

Holy Cross - December 2025



Advent Begins on November 30 and at Holy Cross we will be having prayer and Advent preparation throughout the Advent Season in our Period 1 classes.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute either your time, talent, or treasure – or ALL – this Advent, to bring the joy of the birth of our Saviour Jesus to many lives at Christmas. God Bless You!

See Mrs. Dale if you have any questions about the following initiatives:

- **JPIInies – We are asking students to bring a toonie and/or the following:** mini or travel sized: toothpastes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and lip balm. Everything collected will go to those in need during this Advent season as part of Christmas hampers. Please bring to your Period 3 class by Friday, December 12. Thank you for your support!
- **L'Arche Party – Wednesday, Dec 3** from 4-8pm hosted by Holy Cross in our cafeteria with student volunteers.
- **Adopt An Elder** – Donate your time, talent and treasure as you receive the name of an Elder who resides at Stensrud Lodge (across McEown Street from Holy Cross). You will learn what their hobbies and interests are so that you can provide them with a nice card and small appropriate gift for their Christmas party which is during lunch on Monday, December 15. Let's have a large group of Crusaders crossing the street to bring joy to these elders!
- **Regional Psychiatric Center (RPC)** – In St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 13, verse 3, we read, "continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." We have the opportunity to help the clients at the RPC enjoy some Christmas joy. Holy Cross's donation to the Cathedral gift is individual packages of microwave popcorn, and hot chocolate. Donations of this treasure need to be made before Dec. 16. We will also be making Christmas Cards to go with the gifts, stay tuned for card-making lunches and afternoons.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring our wonderful *Alice in Wonderland* production to life! From set and stage design to lighting and sound, hair and makeup, costumes, ticket sales, and of course our incredible cast — your hard work made this show truly magical.

SRC Activities – The SRC is planning Christmas activities, spirit days, and a Pep Rally for the month of December. Check out student notices for more details!

Athletics – A shout out to our fall sports, athletes, and coaches! We deeply appreciate the time, dedication, and energy that both our coaches and athletes pour into the season. Congratulations to every team on an incredible fall filled with hard work, growth, and outstanding accomplishments!

- Cross Country – Most Improved Team Award
- Junior Football – Undefeated season and won the Charity Bowl
- Blue Girls Premiere Volleyball – 1st in Cities
- Senior Girls Soccer – 2nd in Cities and 3rd in Provincials
- Senior Football – 1st in Cities and 1st Provincials
- Senior Boys Volleyball – 3rd in Cities and 1st in Provincials
- Senior Girls Volleyball – 2nd in Cities and 2nd in Provincials

Other upcoming events and important dates:

Monday, December 8 - Gradebook Checkpoint #2 – Marks in Edsby are up to date, entered in Edsby and shared with students and parents

Wednesday, December 10 – Pep Rally Special Schedule, Senior Band Concert at 7pm in the theatre

Thursday, December 11 – Shortened Day: Students are dismissed at 12:30 and need to be out of the building by 12:45 as the staff has a Christmas lunch and Professional Development sessions in the afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monday, December 15 – Choir and Jazz Night at 7pm in the theatre

Tuesday, December 16 – Reconciliation

Friday, December 19 - last day of classes prior to Christmas break

We wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and holiday season!

Classes resume on Monday, January 5th.

