

Highlights

October 2024

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Dear HVCS Parents,

As we conclude our first month of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the

wonderful start we've had together. Your support, engagement, and commitment to our school community have made a significant impact on our students' experience, and it's truly inspiring to witness.

Our dedicated teachers have been working to establish routines and create a nurturing environment for all our students. They are focused on fostering not only academic growth, but also spiritual, social, and emotional development. As we continue through the year, I encourage everyone to embrace patience and perseverance. Challenges are a natural part of the learning journey, and together we can overcome them, ensuring a rich and rewarding experience for our children.

Looking ahead, I'm excited about the upcoming events in October! We have our Fall Fest on October 5, where families can come together to enjoy a day filled with fun activities, games, and community spirit. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another and celebrate the vibrant community we've built.

Additionally, we will honor our beloved grandparents on Grandparents Day, October 11. This special occasion allows us to express our appreciation for their love and support, and we invite all grandparents to join us for a day of celebration with their grandchildren.

Thank you once again for being an essential part of our Huron Valley Catholic School family. Your involvement makes a difference in the lives of our students, and I look forward to a fantastic year ahead filled with growth, joy, and community.

Sincerely,

Michael Smith

A reminder of our HVCS school board goals for the year:

- 1. HVCS will foster the spiritual growth of our community with a special emphasis on the love of Jesus in the Eucharist.**
- 2. HVCS will strive to develop the academic achievement of all the students with a special emphasis on math.**
- 3. HVCS will grow in virtuous relationships with each other with a special emphasis on collaboration and unity.**

All Saints Day Fall Festival

On Thursday, October 31st students in PreK-5th grades will participate in the All Saints Day Fall Festival. See the flyer below for details. Please consider helping out with the activities for students in K-3rd grade by reaching out to your child's teacher. Thank you!



Zebra Day

"Zebra Day" will be celebrated on October 4th this year. It is a day we honor the memory of Bridget Therese Smith, a former student of HVCS and sister of current student, Mary Smith. 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 each of us!

Donations to the Bridget Smith Memorial Fund will be accepted and awarded to families in unexpected and urgent need. Lord Jesus, We thank you for the gift of Bridget Therese, our sweet Bridget the Brave. In her 12 years here with us, she taught us that there is much grace in suffering and taking every day with joy.

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

We love you! Bridget the Brave, pray for us!

Picture Day

Picture day will be this Tuesday, October 1st. Please remember to have your child wear their blue Uniform shirt (except PreK). We sent home a picture order form today. If you didn't receive one it's attached to this email. If you won't be purchasing a package, the envelope should still be completed (write NO PKG) since each student will be photographed for our yearbook and database.

Picture retakes and Picture Day for PreK 4/5 students is on Wednesday, November 6th.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is Friday, October 11th. This is the schedule:

8:15-8:45am:	Check In
8:30am:	Rosary
8:45am:	Doors Open
9:00am:	Mass
10:00-11:30am:	Classroom Visits
11:30-12:30pm:	Luncheon

8th Grade Student Council Officers:

Co-Presidents: Anastasia Mangan & Maggie Tew
Secretary: Kellan Gentit
Treasurer: Zoe Bartram
Liaisons to the Lower Grades: Isaac Gabowitz and Regina Hoving

Class Representatives:

7th Grade: Ella Bartram and Zeke Kopinski
6th Grade: Isaac Champion and Peter Vermeulen
5th Grade: Paige Bartram and Max Saull
4th Grade: Daniel Miller and Marie Stout
3rd Grade: Donovan Burak and Gigi Marianacci

Monday Morning Prayer



Monday represents the first step of the journey, the dawn: I am the man who seeks You in certainty because You have revealed Yourself to me and You are Everything.
(Book of Hours)

Sunday Mass concludes with a blessing from the priest and a command to go forth and spread the Gospel. When Monday morning comes, we begin this mission in and through our ordinary, day-to-day lives, which for us is intimately linked with HVCS.

As a sign of our unity in this mission, **beginning Monday, October 7th and each Monday thereafter**, all parents, grandparents, and others are welcome to stay for Morning Prayer from the [Book of Hours](#) in the school chapel. Prayer will begin immediately after the school's morning prayer and announcements and take 10-15 minutes. Copies of the text will be provided.

Fall Festival Saturday, October 5th!

We are excited to see everyone at the Fall Festival on the 5th! Please sign up [HERE](#) to help us with this event. Also, sign up [HERE](#) to bring a dish to pass. See flyer below. Thank you!

Room Parent meeting on October 18th

This is not only for Room Parents - it's for those who would like to help us with Respect Life Day (January 21, 2025). Some of you helped out last year with this and are already familiar with how the program works. If you are reading this and this is a topic very near and dear to your heart, please contact Anilú Seromik at 734-604-2821 and leave a message.

The Room Parent meeting on 10/18 is right after drop off, around 8:20 am in the teacher's lounge at HVCS. We make a special effort on Respect Life Day to remind all students in an age appropriate manner what Saint John Paul II so eloquently said, "The human being is single, unique, and unrepeatable, someone thought of and chosen from eternity, someone called and identified by name."

Join the Events Committee!

We're excited to announce that Karen Bartram recently joined the school board and took the lead on the Events and Marketing Committee. She is eager to assemble a small but mighty team of 3-4 parents. This is a great opportunity to make a difference, connect with other parents, and help bring fun and meaningful events to life for our school community. With just a little time and heart, we can create events that bring smiles to our children and families. Whether you have ideas to share or simply want to be part of something special, we'd love to have you on board! Please email [Karen Bartram](#) if you would like to sign up or are curious for more details.

HVCS Alumnus, Gabe Hoban, Rocket Scientist!



After I graduated from high school, I enrolled at the University of Dayton in the electrical engineering program with a minor in aerospace engineering. While I enjoyed the engineering courses, after I completed my first computer science class at the end of my sophomore year, I knew that it was the field I wanted to be in. I

changed my major junior year to computer science with a minor in cyber security, graduating with the degree in the summer of 2022. With the knowledge I gained after taking the two years of electrical/aerospace courses at UD, I found myself applying for software positions at companies in the defense/engineering industries. During my last week of school I received a call back from one of these companies offering to fly me down to Florida for an interview (I said yes of course).

A few weeks later I accepted the offer to be an "Embedded Software Engineer - Rocket Scientist" at United Launch Alliance at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. We are a launch service provider that launch payloads for the United States Space Force, National Reconnaissance Office, NASA, and various other commercial and government customers. ULA initially inherited the [Atlas product line](#) and [Delta product line](#) of rockets when it was founded in 2006, launching over 150 rockets with a focus on mission success. We have recently had a few historical launches this year with ULA's first manned space flight launching two astronauts to the ISS and the first launch of our new Vulcan rocket.

Here are some highlights that show a bit of what launch day for each rocket is like:

Delta IV Complex 37	NROL70	(04/09/24)	Launch
Atlas V Complex 41	Project Kuiper	(10/06/24)	Launch
Vulcan Centaur Complex 41	CERT-1	(01/08/24)	Launch

My role at ULA lets me work in multiple different fields. I perform ground electrical operations, testing, and system verifications at three different launch sites: Launch Complex 41 and Launch Complex 37 at the Cape and Space Launch Complex 3 at Vandenberg Space Force Station in California. In addition, I help administer our essential infrastructure and launch critical hardware.

One of my favorite parts of my job is manning the Operational Support console during launches. This means that I am in the launch control center for every launch providing software/hardware/user support for our launch team and customers. During launches, assuming all systems are nominal, I also provide a "GO" call during the final polling.

OCTOBER 2024

1	<u>Picture Day!!</u> 3:00-5:00pm Boys Basketball V Practice 4:30pm Girls JV AWAY Game vs. Ann Arbor Christian 5:30pm Girls V AWAY Game vs. Ann Arbor Christian 3:15pm Weekly Staff Meeting
2	11:10am All School Mass. All are welcome! 3:00-4:30pm Girls V Practice
3	4:15pm Girls JV AWAY Game vs. Washtenaw Christian 5:15pm Girls V AWAY Game vs. Washtenaw Christian
4	Pizza Lunch "Zebra Day" Casual Dress (Read Above) 3:00-4:30pm Girls JV Practice
5	<u>3:00-7:00pm FALL FESTIVAL!!</u> 1:00-3:00pm Boys JV BB Practice Please sign up *above* to bring a dish to pass
7	Spirit Wear top w/uniform bottom 3:00-4:30pm Girls V practice
8	4:15pm Girls JV (only) HOME Game vs. St. Thomas 3:15pm Weekly Staff Meeting
9	11:10am All School Mass. All are welcome! 3:00-4:30pm Girls V Practice
10	3:00-4:30pm Girls V Practice
11	<u>GRANDPARENTS DAY!!</u> 9:00 All School Mass 3:00-4:30pm Girls JV Practice ***4:00-8:00pm Panera Fundraiser!
12	1:00-3:00pm Boys JV BB Practice 3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice
14	Spirit Wear top w/uniform bottom 3:00-4:30pm Girls V Practice
15	3:00-5:00pm Boys V Practice 4:30pm Girls JV AWAY Game vs. St. Mary 5:30pm Girls V AWAY Game vs. St. Mary 3:15pm Weekly Staff Meeting

16	11:10 am All School Mass. All are Welcome! 3:00-4:30pm Girls JV Practice
17	3:00-4:30pm Girls V Practice 4:30-5:45pm Boys V BB Practice
18	Pizza Lunch: Casual Dress Pep Rally! Parents welcome (2:15pm-ish) 3:00-5:00pm Boys JV BB Practice Girls JV & V Tournament TBA
19	Girls Tournament TBA 1:00-3:00pm Boys JV BB Practice 3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice
21	Spirit Wear top w/ uniform bottom 3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice
22	3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice 3:15 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
23	11:10 am All School Mass. All are Welcome! 3:00-5:00pm Boys JV BB Practice
24	3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice
25	Adoration Hearing and Vision Screening Day 3:00-5:00pm Boys JV BB Practice
28	Spirit Wear top w/ uniform bottom Hearing and Vision Screening Day (if needed) 3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice 7:30-9:30pm HVCS Board Meeting
29	3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice 3:15pm Weekly Staff Meeting
30	11:10am All School Mass. All are Welcome! 3:00-5:00pm Boys V BB Practice
31	All Saints Fall Festival- PreK-5th (See flyer below) 3:00-4:30pm Boys JV BB Practice

NOVEMBER 2024

1 **No School: All Saints Day!**

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2025

**pine hills
camps**

BOYS CAMP

june 8-14, 2025

GIRLS CAMP

august 3-9, 2025

registration opens march 1, 2025
www.pinehillscamp.com

Huron Valley Catholic School
Third Annual

FALL FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
FROM 3PM - 7PM

BOUNCEHOUSES, FOOD, PETTING FARM, AND MORE!

HVCS WILL PROVIDE HOT DOGS, CHIPS,
AND DRINKS.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR OUR HVCS FAMILIES!
\$5/PERSON FOR ANY NON-HVCS PERSON

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

Grandparents Day!


Friday, October 11, 2024

RSVP by Thursday, October 3rd
to Katie Gradillas

kgradillas@hvcatholicsschool.org



Come for Mass at 9am, followed by classroom
visits, and a luncheon!



If your grandparents can't make it, please
invite a special person in your child's life!

Talitha Koum

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30

Rising 6th - 8th grade girls are
invited to an evening of games,
discipleship, and worship.

\$5 | 7-9 PM | Renewal Ministries Office

All Saints Festival

Come all you saints from Pre-K to 5th grade
to the All Saints Festival Thursday, October 31, 2024!

Is dressing up required?

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

May I carry prop (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 my parents come for the parade?

Yes! Grandparents and siblings, too.

Do I need to pay for this event?

No!

When is the festival?

The parade is outside in the parking lot at 8:20 (in gym if inclement weather). The activities will be in our classrooms and outside (K-3 only) Thursday morning 8:30-12:00.

