

# PTO Particulars: October 2022

BOO!! Happy October HC families!

Our **Fall Décor Fundraiser** closed out at the end of last month and we just want to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the families that were able to participate. We raised \$500 for PTO to help support our school! Thank you, Aunt **Jodi Farrand**, for your help with our first fundraiser of the year.

**Walk to School Day** on October 5<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Quite a few families were able to join us on a lovely morning for a sunrise walk to school. We make a quick stop at the lighthouse for a photo, then continued on our way. We thank you all for your participation and we look forward to continuing this tradition well into the future! Thank you, **Suzu DeVeny**, for organizing and advertising this event!

The OLR **Harvest Dinner** was this past Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and it sounds like it was another stellar year! Thank you, all HC families that were able to volunteer and/or attend. Thank you, **Tiffany Mensen**, for heading up the Harvest Wagon-we are sure everyone is enjoying their delicious produce!

Our second fundraiser of the year, the **Achatz Pie Sale**, is well underway. Information was sent home with your Crusader(s) a few weeks ago. A few highlights are: they sell sweet and savory pies as well as soups, so you can prep for your holiday meals as well as those weekday meals you just don't feel like cooking! The best part is, this is a coupon sale-you can go pick up the product at your convenience. No storage necessary! These coupons also make great gifts for the holidays. **Orders are due Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you, **Deb Callahan**, for coordinating this sale for us!

Looking ahead into November watch out for information coming out about our **Fall Book Fair** November 7-11. The Book Fair is a great way to stock up on holiday gifts while supporting our classrooms-Scholastic does a wonderful job of supplying our teachers with the reading material they need! Shopping time will be available during Parent-Teacher Conferences. **Bridgette Pennington** has coordinated with Scholastic the last several years while **Sunni Olivier and Jenna Tucker** have helped manage the staffing. They will need plenty of volunteers again this year so be on the look out for information coming soon!

Also in November is our **Thanksgiving Feast!** This is an annual tradition cherished by students and staff alike. **Adrienne Meldrum** is taking the lead again this year and she will be sending out information about classroom donations in the next few weeks.

Next up in November is the **MC Lighted Parade** on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Jason Borys** and **Melissa Blanchard** are graciously lending us the necessary equipment and we will have more details about where to meet, etc. as this event draws closer!

We would also like to thank **Val Heath, Leslie DeMeulenaere** and **Rachel Arlow** for all their hard work on our Holy Cross School and Parent Facebook pages. These resources have been instrumental in "spreading the word" about school news and events!

A big kudos also to **Mrs. Thimmes** for the fresh new look of our school newsletter!

**\*\*Please note that we have changed the date of the next PTO meeting!!** We will meet on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am** (instead of the 8<sup>th</sup>) to avoid any conflicts with voting day. Thank you for adjusting with us!

Do you find yourself wondering about certain things such as...how do Dress Down Days work, what are appropriate sock colors, how do service credits work, etc.? We would like to present a lifeline for these questions and more! If your child is in Lower Elementary (TK/K-4<sup>th</sup> grade) please contact Becky Bryson (757-334-9662 or [beckybryson123@gmail.com](mailto:beckybryson123@gmail.com)) or if your child is in Upper Elementary (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Suzu DeVeny (810-434-3454 or [csdeveny@gmail.com](mailto:csdeveny@gmail.com)) and we will be happy to answer your questions or even just chat with you about your experience at Holy Cross. We would love to hear from you!

We hope you will join our next meeting, which is Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am via Zoom. Please contact Sunni at [sunshinemariemphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:sunshinemariemphotography@yahoo.com) with your email address so we can get the Zoom meeting codes to you! We ask this instead of a sending out a blanket invitation to the whole school to try to avoid any hacking incidents.

*Warmest Regards and Happy Halloween- Holy Cross PTO*