

# PTO Particulars: January 2023

Happy New Year, Holy Cross families! This year has us off to the races from the very start!

We had just a few things that last week of school before break, including our **Santa Shoppe!** It is always such a joy watching our Crusaders pick out gifts for their loved ones. The thought and caring is so evident in their process. We would like to thank our amazing group of volunteers that helped set up, run the shop and break it down: **Katie Phelan, Laura Fisher, Val Heath, Sunni Olivier, Ashlie Hanel, Nicole Pfent, Matt and Marisol Zammit, Josie Thomas, Linda Spalding, Gloria Chaffin, Jenni Borys, Melisa Blanchard, Lauren Callahan, Brandi Cusumano, Nicole Austin** AND not enough thanks can be given to **JoAnn and Bill Westrick** who not only donated their time but TONS of goodies for our Crusaders to choose from. We couldn't do this without you!!

Also in December was our schoolwide **Christmas Program**. Our Crusaders worked so hard to showcase their talents and creativity! We would like to thank **Lissa Volz and HC Drama Club** for collaborating on this beautiful performance. Also, it has come to our attention that not every family received an order form for the professionally recorded Blu-Ray/DVD of this performance. We apologize and encourage everyone to visit **Raptorsden.com** and enter "HCCS Christmas Program" to order your precious memory today! And....**Raptor's Den** donates 20% of the proceeds back to our Drama Club! Thank you, all our HC families, for your support!

Please join us next week for a beloved tradition here a Holy Cross...**Muffins with Mom!** You should get a paper copy home with your Crusader(s) but here are the details: **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7am** meet in the **school cafeteria** for a treat with your kiddos and fellow HC families. It's a wonderful chance to catch up during those long winter months. The kids LOVE having their families attend and we welcome ALL forms of "mom" (moms, grandmas, aunts, caregivers, etc.)!

Along the same lines in February is our **Donuts with Dad** event. This will be held **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7am**, also in the **school cafeteria**. Another chance for our HC families to gather and revel in the joy of our community. As with MWM, we welcome ALL forms of "dad" to attend (dads, grandpas, uncles, caregivers, etc.)!

**Hot Chocolate and Chat** will also be held in February and is a TBD date-we play it by ear depending on the weather! It's a chance to break up the monotony of winter and get out of the car to come socialize with your fellow parents. Keep an eye out for an email and/or Facebook post to alert you when we think we will get a nice afternoon.

Looking ahead to warmer days we will hold our annual **Spring Flower Sale** with ordering information coming home at the end of March and delivery set for just before Mother's Day. Please let your family and friends know!

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>) Suzy DeVeney (810-434-3454 or [csdeveney@gmail.com](mailto:csdeveney@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, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Sunni at [sunshinemariephotography@yahoo.com](mailto:sunshinemariephotography@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.

*Regards - HC PTO*