lunch information

Thanksgiving lunch at HCCS in scheduled for next Thursday, November 18th and will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, bread, stuffing cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Tickets are \$5 for adults (over 12 years of age) and \$3 for other children between three and 11 are \$3. Tickets will be sold in Marian Hall at lunchtime. However, please call the office and let us know by this Friday, **November 12, 2010**, if you will join us on this day so that we can shop for food accordingly.

Christmas Play

HCCS is planning ahead for the annual Christmas Program, scheduled Thursday, December 16. This year, for the first time, there will be no separate Christmas Eve in the church. Instead, we will have this "performance" during the Children's Mass on Friday, December 17, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 9:30 a.m.



□ □ **Classroom In the Spotlight**

Ms. Uberuaga's Kindergarten Class

Following is a letter written to Ms. Victoria DeVargas, Fire Prevention Specialist, following a visit to HCCS during Fire Prevention Week. The letter was written by Miss "U" regarding one of her students, Kailynn Valdez. (right)



Dear Ms. DeVargas, Fire Prevention Specialist:

While it 's been awhile since you and your team of fire fighters was here at HCCS, I want you to know that our children are still thinking of the work you and your fire fighters do to help this community.

The children 's admiration became very apparent last week during Parent/Teacher conferences. I was meeting with Jaime and Derrick Valdez, parent of one of my kindergarten students, Kailynn Valdez. We were looking at some of the writing that 5 year old Kailynn has done this year. Now when the children "write", they use mostly pictures to convey their message. However, Kailynn 's work showed one legible word, "Adam" boldly written amongst the page of scribbles and what appeared to be a brush fire. I told the parents that I had seen "Adam" written on Kailynn 's work quite a bit. The parents looked puzzled and said, "We don't know anyone named "Adam". Now concerned and curious, we all agreed we would ask Kailynn.

The next morning, Kailynn' s mother arrived, excited to inform me that they had solved the mystery of "Adam". Adam is a fire fighter," she explained. Her daughter nodded, her eyes big and serious. Apparently, Adam had left a big impression on Kailynn.

Looking back, it 's not surprising. Adam was one of several firefighters that came to visit our school during Fire Prevention Week. He had given our class an exciting tour of the fire trucks and when the children asked, blew the horns real loud!. Later, when our class went to lunch, the children were very excited to see that all of the fire fighters had stayed for lunch. Encouraging my students to be hospitable, I suggested that they give the fire fighters some fruit punch from our classroom. The children gladly did so, and much to the children 's delight, Adam picked up his tray and moved to eat lunch with them! Kailynn was one of the students who ate lunch with a fire fighter that day. Adam, who went beyond the call of a fire fighter, truly impressed service to your community, goodness, and respect upon the hearts and minds of the children that he so willingly serves.

Today, I asked Kailynn to tell me about Adam. She said, "I still remember Adam because he 's a fire fighter. He 's special because he helps." Ms. DeVargas, please commend Adam for his efforts. Truly, he is a role model for all of us. Also, please remind all of your firefighters that they are in the hearts and prayers of many. When we hear a siren, we make the Sign of the Cross and say a prayer for all of you, the special fire fighters, who "help."

May God Bless you and your efforts, Miss Uberuaga, Kindergarten Teacher