

September 2, 2009  
Combo Bulletin



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### Important Dates and Information

9/7/09	NO SCHOOL Labor Day
9/11/09	Market Day Pick Up 1:30 – 2:30 pm Comm Rm
9/14/09	All School Liturgy 8:30 am Book Fair Starts
9/16/09	Meet Your Teacher Night (PK – 8) 7:00 pm Gym
9/17/09	8 <sup>th</sup> Grd Ropes Program School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Staff Rm
9/18/09	Nacho Day
9/20/09	All Parish Picnic
9/25/09	Vision & Hearing Testing

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#### From the Assistant Principal

Dear Holy Cross Parents,

The new school year is off to a great start, and we are looking forward to a great year. As many of you know I have been taking courses towards a master degree in Curriculum Instruction and Educational Leadership at Loyola University. The program I am enrolled in is a cohort for Catholic School teachers, designed in tandem by Loyola University and the Archdiocese of Chicago. The goal of the program is to develop teachers to become future leaders within the Archdiocese.

My colleagues and I have taken courses covering many topics such as; curriculum, leadership, administrative organization, supervision, educational research, school law and school finances. All of these and other areas of study have led us to our present classes, which includes the practicum.

The practicum is an administrative internship designed to give each of us in the program opportunities to experience some administrative duties. These duties are to be performed under the direction of our school administrator and university professor. With this in mind, Dr. Sloan has graciously expanded my assistant principal role to include more administrative opportunities for this year. Some of the administrative experiences I will participate in over the course of the semester will include, observing teachers, working with the school improvement process, presenting material at meetings to the faculty, helping with mentoring of new teachers on staff, observing at various meetings, and other duties assigned by Dr. Sloan that will offer an experience of administration.

I am looking forward to this opportunity and am grateful to Dr. Sloan and Fr Hal for creating this outstanding learning experience. Thank you for your continued support and well wishes. I greatly appreciate the support and the opportunity to work with all of you and your children who make Holy Cross such an outstanding school.

Thank you,  
Andy Galus  
Assistant Principal

#### From the Office . . .

Please look over your school directory carefully. If there are any changes or corrections to your information contact Kathy Rucci via email – [krucci@holycrossparish.net](mailto:krucci@holycrossparish.net).

According to the State of Illinois, the Health Office requires: **Current Physical and Immunization Schedule for all PK, Kinder, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and new students**  
**Current Proof of Dental Examination for all Kinder, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**  
**Eye Examination by Optometrist or Ophthalmologist for all Kinder Students**  
**\*\*\*Please get these forms to the Health Office as soon as possible\*\*\***

If your child has a food allergy that requires the use of an Epi-pen or Benadryl, please supply Health Office with authorization forms and medications as soon as possible.

If your child has asthma, please supply Health Office with authorization and inhaler as soon as possible if you would like your child to be able to use inhaler as needed during school day.

If you would like your child to be able to take any over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or Motrin during the school year, please supply Health Office with medication authorization form (signed by both physician and parent)

**\*\*\*Hearing and Vision Screening will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> .... details to follow\*\*\*\***



### Library News

Would you like a sneak preview of the new books in the Library this fall? Volunteer to help with book processing! We will meet in the Library on: Wednesday, Sept. 9 1:30-2:30PM to stamp, label, and prepare the new books for the shelves. All are welcome!

Call Jo Bailey, our librarian, to let her know you are coming.  
(847) 945-0135 ex: 420.

This is a wonderful way for new parents to get to know each other, preview our new offerings, and help the Holy Cross Library all at the same time.

Last year over 50 parents shared their time to keep the Library running smoothly throughout the year.

**We will be recruiting new volunteers at Meet Your Teacher Night on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to sign up to help in the Library!**

Orientation for New Library Volunteers will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2:00- 2:40 PM in the Library. This short introduction to library volunteering is for new volunteers only.

From the PSA 

# FYI

Nacho Day Schedule for your home calendar:

8 <sup>th</sup> grade sponsored Nacho days:	9/18; 10/23; 11/13; 12/4
7 <sup>th</sup> grade sponsored Nacho days:	1/22; 2/19; 3/19
6 <sup>th</sup> grade sponsored Nacho days:	4/23; 5/21



Please continue saving your Capri Sun, Kool Aid, and Honest Kids juice pouches.

This is a great way to give back to our school and our environment. As fall sports have begun, juice pouches can add up quickly.

The school receives \$0.02 for each pouch from TerraCycle. This keeps pouches out of the landfill and creates a new product out of what would otherwise be trash.

The first collection date will be **October 15**.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jen Block.

# THANK YOU

**PSA WOULD LIKE TO THANK MARY ANN PEDERSEN, CINDY TOBIN, TANYA VENA, AND LEA BACCI FOR ALL OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN MAKING THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL A HUGE SUCCESS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE DONATIONS, ASSISTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND JOINED IN THE EVENING'S FUN.**



## *High School Information*

*From Loyola Academy . . .*

*November 10<sup>th</sup>: Loyola Shadow Day - 7:30 am to 2:25 pm*

*From Carmel Catholic High School . . .*

*October 16<sup>th</sup>: Carmel Catholic High School*



## *Connie's Clubs*

*Connie's Clubs has a few openings available for the Early Bird Club; 7:00 am to 8:10 am; After School Club; 2:30 pm <sup>to</sup> 5:30 pm; and the Kinder Club; 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Fees are \$3.50 per hour for a weekly slot and \$5.00 per hour for a drop in. These fees include the cost of snacks and art supplies. Registration is being accepted for a one to five day per week slot, or as a drop in attendance in case of emergencies or just for fun. A registration must be on file for each child attending. Please stop by the Club Room or call 847 572-5160 for more information.*



*Come and learn Irish Dance with the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance and your Holy Cross friends on Thursdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Deerfield. Beginner/Advanced Beginner classes start Thursday, Sept. 9! Schedule and registration forms available in the Holy Cross School Office. Please call Kristi Hughes at 847-266-9846 with any questions or email Tully Academy at tullyacademy@aol.com !*



# Parents. The Anti-Drug

Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood, and Riverwoods

**Dear Parent,**

**Parents. The Anti-Drug** is a newly formed community based organization comprised of parents, local government and school officials, clergy and health providers whose mission is to generate conversation and provide accurate information about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood, and Riverwoods.

In the coming weeks, we will be providing you and your teen with interesting, perhaps surprising, facts about:

Alcohol and drug use in our teen community (Illinois Youth Survey data)

Consequences/laws, and local school policies

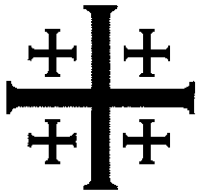
How to get your teens talking (conversation starters and talking points)

We hope these issues will become part of everyday conversation. To further engage all families in this effort, **Parents. The Anti-Drug** will be sponsoring a special **Take Time to Talk Night** on **Sunday, October 4**. There will be more information about this night in the weeks to come.

We encourage everyone to participate in this important community effort and to **take time to talk every day, and especially** on October 4, 2009. Keep your eyes and ears open for additional information from **Parents. The Anti-Drug** and **Take Time to Talk Night** on October 4.

*Your Friends at...*

*Parents. The Anti-Drug*



September 2, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians;

Please be aware that there is a student who attends Holy Cross School who has Common Variable Immunodeficiency, which is a disease that compromises the immune system against infections.

If you or your child will be receiving the **flu mist vaccine** rather than the flu shot, please contact the Holy Cross School nurse before receiving the flu mist vaccine.

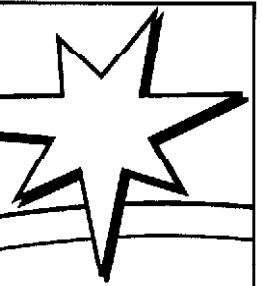
The flu mist is a live vaccine, and remains live for 1 week. This student will have a high risk of contracting the flu if the student would come in contact with someone who has received the flu mist vaccine. This student will need to be removed from the school for a minimum of 1 week per exposure.

If you have any questions, please contact the Holy Cross School Nurse at 847-945-0333.

Sincerely,

*Pam Sardi, RN*

Pam Sardi, RN



Holy Cross School  
Dr. Jack Sloan, Principal



## Thoughtful Moments

### Strangers

During his public ministry, Jesus traveled across the country. He knew what it felt like to be away from home and to be treated as a foreigner. Whenever you see someone who dresses or speaks differently than you, think of Jesus and make him feel welcome.

### Language of love

Those of us who know and love God must be his voice in our world.

We need to speak with gentle voices using kind and loving language. Spreading God's love is what he wants us to do.



### Real obedience

Jesus told the story of two sons whose father gave them instructions. The first son refused at first, but then obeyed. The second son pretended to obey but didn't.

It isn't easy to be Christian and like the first son, we may balk at first. In the end, we follow God's laws because we love him and we know his way leads us to happiness.



## Strong families are all about "We"

In a society that encourages a "Me" mentality, it can be difficult to look at ourselves as part of a family rather than as individuals. But families that teach the importance of "We" can instill accountability, responsibility, and confidence in their children. Working together with your family to create your own special identity will help unite you as "We."

Decide what it means to be part of your family. What qualities are special to you? For example, our family is kind, compassionate, always willing to lend a hand, faithful Catholics, etc.

Write down the traits and behaviors you agree are important, such as respect, reverence of God, model

conduct or positive attitudes. These will help set the standards.

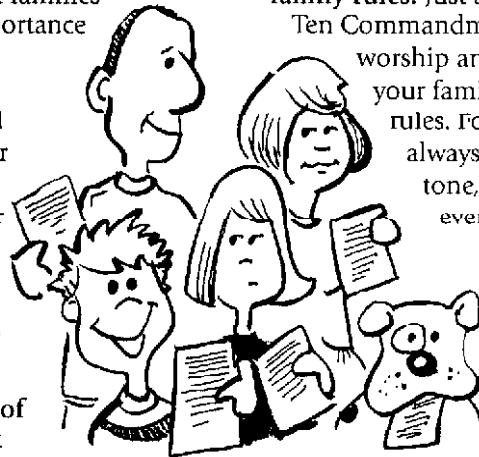
Turn these standards into a set of family rules. Just as God gave Moses the Ten Commandments outlining true worship and morality, outline for your family a set of concrete rules. For example, "Joneses always talk in a respectful tone," or "We attend mass every Sunday."

Be sure to involve your children in the process. This gives them a sense of ownership.

Working together to follow the rules can

unite a family giving it power, purpose and a backbone for growth.

And children who are comfortable contributing to a family will also feel comfortable contributing to their school, their parish, and their community.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

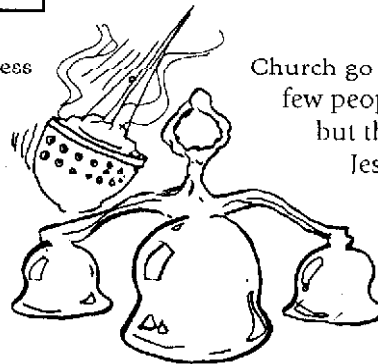
## Why do Catholics use rituals?

Our everyday awareness of God comes to us through our senses: Sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste. They are the pathways to the deepest parts of our imagination and understanding.

Some rituals of the

Church go back to the times when few people could read or write - but they could be drawn to Jesus by using their senses.

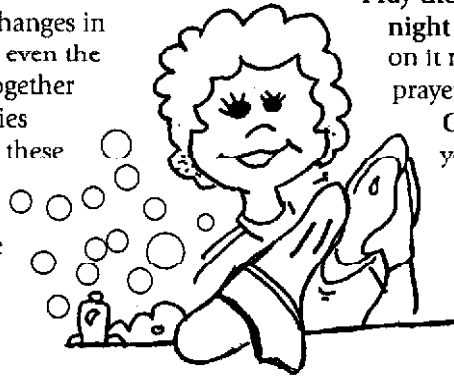
Now we use sacred music, bells, incense, poetic prayers - they all plant our faith deep in our body and bones as Catholics.



## Healthy ways to deal with hardship

The troubled economy means that many of us are experiencing unexpected and unwelcome changes in our lives. Such unplanned events can make even the strongest adults feel helpless. Yet, pulling together and relying on our faith can help our families cope and come out stronger in the end. Try these ideas to help:

**Let children help.** Giving children an additional chore or job may help minimize the powerlessness they feel. Each time they do their job, remind them of the help they are giving to the family by their effort.



Pray the rosary or another favorite prayer every night as a family. There is power in prayer. Lean on it now. Let youngsters offer their concerns in prayer.

**Count your blessings.** They are all around you. Try going through the alphabet and assigning a blessing to each letter like "Anne's smile" or "Beautiful butterflies."

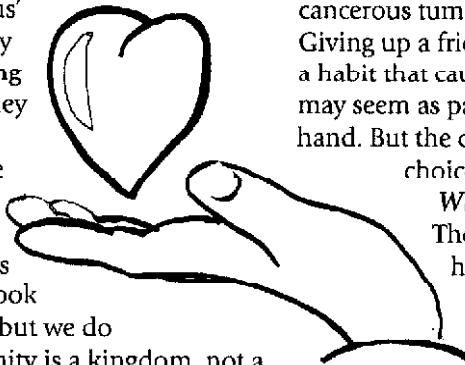
**Look for the silver lining.** Look for God's hand in your lives by finding at least one positive outcome of your situation to share each day.

### Scripture LESSON

### Mark 9:38-48, Work together for God

In this reading, the disciples were upset because a man they didn't know was healing in Jesus' name. Perhaps they were afraid of losing the spotlight, or they may have been concerned because he was different from them.

Faithful followers of Jesus don't all look alike or talk alike, but we do act alike. Christianity is a kingdom, not a competition. All are welcome to work together to build it up. Those who share a common faith in Christ cooperate, not compete.



Some of Jesus' words sound strange but he is very clear; we treat sin like a cancerous tumor and cut it out. Giving up a friendship, an activity, or a habit that causes us to do wrong may seem as painful as cutting off a hand. But the consequences of our choices last forever.

*What can a parent do?*

The caution against harming little ones in faith applies to us as parents and teachers. Our thoughts and

actions must be motivated by love so that we can model Christian behavior for our children.

### Parent TALK

When my brother and his fiancée said they were coming for a weekend visit, I was thrilled. It would be a wonderful opportunity for my children to spend time with their uncle and the woman who would soon be their aunt.



My excitement faded when I learned that my brother expected different sleeping arrangements than I had in mind. He anticipated that they would share a room.

With two children approaching their teenage years, I felt it was important that the rules in our home apply to visitors. Marriage is a blessed sacrament and I wanted my children to understand that it comes with joys and privileges worth waiting for. Sharing a room is one of them.

Although displeased, my brother respected my concern and the two enjoyed their stay without incident. When they later returned as a married couple, they were thrilled to share a room in our home together.

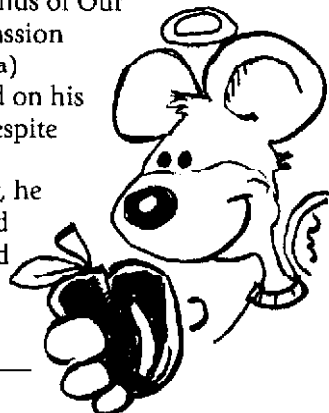
### Feasts & Celebrations

**Sept. 16 – St. Cornelius (253).** Despite a Roman decree outlawing a new pope, St. Cornelius was secretly elected and bravely led the Church. He modeled forgiveness, embracing people who repented renouncing their faith under persecution.

**Sept. 19 – St. Januarius (304).** Bishop of Benevento, Italy, during a time of great persecution, Januarius visited Christians in prison and was arrested himself. He and his companions were thrown to wild beasts in the amphitheater but were

not harmed. They were later beheaded.

**Sept. 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968).** Born to farmers in Italy, he became a Capuchin Friar. Eight years later, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.



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