

K -8 PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

At the **Primary Campus**, we are off to an amazing start. We have survived intense heat and loved our week of false Fall. We have learned new rules in our new classroom spaces, made new friends, and are settling in for some great learning. Our kindergarten students are learning to talk a little less and eat a little faster to get outside for recess (those lunch minutes go by so fast)! Our first grade students are learning what it is like to live on the second floor. And our second grade students are setting amazing examples as the oldest students on campus. We are excited to share our school with you on Thursday evening at our Back to School Event. See the slide below for the schedule. Please have a joyful three-day weekend!

The **Intermediate Campus** is off to a great start! We've been learning about our Core Values, getting the garden ready for planting, and welcoming our 3rd graders and six new students to our building. Our Faith Families have been meeting every Friday morning, and the walls are filling up with student work. Students have enjoyed the new menu items in the cafeteria. We love the new priests at our campus, too! Fr. Mike is so joyful celebrating Mass, and Fr. Paul loves joining our students for lunch.

At the **Middle School Campus**...It feels like we never left! We have enjoyed our new schedule and especially FLEX time. I love walking around and seeing the students socializing during FLEX. A lot of the students sit and have snacks together, some read, and others study together! I am glad we were able to add this brain break and social time into their day! We have also added Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) as an elective. Every Friday, students should bring in their own book or borrow one from a class library. I encourage you to ask your child what book they read today! I know not everyone LOVES to read, but it truly is such a great way to quiet the mind and explore the world!

I am looking forward to seeing anyone who can make it to our Back to School Night. We will begin in the gym at 6:00pm for a short introduction and greetings. From there you can follow your child's schedule, meet the teachers, and pop in to get resources from me about Teacherease and assessments!

Have a blessed, joyful, and safe Labor Day weekend!

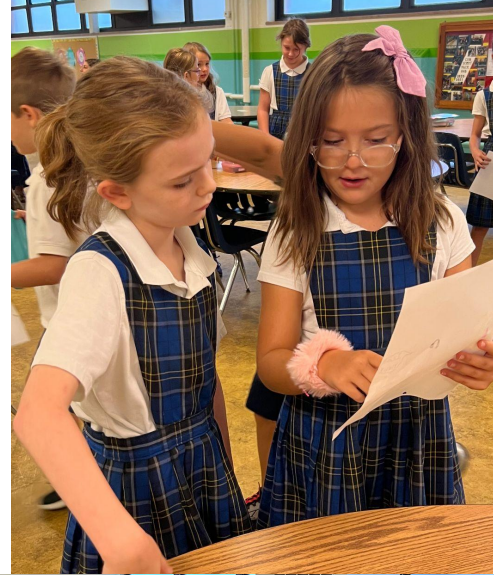
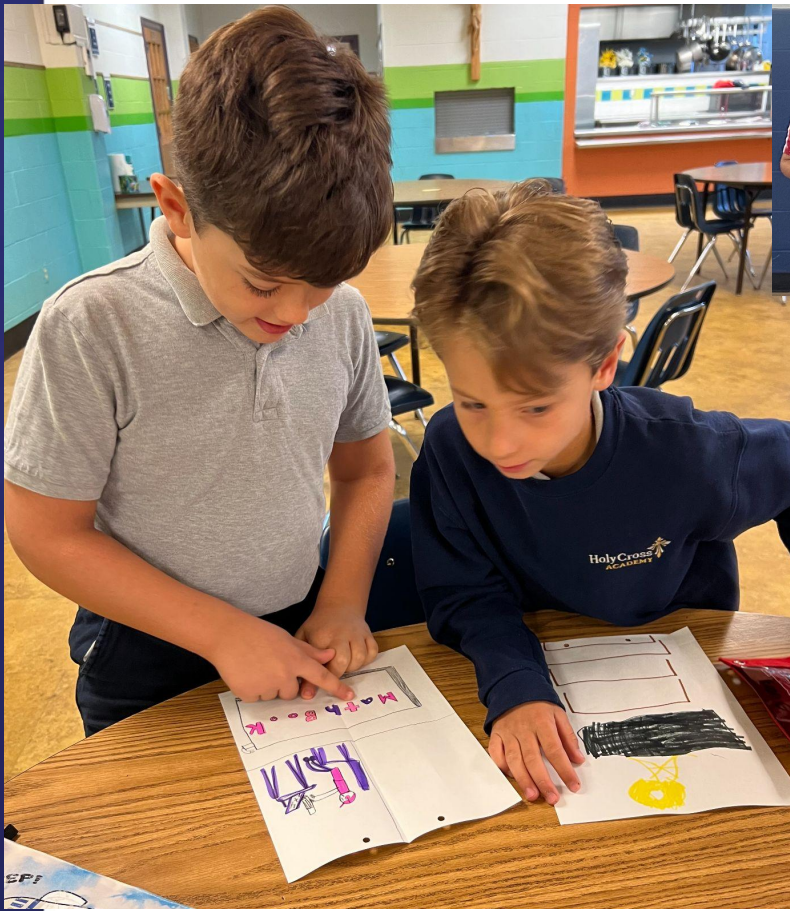
UPCOMING DATES

- Monday, **September 4**: No School
- Thursday, **September 7**: Picture Day
- Thursday, **September 7**: K-5 Back to School Night, 6:15 - 8:15 PM
- Thursday, **September 14**: Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross
 - K-8 Drop Off at Intermediate Campus (OLP) from 7:15 - 7:45
 - Mass at 8:00 AM
 - Regular dismissal and individual campuses
- Thursday, **September 14**: Back to School Night, 6:00:7:30PM
- Friday, **September 15**: No School - Professional Development
- **September 18 - 22**: ITBS Testing Week
- Thursday, **September 28**: Feast of St. Michael the Archangel
- Thursday, **October 5**: Spiritwear Day
 - HCA shirt with uniform bottoms

PRIMARY CAMPUS!



INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS!



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS!



K-5 Back to School Schedule: Thursday, September 7

Time	Primary	Intermediate
6:15 - 6:35	Prayer Service and President Address (Church)	Round One: Classroom Presentations
6:35-6:40	Transition	Transition
6:40 - 7:00	Round One: Classroom Presentations	Round Two: Classroom Presentations (Open House/Social for parents of one child)
7:00 - 7:05	Transition	Transition
7:05 - 7:25	Round Two: Classroom Presentations (Open House/Social for parents of one child)	Prayer Service and President Address (Cafeteria)
7:25 - 7:45	Campus Transition/Open House/Social	Campus Transition/Open House/Social
7:45 - 8:05	Round Three: Classroom Presentations	Round Three: Classroom Presentations
8:15	Announcement: Building Closed	Announcement: Building Closed

More details and explanations coming next week!

Uniforms at the Middle School

We have noticed a trend of untucked shirts, missing belts, rolled skirts and short shorts. When in regular HCA uniform, shirts should be tucked in. If a student is wearing shorts with belt loops a belt should be worn. Skirts should be an "appropriate length". An "appropriate length" varies from student to student. However, a good rule of thumb is no more than 4" above the knee or if the student is standing with their arms at their sides, their fingertips should not be past the hemline. For shorts, students should adhere to the same rule that is utilized for PE shorts (4 inch or longer inseam).

On non-uniform days, students are expected to dress and present an appearance consistent with standards of good taste and appropriate for school and school events.

Parents, we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to the school's dress code. We understand that trends evolve, but it is possible to "look cool" and still follow the guidelines put in place by HCA.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a positive and respectful school environment.

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Bickel, Mrs. Smyka, and the faculty and staff at the Middle School