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# Highlights December 2023

### **From the Principal**



Dear HVCS Families,

Happy Advent!

The season of anticipation for the coming of Christ is upon us. As we begin

a new liturgical year within the Catholic Church, it is a beautiful time to begin anew in our relationship with Jesus.

#### Thank you Jesus for always being at As a reminder, we begin our Christmas the center of our lives and our school community.

As we experience Advent this year, I pray for peace and joy to enter each of our homes. Let us all set our hearts continually on Him.

We have experienced so many blessings here at HVCS. The spiritual connectedness, the academic progress, the fun events, and the building of relationships have all been a witness to how wonderful our school community is.

Parents of our HVCS students, you have such a vital role in the education of your children. I want to thank each of you for your commitment and support that you give to your children in helping them in their educational journey. Much of the success that we are able to have at the school is in large part due to the fact that you have

been involved in forming good habits and a solid work ethic. Most importantly, you have introduced them to what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Thank you for continuing to trust HVCS with the care of your students. We are so blessed to have a safe, wholesome, and formative atmosphere, where students and staff alike can continue to seek the Lord's calling on their lives. Thank you for your support and your prayers.

break on Thursday, December 21.

May God Bless you this Advent Season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Michael Smith, Principal



#### **Hope Clinic Drive**

Thank you for your donations for Hope Clinic! We appreciate your generosity. The final day for donations is Monday, December 18th. Yesterday we made a large delivery to Hope Clinic. Please help us to keep the momentum going! \*\*Hope Clinic is most in need of peanut butter and jelly, cans of hearty soup, toiletries, and cleaning products.\* Their shelves are all set with ramen for now, thank you!

#### HVCS Auction 2024!

Save the date: Saturday, March 2, 2024. We will be at the Sheraton Hotel Ann Arbor: 3200 Boardwalk Drive. The doors open at 5:30 pm. We ask all families (K-8) to volunteer at least 5 of their service hours toward the auction. There are opportunities to help before, during and after the auction. You can view and sign up for volunteer opportunities here: <u>Auction</u> <u>Volunteer sign-up</u>. Thank you!

#### **Christmas Assembly**

Our annual Christmas Assembly is Thursday, December 21st, beginning at 8:30 am. Join us as music students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade perform selections for our enjoyment and edification.

Mrs. Cupery asks the Kindergarten through 4th grade performers to wear dressy "festive" clothing for the occasion. The 5th and 6th grade band students should wear dressy black bottoms, black shoes, and black socks/ tights; <u>5th Band students are asked to wear</u> <u>nice tops in green and the 6th band students</u> <u>should wear nice tops in red.</u> Mrs. Vandagriff will be sending an email with specific information regarding concert attire for her choir students.

Mr. Smith will have a special Christmas message for us. The results of the food drive for Hope Clinic will be announced too. Hope to see you then!

#### Winter Gear

As a part of keeping children safe, we ask that all families do their best to send appropriate clothing on a daily basis, so that students can be prepared for the weather outside (**PLEASE LABEL** all boots, snow pants, jackets, hats, gloves, etc.). We will go outside as frequently as possible throughout the winter, with the exception of any days when the wind chill falls below 10 degrees.

#### **April Pintar**

Last Sunday, on the Feast of Christ the King, April Pintar became Catholic! Mrs. Pintar is our 3rd Grade teacher and we were so honored to witness her baptism, confirmation and first communion. Congratulations April, we share in your joy!





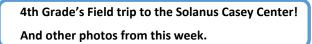
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| 4  | 3:00-5:00 pm V Basketball Practice           |
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| 5  | 3:15 pm Staff Meeting                        |
|    | 4:15 pm JV HOME Game vs. St. Paul Lutheran   |
|    | 5:15 pm V HOME Game vs. St. Paul Lutheran    |
| 6  | 11:10 am All School Mass: All are Welcome!   |
|    | 3:00-5:00 pm JV Basketball Practice          |
| 7  | 4:15 pm JV AWAY Game vs. SSA Ann Arbor       |
|    | 5:15 pm V AWAY Game vs. SSA Ann Arbor        |
| 8  | NO SCHOOL : Immaculate Conception            |
| 11 | 4:15 pm JV AWAY Game vs. Washtenaw Christian |
|    | 5:15 pm V AWAY Game vs. Washtenaw Christian  |
| 12 | 3:15 pm Staff Meeting                        |
|    | 4:15 pm JV HOME Game vs. SSA Plymouth        |
|    | 5:15 pm V HOME Game vs. SSA Plymouth         |
| 13 | 11:10 am All School Mass: All are Welcome!   |
|    | 4:15 pm JV AWAY Game vs. Rudolph Steiner     |
|    | 5:15 pm V AWAY Game vs. Rudolph Steiner      |
| 14 | 3:00-5:00 pm JV Basketball Practice          |
|    | 8th Grade dinner and "A Christmas Carol"     |
| 15 | 8:05 am Mass w/Fr. Dan: All are Welcome!     |
|    | Pizza Lunch: Casual dress                    |
|    | 3:00-5:00 pm V Basketball Practice           |
| 18 | Last Day for Hope Clinic Food Donations      |
|    | 4:30 pm JV HOME Game vs. A2 Christian        |
| 19 | 3:00-5:00 pm JV Basketball Practice          |
| 20 | 11:10 am All School Mass: All are Welcome!   |
|    | *8:30am Christmas Assembly in Gym*           |
|    | Half Day! Dismissal at Noon                  |
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| 21 | Christmas Break begins!!!                    |
|    | MERRY CHRISTMAS!!                            |

**Classes resume on January 8th** 





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## First Annual Huron Valley Catholic School Cash Raffle!

This fundraiser will lead up to the auction on March 2nd, 2024. There will be two early bird drawings. The grand prize drawing will be held at the auction. The family selling the most tickets will receive a **\$500 prize**. <u>The homeroom with the greatest amount sold will receive a casual</u> <u>dress day and pizza party</u>. To top it all off, there are great fundraising credits for your family!

> <u>Ticket Price: \$10</u> Grand Prize - \$5,000 2nd Prize - \$2,500 3rd Prize - \$1,000

\*\*Winners need not be present\*\*

- 2 Early Bird Drawings of \$500 each to be drawn on January 16 and February 15
- \$500 to top selling family!
- Pizza party and casual dress day for top selling homeroom!
  - Make sure to put your student's name on the back of the ticket to give credit to their classroom

Goal: 30+ tickets sold per family, with the following incentives:

30 Tickets Sold: Fundraising Credit of \$100 45 Tickets Sold: Fundraising Credit of \$150 60 Tickets Sold: Fundraising Credit of \$200

Please turn in your filled-out tickets to the front office. We will be keeping track of the ticket sales and fundraising credits. Please return any unsold tickets to the front office. We have extra tickets in the office if you need more.





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There is no better way to begin the Advent season than spending a weekend learning how to become a Eucharistic people. Join Christ the King Catholic Church for their parish mission led by Fr. Mathias Thelen, the pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Parish. For more information, go to: ctkcc.net/parish-mission. Single Gender Summer Camps for Boys and Girls ZIP LINE | DAILY MASS | ARCHERY TAG | SPORTS | SWIMMING | ARCHERY ROPES COURSE | CANOEING | ROCK WALL | HORSEBACK RIDING







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