

**Huron Valley
Catholic School**
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Highlights



SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear HVCS Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the final days of summer. As we prepare to welcome another school year, I want to express my excitement and anticipation for what promises to be another fruitful year at Huron Valley Catholic School.

Our faculty and staff have been hard at work over the summer, preparing classrooms, developing curriculum plans, and participating in professional development to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible educational experience for your children. We are dedicated to nurturing not only academic excellence but also spiritual growth, character development, and a strong sense of community within our school.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage you to stay engaged and involved in our school community. Your support and partnership are vital to the success of our students. Whether through volunteering, attending school events, or helping out in the classroom, there are many ways to contribute and make a positive impact on our school.

Please mark your calendars for our **Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 19th**, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn more about the upcoming school year, and connect with other families in our community.

Also, Save the Date for our **3rd Annual Fall Fest on Saturday, October 5th**. This event is a wonderful way to start the year off with a family friendly event to celebrate all of the great things we have going on at HVCS.

I am truly blessed to be part of such a vibrant and faith-filled community, and I look forward to seeing each of you as we begin this new school year. Together, we will continue to build on the strong foundation of faith, learning, and service that makes Huron Valley Catholic School a special place for our children to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Let us embrace this new school year with enthusiasm, hope, and a shared commitment to our children's success.

May God bless you and your families as we begin this exciting journey together.

In Christ,

Michael Smith
Principal
Huron Valley Catholic School

**WELCOME
BACK!**



School Hours

There is outdoor supervision beginning at 7:45am, doors open at 7:55am, and classes begin at 8:05am. Full day session is 8:05am until 2:55pm; half-day session is 8:05am until 11:55am. The warning bell rings at 8:00am and students are expected to be in their homerooms at 8:05am.

Absent and Tardy

If your child(ren) will be absent or tardy, please call the office, 483-0366 ext. #1, by 7:55am. Our answering machine is on 24 hours a day. **If your child(ren) arrive after the 8:05am tardy bell, a parent must sign them in at the office.** Please note you will need to park your car to sign in your child(ren), and may not idle in the drop off area. ***New this year*** - After 5 tardies in a quarter, you will be charged \$5/student for any additional late arrival. This money will go directly to the teacher whose class is disrupted. This policy is hopefully not enforced, as we would like everyone on time and ready to learn!

Students must be in attendance for a half day to be eligible for after school activities, practice, or games.

To ensure your child's safety, the office will call your home for any child unaccounted for by a phone call or email.

Illness Policy

The HVCS guideline regarding illness is that children must be free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

This guideline follows the recommendation of the Washtenaw County Public Health Dept., the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources.

Lost and Found

Please label your child's gym clothes, uniforms, lunch box, water bottles, and outerwear! The lost and found is located inside the school across from the 1st grade classroom. ****All unlabeled and unclaimed items are donated to charity.****

Student Telephone Use

The telephone in the office is primarily for EMERGENCY USE. Students will not be allowed to use the phone to make after school social plans. We will allow students to use the phone if their transportation does not arrive by 3:10pm.

Students should not bring a cell phone to school. If a student must bring a cell phone, the student will be required to sign in their cell phones at the beginning of the day. They will be able to retrieve their cell phone at the end of the school day. This will also include after school activities. A more detailed guideline is included in the handbook.

Lunch Duty

A Sign-Up Genius is available to schedule your five Lunch Duty hours. Here is the link if you didn't receive it:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084CAA92CA5F85-50433873-hvcs#/>

When you arrive for Lunch Duty, please report to the office for instructions. ****If you cannot make your lunch duty, please look on the sign-up and call someone else to trade.**

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

When you drop-off or pick-up your child(ren), pull up alongside the long sidewalk in front of the school, but please do not stop or park in the crosswalk area at any time. If you are going into the school, park in the lot, and escort your child across the parking lot. Please escort your child(ren) at all times while walking in the parking lot.

After Care

The after care rate is \$6 per child for every half-hour interval. Billing is calculated based on the number of half-hour periods your child remains in after care. For example, if your child stays from 3:15 PM to 3:50 PM, the cost will be \$12. *After Care is available dependent on staffing. There is no After Care on half-days.*



Pizza Lunches

Pizza will be sold once or twice a month on a Friday.

Pizza is \$1.50 per slice and pop/juice is \$1.00 per item. Profits from the sale benefit the HVCS Athletic Program.

Standing Orders for Pizza and Beverage are submitted at the beginning of the school year. Billing for the pizza and beverage will be sent at the conclusion of each semester. If a student is absent on a Pizza Lunch Day, they will receive a credit for the amount paid.

Pizza will be available to purchase for those without a standing order on the day of the Pizza Lunch, and must be paid at that time.

Service Hours

Parents (grades 1-8) are expected to volunteer for 15 service hours per year. Parents of Kindergarten are expected to volunteer for 10 service hours.

5 hours: Lunch Duty (not for Kindergarten parents)

5 hours: Annual Auction

5 hours: Other

Throughout the year, service hours completed will be recorded in FACTS. Please fill out a yellow slip in the front office or email Karen Hall with completed service hours. **\$15** per hour will be billed in May for any service hours not completed.

Medications at School

An email was sent in August providing some clarification regarding medication authorization forms. Our school medication policy as well as authorization forms were updated this year in compliance with Michigan State Law. The updated policy is included below. A few reminders/highlights:

"Medication" refers to any prescription, non-prescription, homeopathic, herbal, vitamin, or mineral preparation. These can include but are not limited to: cough drops, topical Neosporin or antibiotic ointment, topical creams, etc.

Medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must be accompanied by written, **signed** instructions from a **physician** and **signed/authorization** by a **parent /**

guardian. These forms must be renewed at the beginning of each school year. If we do not have a medication authorization form signed by both the parent/guardian and a physician/prescriber, we cannot give any medication at school.

Physician written orders must match the instructions printed on the container's label. Students may be approved to self-carry and self-administer medications, provided that documentation is submitted with both a physician and parent/guardian signature authorizing the student to do so. Note: there is a section included on the school medication form to authorize self-carry and self-administration of medications.

If you have any questions regarding student illness or medication policy, please contact our school nurse, Veronica Cherney: nurse@hvcatholicschool.org

School Nurse Office Hours

M, W, F 8am-3pm

Tues 11am-3pm

Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome four new staff members this year! They are:

Maricris Burk, our new 4th Grade teacher

Emma Eichhorn, our new Band teacher

Sarah Korty, our new After Care teacher

Lindsay Rittenhouse, our 3rd Grade Sub (until Mrs. Pintar returns from her maternity leave!)

Welcome to HVCS!!

Staff Retreat at Pious Union of St. Joseph w/ Fr. Leo!



SEPTEMBER

2	NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
3	NO SCHOOL: Staff In-Service Day
4	**FIRST Full DAY OF SCHOOL**
11	All School Mass: 11:10 am. All are Welcome!
13	All School Mass: Fr. Dan Westermann 8:05am
18	All School Mass: 11:10 am. All are Welcome!
19	Half Day: Noon Dismissal Curriculum Night 7:00-8:30pm
20	Pizza Lunch: Casual Dress
25	All School Mass: 11:20am. All are Welcome!
27	Adoration

OCTOBER

1	**Picture Day**
2	All School Mass: 11:20am. All are Welcome!
5	HVCS Fall Festival!!!
11	Grandparents Day! All school Mass 11:10am

School Board Members 2024-2025

Chairman	Mr. Pete Burak
Vice-Chair	Mrs. Catherine Baldante
Treasurer	Mr. Peter Benedetto
Secretary	Mr. Mark Saull
Board Members	Mr. Lance Gentit Mrs. Karen Bartram Mrs. Kathleen Millard
Principal (ex-officio Member)	Mr. Mike Smith
Educational Consultant	Mrs. Emily Burak

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Board Meeting Dates

2024-2025

Monday, September 23	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, October 28	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, November 25	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, December 16	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, January 27	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, February 24	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, March 24	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, April 28	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, May 19	7:30-9:30 pm
Monday, June 23	7:30-9:30 pm

WELCOME NEW HVCS STUDENTS!!

Peter Kresta	Michael Adelman
Mira Leonard	Elijah Bracciano
Harrison Mies	Luke Burns
Josephine Mies	Angella Byamungo
Penelope Mies	Manuella Byamungo
Fiona Murray	Jeremiah Canetta
Kateri Norman	Dominic Cerabona
June Pace	Carla Codouni
Alina Paszek	Nolan Doutsas
Natalie Salminen	Juliet Dreslinski
Damien Sastre	Kate Dreslinski
Isla Smith	Catherine Fenton
Ellie Tew	Beatrice Hartfield
Marion Vandagriff	Elizabeth Kopinski
Brianna Waclawik	Evelyn Kresta

