



# HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY  
2025

## From the Principal

Dear HVCS Families,

As we step into February, we reflect with gratitude on the incredible first half of the school year. Our students have made tremendous progress both academically and spiritually, growing in knowledge and deepening their faith. It has been a joy to witness their enthusiasm for learning and their commitment to living out our Catholic values.

In January, we focused on the virtue of **responsibility**, encouraging our students to take ownership of their actions and commitments. As we begin the third quarter, our focus shifts to **perseverance**—the virtue of staying strong in faith and effort, even when challenges arise. We ask for your prayers and support as we guide our students in developing the resilience needed to grow in both academics and character.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our **Annual Auction on March 1**, with the theme "**Bread of Life**." This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in fellowship and support Catholic education at HVCS.

In addition, our **raffle ticket** sales are in full swing, raising vital scholarship funds to help families in need. Your participation in both the auction and raffle is deeply appreciated and makes a lasting impact on our school.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated and faithful teachers, who give so much of themselves each day to inspire, educate, and guide our students. Their commitment to our school's mission is a true blessing, and we are deeply grateful for their hard work and devotion.

Thank you for your continued partnership in forming young minds and hearts for Christ. May God bless you and your families abundantly as we journey forward together!

**In Christ,**  
Michael Smith  
Principal



## Monthly Virtue

### Perseverance

## Cards Requested

Please consider making valentines for the elderly of Ypsilanti. Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels is accepting donations of handmade valentines through February 11. Their clients love getting these colorful greetings with their meals each year. They serve approximately 350 clients. It would be awesome if we could make enough for all of them!

If any of your students (or you!) want to make valentines for the elderly, drop them off in my (preschool) classroom before noon on Thursday, February 6th. I'll deliver them that afternoon. ~ Maureen Thomas

## St. Valentine's Day

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February **13th** since we have no school on February 14th. Students can wear red, white, or pink tops with casual bottoms (jeans or khakis) on the 13th.

## Respect Life Day!

We have rescheduled our Respect Life Day for Tuesday, February 11th. Please consider donating gently used baby items (to the office) for families in need. We will have a school-wide Rosary at 2:15 pm. Parents are welcome to join us in the gym!

## Auction Info

Hello HVCS family!

We are so excited that our auction dinner gala fundraiser, Bread of Life, is only four weeks from this Saturday. Invitations should have arrived in the mail, and you can also purchase tickets online here: [Bread of Life Auction Tickets](#). We are hoping to see many of you there!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already signed up to help with this event. As promised, here is our final sign-up: [HVCS 2025 Auction Gala - Event Weekend Roles](#)

We could not make the auction happen without help from all of you! Please prayerfully consider the options, reach out to us with any questions, sign up as soon as you can.

As always, please also continue to pray for the success of this event! It is our biggest fundraiser, and helps HVCS keep Catholic education affordable to so many families who need tuition assistance.

God bless,  
Your HVCS Auction Core Team

## Re-Enroll!!

**PLEASE** submit your re-enrollment form (emailed by Katie Gradillas) on or before **February 28!** Your quick response is greatly appreciated!

## Erin Schroeder - Alumna

*Please join us in praying for Erin, that she may be welcomed into the fullness of God's mercy and eternal love. Let us also lift up her family in prayer, that they may experience the consolation and peace of Christ in this time of sorrow.*

Erin Kate Schroeder, age 28, passed away on November 29, 2024 near Detroit, Michigan. She was born on October 15, 1996 in Southfield, Michigan to parents Lori Keough Krussman and Christopher Schroeder. Even before she could talk, Erin was determined, headstrong, compassionate, and adventurous. She was larger than life, bringing an indomitable spirit and unsurpassed energy and enthusiasm to every situation. Growing up, she excelled in athletics, participating on various soccer teams and the Ann Arbor Country Club swim and dive team. She had many friends thanks to her charisma and light, and enjoyed spending time with kids from the neighborhood and from school. Like her Grandpa Jim, she could talk to anyone about anything and make them feel seen and included in the conversation. During grade school, Erin attended Huron Valley Catholic School in Ypsilanti in addition to Dexter Community Schools and Whitmore Lake Public Schools. She graduated from the Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education.

She went on to become the loving mother of Mia Chapman, age 6, who remains as a joyous reminder of all Erin brought to the world. Erin is survived by her mother and father, her stepmother Rachel, her stepfather Don, her sisters Lauren and Aleah, her daughter Mia, both the Keough and Schroeder grandparents, and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. A funeral mass will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan at 11am on Saturday, February 1st, 2025. Visitation will begin at 9:30am with a rosary led by Grandpa Bill in the John Paul the Great room at Christ the King. The service will be followed by a luncheon at Christ the King, after which the burial and committal will be held at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Whitmore Lake, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made via [GoFundMe to develop a fund for Mia](#) to support her future education.

**Photo on left is Erin with her daughter Mia. On the right is Erin when she attended HVCS**



# FEBRUARY

## at a glance

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| 1  | 9:00-10:30 am 3/4 Girls BB Practice  | 18 | 3:15 pm Staff Meeting<br>Girls BB HOME Game vs Ann Arbor Christian<br>JV at 4:30pm - V at 5:30 pm                              |
| 3  | Spirit wear with uniform bottom<br>3:00-5:00 pm V Girls BB Practice  | 19 | 11:10 am Mass: All are welcome!<br>3:00-5:00 pm JV Girls BB Practice   |
| 4  | 3:15 pm Staff Meeting<br>3:00-4:30 pm 3/4 BB Practice<br>Girls BB AWAY Game @ SSA - Ann Arbor<br>JV at 4:15pm - V at 5:15 pm | 20 | Girls BB HOME Game vs St. Mary<br>JV at 4:30pm - V at 5:30 pm  |
| 5  | 11:10 am Mass: All are welcome!<br>3:00-5:00 pm V Girls BB Practice  | 21 | Pizza Lunch- Casual Dress<br>3:00-5:00 pm JV Girls BB Practice<br>5:00-6:00pm On Target Practice                               |
| 6  | Girls BB HOME Game vs SSA<br>Plymouth<br>JV at 4:15pm - V at 5:15 pm   | 22 | 9:00-10:00pm 3/4 Girls BB AWAY Game<br>vs SSA-P @ SSA-P  |
| 7  | Pizza Lunch- Uniform Dress<br>8:05 am Mass: All are welcome!<br>3:00-5:00 pm JV Girls BB Practice                            | 24 | Spirit wear with uniform bottom<br>3:00-5:00 pm V Girls BB Practice  |
| 8  | 11:00am-12:00pm 3/4 Girls BB AWAY Game<br>vs AACS @ AACS   | 25 | 3:15 pm Staff Meeting<br>3:00-4:30 pm 3/4 BB Practice<br>Girls BB AWAY Game @ St. Paul Lutheran<br>JV at 4:15pm - V at 5:15 pm |
| 10 | Spirit wear with uniform bottom<br>3:00-5:00 pm V Girls BB Practice<br>5:00-6:00 On Target Practice                          | 26 | 11:10 am Mass: All are welcome!<br>3:00-5:00 pm V Girls BB Practice  |
| 11 | 3:15 pm Staff Meeting<br>3:00-4:30 pm 3/4 BB Practice<br>Girls BB AWAY Game @ WCA<br>JV at 4:15pm - V at 5:15 pm             | 27 | 3:00-5:00 pm V Girls BB Practice   |
| 12 | 11:10 am Mass: All are welcome!<br>3:00-5:00 pm V Girls BB Practice  | 28 | 3:00-5:00 pm JV Girls BB Practice  |
| 13 | Wear Red, White, or Pink<br>with casual bottoms<br>(jeans or khakis)   |    | Girls BB HOME Game vs St.<br>Thomas<br>JV at 4:15pm - V at 5:15 pm   |
| 14 | <b>NO SCHOOL: Mid-Winter Break</b>   |    |  |
| 17 | <b>NO SCHOOL: Mid-Winter Break</b>   |    |  |



**MARCH 1ST**  
The HVCS ANNUAL AUCTION  
5:30pm  
Please join!!!

**MARCH 4TH**  
Winter Concert & Art Show  
Grades 5 - 8

# Catholic Schools Week!



Sports  
team  
Day!

# Wacky Dress Day!



# Catholic Schools Week!



SAVE THE DATE FOR 2025

# pine hills camp

BOYS CAMP June 8-14

GIRLS CAMP August 3-9

REGISTRATION OPENS  
**March 1 at 12:00 AM**  
[pinehillscamp.com](http://pinehillscamp.com)

## Toddler Playtime - Join us!



### EVERY WEDNESDAY!

- From 8:15-9:15 AM
- For **YOU** and your little ones ages 0-5
- We have toys & activities!
- In the 5th Grade Classroom
- Please wait in our chapel or your car until 8:15, to give the class more time



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## Creating a Tech-Ready Home in a Fast-Paced Digital World

A talk explaining the practical steps any family can take to prepare and protect themselves online.

### When

3/11/2025  
6:30pm - 8:00pm



Chris  
McKenna

### Where

1300 N Prospect Rd,  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Join us for a digital safety talk with Protect Young Eyes.  
It's a free event! Scan the QR Code below to register:



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