

# *Holy Cross Elementary School*

December 14, 2023

## THE CONNECTION

### SCHOOL NEWS

**Christmas attire-** Next week we will be celebrating Christmas with a couple of special uniform changes. On **Tuesday and Thursday** - students may wear **Christmas tops with uniform bottoms**. On **Thursday**, students may add **Christmas accessories** and **Christmas socks** may be worn **any day** next week.

**Classroom Christmas parties** - will be held on Wednesday, **December 20th** in the afternoon (times may vary).

**Indian Hut Holiday Hours** - Need some holiday gift ideas? You can get your Holy Cross Indian spirit wear needs covered at the Indian Hut this holiday season. Hours for Indian Hut for the next few weeks leading into the Holiday break:

#### Extended Holiday Hours

Wed., Dec 13th - 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thurs., Dec 14th - 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

#### Normal Business Hours

7:00-9:00 am & 2:00-3:30 pm (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)

\* Closed anytime the high school is closed.

**Santa Shop December 14th and 15th-** We are holding our annual Santa Shop again this year for students to be able to purchase gifts for their loved ones during the school day. Gifts are priced from \$0.25 to \$12.00, with most between \$3.00 - \$7.00. Gift list envelopes are attached to this week's hard copy of the Connection that is sent home on Thursday. If your child needs another envelope, we may have extras in the office.

**Holy Cross Parish Youth Group is Forming** - Holy Cross Elementary has a new ministry coordinator, Morgan Hicks. There is a new youth director as well, Jaime Lampone. They are starting a youth group that will be the first and third Sundays of every month for 6th graders through 12 graders.

### Calendar

**Dec. 19-** Kindergarten Nativity Play 1pm

**Dec. 20** - Classroom Christmas Parties

**Dec. 21-** Early Dismissal 11am

**Dec. 22- Jan. 2** - Christmas break

**Jan. 3** - Classes Resume

**Jan. 8** - Map testing begins

**Jan. 10** - Chipotle Night for HCE

#### Exam Days

Tues., Dec. 19th - 7:00 am - 12:30 pm

Wed., Dec. 20th - 7:00 am - 12:30 pm

Thurs., Dec. 21st - 7:00 am - 12:30 pm

7:00 am - 3:30 pm on Wednesdays

### Old News

**Please consider linking HCE to your Kroger Plus Community Rewards.** Just log into your Kroger account settings under “Community Rewards” and choose Holy Cross Elementary School as your organization. Our number is KM638. If every family did this simple thing, our school would be able to receive funds for more activities for students! And who doesn’t love more fun activities?!

**Family Envelopes** - The Connection (and any other pertinent papers/communication from the office) will be sent home on Thursdays in a large envelope. We would like families to take out the contents and address any papers, sign and date the outside and return the envelope on Fridays (with any paperwork needed to be returned). We hope this will alleviate some of the miscommunication caused by paperwork being left in students’ backpacks. We appreciate your cooperation in this new process!!

**Website is updated!** - After much trial and error (and calls/meets with our friends at Google), we now have the website up and running with updated information!! Please go to [www.holycrosselem.com](http://www.holycrosselem.com) and check it out! We will use this as another way to keep you updated with newsletters, lunch calendars, pertinent links etc. If you visit the website and incur any errors or feel something is missing, please contact Leslee Hatter in the office or by email @ [lhatter@holycrosselem.com](mailto:lhatter@holycrosselem.com).

**Middle School Service Hours** - Each middle school student will be required to service the community this year. An opportunity for service hours was brought to us by a parent. The Hosea House, in Newport, is looking for volunteers to help serve dinner and wash dishes. The hours are 3:45-5:45. There are many upcoming opportunities. The following is a sign up link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70a0549a4a622a20-hosea/21593898>

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Mr. Tony Wagner who is Music Director for Holy Cross Parish is offering piano lessons after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 30-minute lessons cost \$23 and 60-minute lessons cost \$33. If you are interested, please email Mr. Wagner at [hc.music.dir@holycrosscov.org](mailto:hc.music.dir@holycrosscov.org).