

Highlights

October 2023

Huron Valley
Catholic School
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From the Principal



Dear Parents of HVCS,

With the exception of some higher levels of illness these first few weeks of school, we have had an outstanding start to this 2023-2024 school year. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and your

students for your collaboration in helping to make the start of this year a great success for all.

One of our primary goals this year is to really help our students live a life of virtue, calling them on to a greater life of holiness. We couldn't do this without you and all that you provide your children at home in this realm. When you show your students a love of living out a virtuous life, you provide a unique opportunity for them to follow in your footsteps. Although it takes a daily effort to set this positive example, it is worth it - for the ongoing positive formation of their hearts, minds, and souls.

To support living out the virtues and as a part of our code of conduct, we have three primary areas that we emphasize:

1. **Respect/Honor** - "Love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 19:19
2. **Speech** - "Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say may do good to those who hear you." Ephesians 4:29
3. **Integrity** - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" Matthew 5:8

When the students are able to live within the code of conduct, this is when we find that they are able to thrive in the school environment. It creates a culture of faith, hope, and charity.

There are times, however, when students choose to disregard these guidelines. In these circumstances, we seek to be like St. John Bosco: to love, to amend, and to get them back on track. In order to support this, it is our desire to have a tiered approach to any necessary consequence, allowing for grace and mercy where possible, while holding students accountable for their actions. Please see the attached student guidelines, which includes the code of behavior and code support on pages 16-18 of the student handbook.

As we continue into the weeks and months ahead, let's continue to work together to have a culture of peace and presence within the school. Let's continue to show up for one another, taking great care and pride in what we do and who we are.

I am so thankful for the faithfulness and commitment of you as parents. It helps us all be able to do our jobs much more effectively while we are with your students each day.

May the Lord continue to bless us and keep us!

Sincerely,

Michael D. Smith

Daily Attendance

Karen Hall takes our daily attendance, and does the follow-up call or email if a student is absent or tardy without an explanation. If a student is arriving at 8:05 am or after, we request that an adult sign the child in at the office. Please email Karen (khal@hvcatholicsschool.org) regarding appointments, sickness, travel, aftercare or pick up information. Please note that Jane Osborne will be at the front desk every Monday (thank you, Jane!). Karen is here Tuesday through Friday.

All Saints Day & Fall Festival

On Thursday, November 2nd, students in Preschool through 3rd grade will have an All Saints Day parade and fall festival. Please consider volunteering to help that morning, we sure could use it! A sign-up Genius will be sent later in the month. See the flyer below for details.

Library Volunteer Opportunity

Emily Parsons is requesting help in our Library. Library assistance includes shelving books, reorganizing shelves, labeling, and repairing. Thank you! Please signup here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4AE2BA6FEC43-library1>

Adoration

We are profoundly blessed to have a chapel where Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament at all times. Our chapel is open whenever the school is in session and families are welcome to come spend time with Jesus in the chapel.

One Friday per month we set aside an Adoration Day with times for each class. It's from 8:30 am-12:30 pm on the following Fridays: September 29, October 27, December 1, January 26, February 23, March 15, April 26, and May 24.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is on Wednesday October 11th from 9:30 am-12:45 pm. There will be refreshments in the morning, classroom visits, Mass around 11:00 am, and then lunch provided for our **grandparents and students**. All students and grandparents will eat lunch together in the gym and outside.

Please RSVP to (734) 483-0366 or to Katie at kgradillas@hvcatholicsschool.org ASAP. ***We need a few parents to help, please send Katie a message if you are able to be here.*** Thank you.

Homework Policy

The office does not handle homework requests for absent students. Parents can email their child's teacher for homework. The upper grades should check on FACTS first for their homework and then email their teacher, if necessary.

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Picture day will be this

Tuesday, October 3rd. Please remember to have your child wear their blue uniform shirt (except PreK).

Every student will be photographed on picture day. If you do not want to buy pictures - please write "no photos" on the order form. Students who do not present an order form on picture day will have their photo taken with a **grey** background.

Bak Photography takes credit card security very seriously. For security purposes, parents are always welcome to include their credit card information written on a piece of paper and placed inside the payment envelope portion of the provided order form.

****Picture retakes and Pre-K 4/5 students
Picture Day is on Wednesday, November 29th.**

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2	Spirit Wear Day: Uniform bottom 4:15 pm JV AWAY Game vs. Washtenaw Christian 5:15 pm V AWAY Game vs. Washtenaw Christian
3	*Picture Day!!* 4:30 pm JV AWAY Game vs. Ann Arbor Christian 5:30 pm V AWAY Game vs. Ann Arbor Christian
4	11:10am All School Mass: All are Welcome! 3:00-4:30 pm V Practice
5	4:15 pm JV HOME Game vs. St. Paul Lutheran 5:15 pm V HOME Game vs. St. Paul Lutheran
6	Zebra Day: In honor of Bridget Smith (See below) *Students may dress casually if wearing mainly black, white, and/or pink on top 3:00-4:30 pm JV Practice
9	Spirit Wear Day: Uniform bottom 3:00-4:30 pm V Practice
10	3:15pm Staff meeting 3:00-4:30 pm JV Practice
11	9:30-12:45pm GRANDPARENTS DAY!! & Mass 3:00-4:30 pm V Practice
12	4:15 pm JV HOME Game vs. Christ the King 5:15 pm V HOME Game vs. Christ the King
13	8:05am All School Mass w/ Fr. Dan: All are Welcome Pizza Lunch: Uniform dress 3:00-4:30 pm JV Practice
16	Spirit Wear Day: Uniform bottom 3:00-4:30 pm V Practice
17	3:15pm Staff meeting 3:00-4:30 pm JV Practice
18	11:10am All School Mass: All are Welcome! 3:00-4:30 pm JV Practice
19	3:00-4:30 pm V Practice
20	V & JV Volleyball Tournament (Details TBA)
23	Spirit Wear Day: Uniform bottom 7:30-9:30 pm HVCS Board Meeting 7:30-9:00 pm Auction Team Meeting

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24	3:15pm Staff meeting
25	11:10am All School Mass: All are Welcome!
27	Pizza Lunch - Casual Dress Adoration
30	Spirit Wear Day: Uniform bottom

NOVEMBER 2023

1	No School: All Saints Day!
2	All Souls Day All Saints Day Fall Festival (PreK-3rd) NET Retreat: 6th-8th Grades
3	NO School: Records Day



It has been 11 years since the HVCS community prayed with and mourned Bridget Therese Smith, lovingly called Bridget the Brave by her friends and classmates. Bridget passed away after a 3-year battle with a brain tumor at the age of 12 on Oct 5, 2012. Along the way, Bridget experienced many healings and was spared an earlier death. She was a model of grace, peace, humor, holiness and taking "Every Day With Joy" to her peers and all who knew her.

After her passing, her parish and family immediately began to hear stories of miracles, favors and conversions attributed to her prayers. Her pastor, Fr. John Riccardo, during his funeral homily, said "I have never said this publicly before, but I believe we are at the funeral of a saint." Five years ago, he submitted numerous testimonies of her heroic virtue to Archbishop Vigneron written by family, friends, teachers, and others to encourage the opening of a cause for sainthood. The Archbishop encouragingly asked that a book of her virtues be professionally written.

"Zebra Day" will be on Friday, **October 6th.**

It is a day we honor the memory of Bridget Therese Smith, a former student of HVCS and sister of current student, Mary Smith (8th Grade). Bridget loved zebras and the color pink, and our HVCS family wears these colors on her special day. Her family motto, "every day with joy" brings grace and peace to us! Donations to the Bridget Smith Memorial Fund will be accepted and awarded to families in unexpected and urgent need.

****Students may dress casually if wearing mainly black, white, and/or pink on top.**

We love you!

**Bridget the Brave,
pray for us!**



Student Council 8th Grade Officers:

Co-Presidents: Javi Benedetto & Sean Flanagan

Treasurer: Finn O'Meara

Secretary: Ellie Giordano

Liaisons to the Lower Grades:

Emily Cools & Joseph Kopinski

Student Council Representatives

Grade 7a: Thomas Baldante & Kellan Gentit

Grade 7b: John Michael Murray & Mateo Denja

Grade 6: Emi Benedetto & Maria Obudzinski

Grade 5: Bridget Borgstahl & Leo Marianacci

Grade 4: Erin Burak & Michael Ghezzi

Grade 3: Anthony Millard & Felicity Carpenter

All Saints Fall Festival

Come, all you Saints from Preschool to Third Grade to the All Saints Fall Festival on Thursday, November 2nd.

Is dressing up required?

No, but it sure would add a lot to our celebration. Dress as a known Saint, Bible character, or Christian hero.

May I carry props (swords, crosses, etc.)?

You may carry a prop during the parade. Accessories may need to be removed after the parade in order to participate fully in the fun activities, and for the rest of the school day.

May I get dressed in costume after I get to school?

We would like you to have very little to do after you get here, so that you will be ready for the parade quickly and easily when the time comes. At about 8:25am we will gather props and then go outside to the parking lot if weather permits (or gym if it's raining). The parade begins at about 8:30am.

May my parents come for the parade?

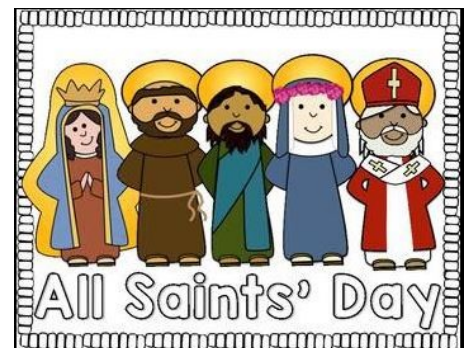
Yes! Grandparents and siblings too. The parade will be in the parking lot if weather permits. It will only be in the gym if it rains.

Do I need to pay for this event?

No! The Activity Fees cover the costs.

When is the festival?

Thursday, November 2nd at 8:30 a.m.



Are parents needed to help?

Yes! There are quite a few things that parents can do to keep all the activities running smoothly. Please volunteer via a Sign-Up Genius which will be sent home later in this month.

What if my child has allergies?

Please speak with your child's teacher about food alternatives. There will be donuts, cider and other treats too.



Beautiful Evergreen Wreaths

Place your order now for a beautiful wreath to adorn your home!

Our traditional 24" Balsam Wreath is \$30

and a larger 32" Balsam Wreath is \$50

All wreaths are made from evergreen boughs, pine cones, and holly berries that are woven onto a sturdy wire frame.

Payment must be made when placing the order.

Checks payable to Huron Valley Catholic School.

Earn \$ 5.00
in fundraising credit
for each wreath!

PICK UP DETAILS: Wreaths will be ready by 2:30pm on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.**

Parents must come to the school to pick up their child's order. You are responsible for delivering the wreaths.

Student's Portion

Keep this portion to use for delivery.

Name	Phone or Address	24" Balsam \$ 30	32" Balsam \$ 50	Red Velvet Bow	Red & Green Plaid Bow	Metalic Gold Bow	Metalic Silver Bow	Amount Paid



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For delivery before Thanksgiving, orders and payments must be turned in to the office by

Monday, October 30th!

Student's Name _____

Total 24" Wreath _____ x \$ 30 = _____

Total 32" Wreath _____ x \$ 50 = _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Return the completed lower half to the office.



24" Wreaths - Velvet Bow _____

24" Wreaths - Plaid Bow _____

24" Wreaths - Gold Bow _____

24" Wreaths - Silver Bow _____

Bow Totals



32" Wreaths - Velvet Bow _____

32" Wreaths - Plaid Bow _____

32" Wreaths - Gold Bow _____

32" Wreaths - Silver Bow _____

Bow Totals

8th Grade went to Lansing for an All Schools Mass



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All 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to join the BLR team and the high school girls for a night of inspiration, fun, friendship, and worship.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00-9:00PM | \$5

Renewal Ministries Office
Lobby L of Domino's Farms

Questions?
info@belovereolution.com



LIFE CHAIN



Be the Connection Between Crisis and Care **First Sunday In October** **2:00-3:30 pm**

Corner of Washtenaw and Huron Parkway

Join us to help women dealing with crisis pregnancies,
discover the great support available locally.

Be a witness: Pro-Life people are here to help !

We have positive Pro-Life Signs available onsite

Donations deeply appreciated

Contact us if you need more information at:

Plan2pray.org

(734) 973-2422

mgeyer@provide.net

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