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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone enjoyed your Labor Day celebration. Having the extended weekend truly does make a difference. Throughout the year, I try to touch on relevant topics that affect students and families alike. This week, I would like to address the topic of respect.

When students have respect for their teachers and classmates, they help create the positive academic environment all children need in order to be successful. To promote respectful behavior, be comfortable in discussing respect. What is it? Why is it important? How does it feel to be treated with respect or disrespect? For parents, it's important to be a role model! If you want your child to say *please* when asking for something, remember to say *please* yourself. If you want them to know knock before entering your bedroom, do the same for them.

When you need to correct your child, do it privately and respectfully. For example, you might share with your child, "Next time, please hold the door for Grandpa. That will make it easier for him to get through the door."

The converse to correcting your child would be to notice times when your child is being respectful. "You listened to the coach even when other players were joking around. I was impressed." Your child will pick up on these behaviors and come to learn that respect is essential for a positive learning environment.

New Student at HCA:

I am pleased to welcome a new student to Holy Cross Academy effective September 1st. His name is Nicholas (Nick) Staebler and he is in the 6th grade. Welcome Nick!

SAVE THE DATE

Holy Cross Academy

Gala

Saturday, October 2nd to be held at Holy Cross!



Attention 8th Grade Students

I will be giving out a \$25.00 cash Principal's Award for Perfect Attendance at graduation this year. The criteria are: NO absences or lates and only a medical doctor note will be permitted as an excused late (that does not include dentist appointments). Also, you must be attending school in-person. I am hoping to award the **entire** 8th grade class as they strive for perfect attendance. So far, every eighth grader is on target for the *Principal Attendance Incentive Award!*

Car line Pick-up



Car Line Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures: For the safety of all, children must exit and enter all cars from the passenger side of the vehicle. Parents are also requested to please remain in the vehicle. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Back to School Nights

September 16th: For parents who have a child or children in Grades K-5
(The program begins promptly at 7 p.m. in the gym)

September 17th: For parents who have a child or children in in Grades 6-8
(The program begins promptly at 7 p.m. in the gym)

Holy Cross Academy receives \$10,000 Grant



Mary Ann Joseph

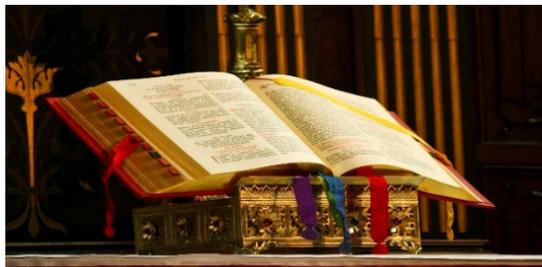
I am thrilled to announce that Holy Cross Academy was a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Diocese of Trenton to bring in Mary Ann Joseph, a former classroom teacher of grades Pre-K-9 who has worked in general and special education classrooms, parochial and secular schools for more than 40 years. Mary Ann is a nationally board-certified teacher and works specifically with hard-to-reach students in the classroom.

This academic year, she will work with our teachers as an instructional coach, using a lesson planning discussion format to address student needs so that all students at HCA can reach their full potential as they work to achieve rigorous learning standards. Mary Ann will introduce current research-based strategies and then plan with classroom teachers to implement these strategies into classroom instruction.

This Professional Development is a job-embedded initiative that will address behavior and reading challenges, then provide opportunities for teachers to lesson plan, using those strategies to meet the needs of students who are hard-to-reach. Presentations, class visits, feedback sessions and individual coaching will cultivate a culture of reflective practice for our teachers.

Where is Mr. McCarrick?

Mr. McCarrick, Holy Cross Academy Vice Principal for Curriculum and Instruction has been serving as the math substitute since Mrs. Forsyth left. He brings a strong background in math having taught it at Red Bank Charter School for nearly eight years. Once a replacement is in place, Mr. McCarrick's office will be located on the second floor in Room 203 (formerly the Guidance Office). You may contact him by calling (732) 708-3113, ext. 207 or emailing him at mmcarrick@hcarumson.org.



Our morning 9:00 a.m. Masses for September are as follows:

- Thursday, September 9th: (Grade 1)
- Friday, September 10th: (School-wide Mass Grades K-8)
- Monday, September 13th: (Grade 2)
- Wednesday, September 15th: (Grade 3)
- Thursday, September 16th: (Grade 4)
- Friday, September 17th: (Grade 5)
- Monday, September 20th: (Grade 6.1)
- Wednesday, September 22nd: (Grade 6.2)
- Thursday, September 23rd: (Grade 7.1)
- Friday, September 24th: (Grade 7.2)
- Monday, September 27th: Grade 8.1)
- Wednesday, September 29th: Grade 8.2)
- Thursday, September 30th: Grade 1)

Fr. Manning's Classroom Visits

- Monday September 13th: Grade 1 at 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 17th: Grade 6.1 at 10:15 a.m.
- Monday, September 20th: Grade 2 at 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 24th: Grade 6.2 at 12:20 p.m.
- Monday, September 27th: Grade 3 at 1:00 p.m.



~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~

- Wednesday, September 15th: Grade 5 at 10:15 a.m. and grade 3 at 11:40 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 22nd: Grade 2 at 11:15 a.m. and Grade 4 at 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 29th: Grade 7 at 9:30 a.m. and Grade 6 at 11:37 a.m.

(You are always invited to join your child's class for Mass if you are able)



Reflection

Success is nothing more than a few simple disciplines, practiced every day; while failure is simply a few errors in judgement, repeated every day. It is the accumulative weight of our disciplines and our judgments that leads us to either fortune or failure.

-Jim Rohn

God Bless,

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