



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to provide a setting that ignites a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in collaboration with families, staff, and the parish in a personalized learning culture.

July 12, 2021

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. EVERY classroom or lunchroom volunteer or employee needs to have attended. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to www.virtus.org and select "First Time Registrant." Then choose "view list" of class sites, and choose "Detroit." Scroll through to find your session, then go back to the top of that page to create your login. The training is also available online: if you don't find it on the "Virtus" website, call school.

When attending a "PGC" workshop, be sure to be on time, as the Archdiocese does not allow latecomers to enter.

All volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day or camp, or to chaperone field trips.

If you have recently attended a "PGC" workshop, please send a copy of your certificate to school ASAP so we have it on file--thank you!

got SCRIP?

SUMMER HOURS--Fridays 7-9am

Patty Smith 810.434.9557--

Call or text your order ahead of time to arrange "no-contact" pickup!

SCRIP credits for purchases made from April through June have been calculated and posted: congratulations to the 18 smart Holy Cross families who just shared in over \$1900 in SCRIP credits! They earned all of that tuition credit from purchases they would have made, anyway, by using SCRIP to pay. (Not quite sure how SCRIP works?--call the school office--or Patty--for a quick explanation!)

During the summer, the SCRIP office will be open on Fridays only, from 8-10am; also, they will be closed for cleaning / vacation from Aug. 6-15.

Summer Office Hours

During July, the office is closed for cleaning--but we will continue to check phone and email messages. The office will reopen on August 2; we'll be in from at least 8am-1pm each day then.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **F Aug 20: "Crusader Day"!**
- Th. Aug 26: first day of school (1/2 day, with dismissal at 11am)

Drama Club and "Jungle Book"

If you missed their June 12 "premiere" at Marysville Park, you missed an amazing show! The audience was wowed by our students' talents and performances. Congratulations to **Mrs. Becky Bryson** and **Mrs. Katie Phelan** who put together the entire production. From sets to costumes to actor preparedness: it was fantastic! Bravo, all!!

Congratulations!!

...to Holy Cross School families who have received financial aid awards (Archdiocesan, Fr. Bartone and other "local") **totaling over \$20,000!** (That's why we encourage you over and over to apply for everything that is offered: it can be VERY worthwhile to apply.) Families receiving "first round" Archdiocesan awards have been notified; those who have not yet heard from the Archdiocese are still in the "second round" determinations. The AoD will contact with all of those applicants by the end of July. Holy Cross/Bartone award notifications were mailed this week and adjustments have already been made to those families' FACTS accounts.

...and to These Members of Our Class of 2021:

Congratulations to **Ava DeVeny** and **Olivia Ogden** for winning the eighth grade scholarship contest this year! They wrote on how Holy Cross has prepared them for their next steps. **Ava** wrote about how "Holy Cross has taught me how to build a healthy relationship with God... (and) prioritize..strong, healthy relationships," and was grateful for how those relationships are sustaining her and her family through their recent loss. **Olivia** also remarked on faith and community: "Holy Cross has given me...the desire to push myself to be the best person and Catholic I can be," and when "(I) push myself and (my) abilities to the limit...that is when I am truly successful." Olivia and Ava each receive \$500 toward their next year's tuition at Cardinal Mooney. Thank you to all the students who submitted applications. We are proud of each of you!!!

Scholarship Contest

Students: put on your thinking caps! Here is an opportunity for you to earn \$500 toward your Holy Cross tuition--while doing something great for somebody else!

Attached to this newsletter is information on earning that scholarship. Complete applications must be in the school office by Monday, August 2 (they can be mailed, or dropped off at the parish office before that day).

"Do something great!"

First Day of School for K-8:

...will be Thursday, August 26. Full uniform: but only a half day, with dismissal at 11am. More, later!

First Day of School for Preschool:

...will also be Thursday, August 26. More details later!

Dress Code for 2021-22

...for grades K-8 is attached. There has been a small change since it was published in the spring: on dress down days, students now may wear athletic pants with no holes and in good condition.

The Holy Cross dress code is available (with pictures) on the school website (holycrossonline.net/uniform/). In line with our continuing efforts to keep our focus on academic excellence and educating the whole child, and noting that school uniforms eliminate distractions, create a sense of belonging and pride, and are cost effective, you will notice a stricter enforcement of our dress code this year.

As you start your back-to-school shopping, please check to be sure your clothing selections comply with the dress code. Pants and shorts should be "dress"--no overstretching or "cargo" pockets. Socks should be white, black or navy and completely cover the ankle. Blouses should be plain in style. **SHOES are to be "dress shoes: oxford / buckle / loafer in black, dark brown or navy (or black & white saddle shoe)"**.

Look at the pictures on the website! There are so many options--you don't have to buy your clothes from any particular manufacturer, and there are many choices of styles. Our "Blue Room" is full of used clothing that is free to school families: call the office to make an ap-

pointment to check it out.

Our goal is to encourage a neat, professional, and "uniform" look among our students without causing our families a financial burden.

Uniforms For Next Year

As you get ready to shop for next year's clothes (!), here is another resource. French Toast is partnering with us with school-approved items available at this link:

<https://www.frenchtoast.com/schoolbox/schools/holy-cross-catholic-school-QS44WM7>

(Of course, our "Blue Room" is full! Call for a time to "browse.")

Raffle Calendar Winners

...for June: Christina LaFata of Marine City, Sharron DeFever of China and Cora Fisher of Algonac;

...and for July: Pat Hojnacki of Clay Township, Mike Bellow of Roseville and Sue Jenken of Marine City. Congratulations to all, and thank you for supporting our school raffle!

A note to current families: last year's raffle calendar chairperson has "graduated" from Holy Cross, as both of her children are now in high school: so the chairmanship--and its 12 service credits--are available. Please call school if you might be interested in working your service credits this year doing the raffle! It takes someone who is thorough and detail oriented. We can put you into contact with our prior chairperson if you'd like to learn just what's involved.

Congratulations!!

Kudos to HC alumni who received fourth quarter honors at Cardinal Mooney:

Principal's List (All As): **Claire Campbell, Gemma Downey, Jimmy Downey, Rebecca Goulette, Sophia Goulette, Aiden Schocker, Bryce Schocker, Dresden Scott, Scarlett Scott, Cole Tite, Isaac Zammit and Matthew Zammit;**

First Honors (at least 3As and no grade lower than B): **Maggie Bartholomew, Ashton DeMeulenaere, Audrina Guldemand, Kyle Miotke and Nicole Zawadzinski;**

Second Honors (Bs with 2 or fewer As): **Elliott Zech.**

Supply Lists

...for 2021-22 are attached. Please note that all K-8 students need ear buds or headphones. We advise headphones for younger students, who aren't as adept at volume control, to better protect their hearing. They don't need to be exorbitantly expensive: we found a reasonably priced set at "Five Below" stores.

Service Credits

K-5 families--don't forget that you have **until September 15** to sign up for your credits; families who haven't chosen by then are assigned to Plan "A" (to simply pay for their credits).

To Schedule Bingo Shifts...

Families opting to work their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. As bingo resumes, help will be needed most Wednesdays: one should fit your schedule.

Service Credits: Lunch Supervisors

Families can earn one service credit by working as a lunchtime aide 4 times. Lunch aides work from 10:30-11:30 on school days. Aides need to have participated in the "Protecting God's Children" class and submit to a background check. Mrs. Davenport will have a short orientation meeting for aides in August (date to be determined) so all will have an opportunity to learn the "rules" and expectations.

The online signup page is ready, for returning lunch supervisors--go to

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tqQWXOy86EdecEz7Sq0dzzPy6NK6SUjTd9zNJXEHIFE/edit#gid=1950180675>

If you are interested (or for more info), please contact the school office--thank you!

Family Directory

At the beginning of each school year we prepare a directory of our families, listing parents' names and addresses, students' names, and family phone number. We can include your email address, if you would like that to be available to your fellow parents.

The directory will be printed and given to all families whose family entries are included. If you prefer that your family's information NOT be included, please let Mrs Steinmetz in the school office know before August 13. If you would like your email address also included, please pass that info on to Mrs Steinmetz (school@holycrossonline.net) by Aug. 13, as well.

Yearbooks

We still have a book--\$15 takes it!

Sports for Next Year

Signup sheets were sent around for fall sports: volleyball for girls in grades 6-8, and co-ed cross country (grades 5-8. (But it's not too late: contact the school office if you're a new student interested

in joining either team--or a returning student who doesn't recall signing up!)

A heads up to all athletes' families: the Booster Club has always counted on the magazine sale to fund sports. However, people don't seem to be reading magazines any more; and with all the other fund raising we have to do here at Holy Cross, it has been decided that it makes sense for Holy Cross to initiate a "pay to play" system. More details as 2021-22 sports seasons begin; but we wanted to give you a "heads up" so you would know to expect it. (Of course, if a student's family just couldn't afford the sport fee--or any other cost at school--they should always contact the principal to see if some help is available.)

Athletes: **you'll need to have a sports physical** to participate in ANY sport. Summer is a great time to get that done and out of the way! Practices for volleyball and cross country should be starting in just about a month.

Sports and Service Credits

We are looking for somebody to schedule workers to man admissions and concessions at all home games, and to keep the concessions stand stocked. The person serving in this capacity all year will earn all of their family's service credits for the year! If your kids are into sports and you'll be at most games, anyway, this could be the service credit job for you--contact the school office for info.

Seventh Graders and New "Crusaders"

The Health Department assesses immunization records of all new students and all students entering 7th grade.

If your child is in one of these groups, please check with your doctor to see if your student's immunizations are up to date. Parents of students in these categories with immunization waivers will need to update the waiver: call the Health Department (810.987.5300) to make that arrangement.

Box Tops for Education

Just a reminder about "hot to" digital--save those little box tops....download the app, scan the receipt, and you've done it! For details on the new program, please go to: <https://www.bboxtops4education.com/newbtf>

As long as you see "Box Tops" with expiration dates on packages, please do continue to clip and send them in: they will be honored until their expiration dates.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicmc/>

Amazon Smile

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile. We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City."

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

VG's Receipts

Thanks to everyone who continues to save them for us--we've just turned in enough receipts to claim the reward!

Please keep saving the entire VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. (Sorry--their "e-receipts" are not accepted.) We will continue to collect receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school office, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance of the church (even during the summer).

Used Chromebooks For Sale

Would you like to have a spare Chromebook at home? We still have a number of used Lenovos for sale: \$20 cash only for a Lenovo Chromebook and charger. Please note that they HAVE been used for 5 years: no warranties! However, if you decide within a week of your purchase that you are not satisfied with it, you can bring it back and we will refund your money.

Vintage T-Shirts & Hungry Howie Fundraiser Cards

PTO still has a few Hungry Howie fundraiser cards available: for the \$10 cost, you get a free large one-item pizza, along with a number of pizza discounts. There are also a few "vintage" t-shirts (old logo) and caps available for \$5 each: all at the school office.

Crusader Day

Friday, August 20, will be "Crusader Day." From 10am to 2pm, the school photographer will be on hand to take students' 2021-22 school portraits. Teachers will also be in their classrooms preparing for the first day of class (Thursday, **August 26**), and will be available to casually meet their new students. Packets of "first day of school" paperwork will be available for parents to pick up--and you will be able to complete and leave forms that day, too, if you wish.

We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to meet the teachers, get your school picture taken, and gear up for school--see you August 20th!!

Thank You!!

...to the wonderful "gardening angels" who have continued weeding and sprucing up our school's flower beds this summer! The plantings are looking terrific--we really appreciate your dedication to Holy Cross!

Auction 2022

Have you seen any great bargains or really interesting items during your summer shopping trips? It's not too soon to think of your Auction donation!

Auction time will be here before you know it--and its success will depend on the items we've been able to gather. Keep the Auction in the back of your mind as you shop clearances or during your travels this summer! (If you'd bid on it, chances are good that someone else would, too.)

Working the Auction is a fun way to earn your service credits. Hopefully, we'll be allowed to gather again for this year's event! We're also looking for people to help plan and work at Auction 2022.

Congratulations!

...to 6th grader **Makenna** and 5th grader **Brennen Toupin and family** on the recent birth of Harper Michael! Mom and baby are fine.

* **Hope your summer** *
* **has been amazing--** *
* **see you next month!!** *

Holy Cross Catholic School—Marine City
Student Supplies Needed 2021-22

*** Replenish as needed—PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!**

	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Acad Suc
ZIPPING pencil bag (no boxes, please)	--	1	1	--
Set of 24 crayons (not "Twistables")	2 sets *	1 set	1 set	Yes
Set (8-10) washable markers	1 (8/pk)	1	1	Yes
1 ruler (12 inches / 30 cm)	--	1	1	--
# glue sticks *	24 *	4 *	4 *	Yes
# bottles of glue (8 ounce)	1	1	1	Yes
Fiskars scissors, short blade	1	1	1	--
# boxes #2 pencils *	3 boxes *	3 boxes *	3 boxes *	Yes
# pink erasers *	2 *	1 pkg *	1 pkg *	--
Pencil tip erasers *	--	1 pkg *	1 pkg *	--
# dry erase markers	--	4	4	Yes
# boxes tissues	4	3	3	Yes
# rolls paper towels	4	3	3	Yes
# pocket folders (bottom pockets)	4 (solid color)	2 (1 w/ holes)	2 (1 w/ holes)	Yes
Hand sanitizer	1 bottle	1 bottle	1 bottle	Yes
Antibacterial wipes for desks	4 pkgs	4 pkgs	4 pkgs	Yes
Gym shoes (white w/ non-marking soles)	1 pr (labeled)	1 pr	1 pr	--
Composition notebook for writing	--	1	1	--
3-ring binder w/clear view pockets	1 (1" thick)	1 (1" thick)	1 (1" thick)	Yes
Post it notes	--	1 pkg	1 pkg	--
"Ziploc" bags (quart / gallon)	.	1 box (gal)	1 box (qt)	--
Plastic page protectors	--	1 pkg of 25	1 pkg of 25	--
Index cards	--	--	--	Yes

Donations of supplies listed above for "Acad Suc" will be gratefully accepted for our "Academic Success" room—thank you!

In addition, ALL STUDENTS NEED:

- ❖ Book bag no larger than 15"x16"x8" (no rolling bags, please)
- ❖ Water bottle, if desired (18 ounces or smaller, spillproof, for **water only**).
- ❖ A set of earbuds or headphones (we encourage headphones for younger students to better protect their hearing: a reasonably priced headphone set is available at "FiveBelow" stores).

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grs 5-8
ZIPPING pencil bag (no boxes, please)	1	1	1
Set of colored pencils	1	1	1
Set of washable markers	1 (thin)	1	1
Crayola crayons (pack of 24)	1 pkg	1 pkg	--
# glue sticks *	4 *	4 *	3 *
Fiskars scissors, short blade, pointed	1	1	1
# boxes #2 pencils* (not foil-wrapped)	3 *	--	3 *
Mechanical pencils	--	3 pkg *	--
# pink erasers *	1 *	1 *	--
# red marking pens (non clicking) or pencils *	1 pkg *	1 *	2 *
Highlighters, different colors *	1 *	2 *	4 *
Black "Sharpie" marker, fine point	--	1 *	1 *
# pkgs. blue or black erasable pens *	--	--	1 *
Dry erase markers, set of 4	1 *	2 *	1 *
Ruler (12 in/30 cm)	1	--	--
# rolls paper towels	1	1	2
Pocket folders (with holes: red / blue / yellow)	1 ea color	--	3
White, wide ruled lined paper (not spiral bound)	1 pkg	--	3 pkgs *
Spiral notebook for math	1 green	--	1 (3 subject)
Spiral notebook for science (1 subject)	--	--	1
Spiral notebook for ELA (1 subject)	--	--	1
Composition notebook (religion, writing, spelling)	2	--	2 religion
Wireless mouse, optional	1	1	--
3x5 index cards for SS	--	--	2 pks
Pkg (lemon) Clorox wipes for desks	5	5	3
3-ring binder (gr 3: with clear view pocket)	1 1" thick	1 1" thick	1 12" thick
Books covers	--	--	3
Post it notes (colored)	--	--	1 pkg
Hand sanitizer	1	1	1 bottle
Boxes of tissues	2	2	2
Ziploc bags, pkg. STORage or SANDwich size	1 STOR	1 each	1 STOR
Plastic page protectors, pkg of 25	1	--	--
For gym: dark shorts, 1 shirt, white gym shoes w / non-marking soles	shoes only	shoes only	1 set



Holy Cross Catholic School

2021-22 Calendar



Aug 20	Friday	"Crusader Day" 9am-2pm in school
Aug 26	Thursday	First day of school: ½ day with dismissal at 11am
Sep 3-6	Friday-Monday	Labor Day holiday: no school
Sep 7	Tuesday	Classes resume
Oct 18	Monday	No school: professional development for teachers
Oct 29	Friday	End of first quarter
Nov 5	Friday	Report cards go home
Nov 11	Thursday	Half day with dismissal at 11am; evening parent/teacher conferences
Nov 12	Friday	No classes: parent/teacher conferences
Nov 24-6	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving recess
Dec. 17	Friday	Last day of school before Christmas break
Dec 20-Jan 3	Mon-Monday	Christmas break
Jan 4	Tuesday	Classes resume
Jan 17	Monday	No school: teachers' professional development
Jan 19	Wednesday	End of second quarter
Jan 28	Friday	Report cards go home
Feb 14-17	Mon-Thurs	5 th -8 th graders go to camp
Feb 18-21	Fri- Mon	No school: mid-winter break
Feb 22	Tuesday	Classes resume
March 14	Monday	No school: teachers' professional development
March 25	Friday	End of third quarter
April 1	Friday	Report cards go home
Apr 13	Wednesday	No school: teachers' professional development
April 14-24	Thu-Sunday	Easter break
April 25	Monday	Classes resume
May 27-30	Fri-Monday	Memorial Day weekend: no school
May 31	Tuesday	Classes resume
June 10	Friday	Last day of school; honors assembly, report cards

(Students who ride East China or Cardinal Mooney buses are advised to continually compare their calendars with Holy Cross's, and to stay in close contact with their bus driver and transportation department regarding ECSD / CMC full or half days off and early dismissal days.)

School day 7:30am-2:50pm
Lunch 10:40-11:25am
176 days / 1126 hours

05.20.2021

"I'm Doing Something Great to Help Someone Else"
Scholarship Contest and Application

Friends of Holy Cross have provided for a total of four \$500 scholarships* for current Holy Cross students in grades K-8. Up to two scholarships will be awarded to students in grades K-4, and up to two to students in grades 5-8.

To apply for the "Something Great" scholarship:

Students will write a composition on 'something great' that they are doing to help someone else this summer. Each student's grade level will be taken into consideration in the assessment of his/her entry/application; younger students especially are encouraged to include drawings in their work. (Only one entry per student, please.)

Students: please do NOT put your name on the front of your entry. Please complete and attach the bottom portion of this page to the back of your entry.

Entry / applications are due in the school office by the end of the school day on Monday, August 2.

Awards will be announced in the Thursday, August 5 school newsletter.

In the event an insufficient number of students applies in either age grouping, eligibility will be spread out among all applicants. If a winner's tuition is already paid, the award will be held as a credit towards camp or next year's tuition.

*The award for a student receiving the "New to Catholic Schools" discounted tuition will be \$300, and the other awards will be increased, equally, accordingly.

I am applying for the "I'm Doing Something Great to Help Someone Else" Scholarship and have attached my work. I did the work myself!

Student signature

grade

As entrant's parent / guardian, I certify that his/her entry is his/her original work, and I understand that it will not be returned. I also certify that my student performed (or is performing) the "something great" s/he writes about. I acknowledge that this entry may be shared in the school newsletter, the parish bulletin or newspapers, displayed at the school, or shared via other communication medium, and I hereby give permission for its publication and for the publication of my child's name as its author / illustrator.

Parent / guardian's signature

Date signed

Parent's printed name

Holy Cross Catholic School Dress Code Policies 2021-22 School Year

Uniforms are worn in all grades from K-8 and must be worn to and from school. The dress code is to be followed from the first day of the school year.

All clothing: no trim, lace or logos (except for Holy Cross's) are permitted on any regular school day clothing. **All bottoms:** "cargo" (with outside pockets) or "jeans" (with outside seam stitching) styles are NOT acceptable. More information and images of acceptable clothing are available on the school website: <http://holycrossonline.net/uniform/>

Girls' Uniform

Tops

- Polo shirts—navy blue, white, or light blue
- Button down blouses—white or light blue
- Sweaters / vests—white or navy blue
- Approved spirit wear quarter-zips with school logo *

Bottoms

- Dress pants / shorts—navy blue or khaki (leggings are NOT acceptable as pants)
- Jumpers / skirts / shorts—navy blue, khaki, or plaid #83

Shoes

- Mary Janes and flats—black, brown or navy blue
- Saddle shoes—navy blue and white

Accessories

- Socks—crew or ankle length (covering the ankle bone) or knee high: navy, black or white
- Tights—navy blue or white
- Nylons—may be worn by girls in grades 5-8

Mass Dress Code

- Button down blouses—white or light blue
- Jumpers / skirts / shorts—navy blue, khaki or plaid #83
- In winter months (October through April), girls may wear pants (navy blue or khaki)

Boys' Uniform

Tops

- Polo shirts—navy blue, white or light blue
- Button down dress shirts—white or light blue
- Sweaters / vests—white or navy blue
- Approved spirit wear quarter-zips with school logo *

Bottoms

- Dress pants / shorts—navy blue or khaki (leggings are NOT acceptable as pants)
- Belts—required in grades 4-8; must be leather (or leather-like) and be dark brown, navy, blue or black

Shoes

- Sturdy Oxford / dress shoe—black, brown or navy blue

Socks

- Socks—crew or ankle length (covering ankle bone) or knee high: navy, black or white

Mass uniform

- Button down shirt—white or light blue (NO polo shirts)
- Tie—traditional or bow tie, solid or conservative in color
- Dress pants—navy blue or khaki

*available through this year's school approved vendors only: contact the school office for info

THE PRINCIPAL AND HIS / HER DESIGNEE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE DRESS CODE ACCORDING TO THEIR INTERPRETATION. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVED CLOTHING MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRINCIPAL. In the end, if you are not sure of an article of clothing, bring it to school for the Principal's review (bring a change of clothes with you).

Uniform Policies for ALL Students

- **Hair** should be neat, trimmed, styled and kept out of the eyes. No extreme hair styles or colors will be allowed; no designs or stripes, skater cuts, or single strands of long hair. Boys' hair must be off the collar. Girls' hair must be neatly contained—plain barrettes may be worn if kept conservative. No bleaching, coloring, spiking, or other embellishment of hair is allowed: no extensions, feathers or beads are permitted.
- **Shirts** must be tucked in.
- **Shorts** may be worn from May 1 through September 30. The Principal may designate other days.
- **Shoes**—high heeled shoes, shoes with platforms, and boots are not permitted to be worn in school (if boots are worn to school, the student must bring appropriate shoes to change into). Backless or open toed shoes or sandals may not be worn in school. Gym shoes or dress-down-day sneakers should have non-marking soles. No wheeled shoes are permitted. NO athletic shoe is acceptable as a dress shoe.
- **Jewelry** may be worn sparingly. A single necklace and bracelet may be worn. Small post or small hoop earrings are allowed for girls (one set only, one in each ear). Boys may not wear earrings. No other costume jewelry is permitted.
- **Makeup**—girls may wear clear or light colored, neutral nail polish. Middle school girls may wear light, natural makeup.
- **ALL tops** must be plain in style, with no logos or trim.
- **ALL shorts, skirts, jumpers and skorts** must be between fingertip- and knee-length. Girls are encouraged to wear shorts, tights, or solid color navy blue or white leggings under skirts or jumpers.
- **Cargo style** pocketed pants / skirts / shorts are not acceptable.
- **Sweaters**, when worn, must be worn with a collared shirt.
- **Spirit wear** may NOT be worn on Mass days. Spirit T-shirts are NOT acceptable as a uniform shirt.
- Clothes are to be kept clean and in good repair, and fit properly: i.e. not too tight or loose, not too short, and properly hemmed.
- **Gym class**—students in grades 5-8 are to wear comfortable, loose-fitting gym pants / shorts (longer than fingertip length) and a T-shirt with no inappropriate writing or pictures. All students need athletic shoes for gym class: non-marking soles are mandatory. On gym day, students may wear plain, solid navy gym clothes to school as described under "Gym Day Uniform."
- **Tattoos** or simulated tattoos are always unacceptable.
- **"Dress Up" days**—occasionally days are designated "dress up"—often, if students are participating in a field trip to a concert or play. Clothing should be neat, conservative, and appropriate "Sunday best." Pants and dresses or skirts must be tailored and appropriate length (between fingertip- and knee-length for skirts). Blouses and shirts must be collared and have modest necklines. Dresses and tops must not be sleeveless (unless there is a jacket worn over them). Uniform shoes or similar dress shoe. Students' regular school clothing may be worn on "dress up" days.
- **"Dress Down" days**—clothes should be neat and clean, with no holes, frays or patches. Sweaters, sweatshirts and T-shirts with appropriate slogans and designs are permitted. Shirts must have sleeves and modest necklines.
- **Field Trip dress code**—regular school uniform should be worn unless teacher specifies otherwise (for such experiences as going to the zoo or a farm, or to the theater, for example) on the permission form.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations:

- **First offense**—written warning and replacement clothing from the "Blue Room"
- **Second offense**—replacement clothing from "Blue Room" and must wear Mass uniform for two days
- **Third offense**—replacement clothing from "Blue Room," must wear Mass uniform for five days and loss of next "dress down" day.

Gym Day Uniform

On their gym day, students may wear an approved gym day uniform instead of the regular school uniform. They may arrive at school in the gym day uniform and wear it all day. (They may also opt to wear their regular school uniform on gym days.) The gym day uniform is as follows:

Tops

- **Plain navy t-shirt:** long sleeve or short sleeve
- **Spirit wear t-shirt:** long sleeve or short sleeve with current school logo
- **Plain navy sweatshirt / hoodie**
- **Spirit wear hoodie** (with current school logo)

Bottoms

- **Shorts**—may be worn only May 1-September 30. Outside of that, students may wear their shorts under their pants to school (and wear just the shorts for gym).
- **Socks** must still be white, navy or black.
- **Gym shoes** remain the same—must have **non-marking soles**.
- **Spirit wear** is available through school approved vendors. (Watch the school newsletter or check the school website for ordering information.)

The following items are acceptable for the gym day uniform and can be purchased through French Toast (see the school website for links):

- Fleece sweatpant #1605 in navy
- Fleece jogger pant #1608 in navy
- Heavy cotton tee #4105 in navy
- Short sleeve performance tee #4420 in navy
- Long sleeve heavy cotton tee #4106 in navy
- Closed mesh short #1682 in navy
- Heavy cotton crewneck sweatshirt #4111 in navy
- Heavy cotton hoodie #4110 in navy
- Heavy cotton full zip hoodie #4112 in navy

For some students, it may be a good idea to send a little bag with a personal hygiene materials: deodorant, wipes, etc.