



January 5, 2012

Dear Holy Cross School Families:

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 29 – February 3, 2012. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools – Faith. Academics. Service." which focuses on three essential educational components that Catholic schools give their students. We will be celebrating this theme through out the week.

Mass Participation Form - we will kick off the week with a Holy Cross Catholic School sponsored Mass at each parish. We will begin our celebration on Sunday, January 29, 2012 by participating in Mass at each parish. Students will be asked to participate as a speaker, reader, usher, or gift bearer. Although this can be a busy time for many families, I am asking that you consider attending and participating in the Mass at your parish. The mass times are as follows:

Immaculate Conception – 10 am
Church of St. Nicholas – 10 am
Most Holy Trinity – 9 am

I am also looking for a student or alumni to speak about what Holy Cross Catholic School means to him/her at the end of each Saturday night Mass (all 3 churches) and 8 am Mass (IC & St. Nicholas).

It is very important that we are able to fully represent our school during each of these Masses. We would like all students and parents to wear Holy Cross logo clothing to this Mass. It is important to let our parishioners know that you are a part of our school family. At Lonsdale and Veseli there will be a school hosted Donut Sunday after all Sunday Masses on January 29th. At New Market the Knights of Columbus is hosting a pancake breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools Week. We encourage you to attend this event after the Masses. We are looking for volunteers to assist with setup and cleanup.

Please complete the attached "Parish Mass Participation Form" and return it to school by **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH** (even if you are unable to attend). If you are able to participate, you will get a schedule (and readings, if applicable) in the January 19th Thursday Folder.

Calendar of Events - the calendar containing the dress-up days and activities for the week will be sent home in the coming weeks. The entire week will be a non-dress code week.

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Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House - there is a Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House scheduled on Tuesday, January 31st. If you know of a family interested in our school for next year, please invite them to our open house.

I invite you to participate in as many of the events as possible. This week is a chance for our students to celebrate the wonderful opportunity you have given them by sending them to Holy Cross Catholic School.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the school office at 952-652-6100.

Blessings,

Lisa Reichelt
Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012 **PARISH MASS PARTICIPATION FORM**

Family Name

Our family is available to participate at the following Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2012:

_____ **10 am Immaculate Conception**

_____ **10 am Church of St. Nicholas**

_____ **9 am Most Holy Trinity**

_____ **YES, I would like to be a "Parent Supervisor" during the Mass in which my family will participate.** _____
(Parent Name)

My son/daughter would like to participate in the following ways, if available:

_____ **Reading** _____ **Ushering** _____ **Gift Bearer**

_____ **Yes, my son/daughter would speak at the end of Mass.**

Student or Alumni's Name

If speaking at the end of Mass, please indicate which Mass by circling one of the following:

Immaculate Conception:

St. Nicholas:

Most Holy Trinity:

_____ **5 pm Sat.**
_____ **8 am Sun.**

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_____ **Yes, we can help with donuts after Mass (circle which time: 8 am 9 am 10am).**

_____ **Sorry, we are unable to help this year.**