



Holy Cross School | December Newsletter – 2024

## Principals Message

Dear Holy Cross School Families,

A hush descends as the snow gently falls from the sky. The lights twinkle on the trees and the smell of cookies baking in the kitchen fill the house.

Memories of Christmas, we all have them and for each and every one of us, the magic of Christmas's past remains with us as we go through our lives.

That very first Christmas all those years ago, in a small town, Bethlehem, our Lord entered the world as a tiny baby and God's plan for salvation began. While we were not present for that Christmas memory, it is a central memory for each of us, Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the manger, the wisemen, the angels' songs filling the heavens. These are all images we know and love.

As we prepare for our own Christmas traditions and holiday time with family, may the spirit of giving, holiness, and the awe and wonder of the night of Jesus' birth fill us, bring us peace, joy, and hope this Christmas.

Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed Christmas break and good health and prosperity for the New Year. May the gifts of peace, love, and happiness find you all during this most blessed season of Christmas.

Mrs. Walker



## Important Dates

<b>January</b>	
<b>January 6th</b>	Return to School
<b>January 20th</b>	Re-registrations Due Back
<b>January 21st</b>	Early Dismissal + PAC Meeting
<b>January 29th</b>	Holy Cross Open House @ 6:30PM
<b>February</b>	
<b>February 5th</b>	St. Boniface Open House
<b>February 10<sup>th</sup>-14th</b>	Catholic Schools Week!
<b>February 13th</b>	Red, White, and Pink Colour Day
<b>February 14th</b>	No School
<b>February 17th</b>	No School (Louis Riel Day)
<b>February 18th</b>	Early Dismissal + PAC Meeting
<b>February 26th</b>	Pink Shirt Day (Colour Day)
<b>February 28th</b>	No School
<b>March</b>	
<b>March 4th</b>	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
<b>March 9th</b>	Day light savings (spring ahead)
<b>March 14th</b>	No School
<b>March 17th</b>	St. Patrick's Day Green Colour Day
<b>March 18th</b>	Early Dismissal + PAC Meeting
<b>March 21st</b>	Report Cards Sent Home
<b>March 27th</b>	Early Dismissal + In person interviews
<b>March 28th</b>	Early Dismissal @ 11:30 + Virtual Interviews + Spring Break!



# Sports Report!

Updating our Volleyball Season and looking ahead to Basketball

Our Volleyball Season Finished November and all of our teams had great success! Our developmental teams showed a lot of growth throughout their seasons and really improved their skills! Thank you to Mr. Jones and Mrs. Ebelling for all their hard work this season!

Our competitive boys and girls teams had a great year! Our girls competitive team won a playoff game and our competitive boys made it to the tier 2 finals! Way to go everyone! Thank you to Mr. Ewchuk and Mr. Bilawka for their dedication this season!

Basketball preparations have already begun for our season beginning at the end of January! Goooooo Saints!



## Wind Chill Policy!

A reminder to all families of our cold weather policy at Holy Cross. Students will be allowed into the building early at 8:15 on days when the weather with the windchill is colder than -26. When checking the weather make sure to check at the forks as this is the location we use to make our decisions. Please send students with all the needed cold weather clothing as if the weather gets warmer throughout the day they will be expected to go outside!

Thank you!



## SCIENCE FAIR NEWS

### Dear Holy Cross School Grade 4–8 Families,

Exciting opportunities are on the horizon! We are thrilled to announce that preparations for our Annual Holy Cross School Science Fair and the Bison Regional Science Fair (BRSF) are underway. This event invites all Grade 4–8 students to showcase their scientific talents alongside peers from Catholic and Independent schools.

As a parent or guardian, your involvement is essential in supporting your child as they select, investigate, and present a scientific topic of interest. With your encouragement and guidance, your child will develop valuable skills such as curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving, making this project an enriching learning experience.

While your support is important, we encourage students to take ownership of their projects. Allow your child to explore, tackle challenges, and find solutions independently. This process of discovery is where the real learning happens. While guidance is key, the final project should reflect their creativity and effort. Ultimately, the success of this experience lies not in awards but in the knowledge gained and the joy of scientific exploration.

Every year, our Holy Cross students from Grades 4-8 participate in one of Canada's largest science fairs, the Bison Regional Science Fair (BRSF). Students can participate in various categories such as Aerospace, Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, Curiosity & Ingenuity, Digital Technology, Disease & Illness, Energy, Environment & Climate Change, Health & Wellness, and Natural Resources. This event aims to foster youth advancement in STEM through hands-on experimentation and research. Participation in the BRSF helps students develop skills related to the scientific method, research, experimentation, and communication. It also celebrates young innovators tackling some of society's most pressing challenges. We aim to host an annual fair to showcase STEM projects, awarding prizes in various categories and providing opportunities for students to compete in the Canada-Wide Science Fair and the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Key details for this year's events:

- **Holy Cross School Science Fair:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Holy Cross School.
- **Bison Regional Science Fair:** Thursday, April 10, 2025, at Holy Cross School.
- **Awards Ceremony:** Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 5:00–6:30 PM. All community members are welcome to attend.

Students will receive more information from their homeroom teachers after the Christmas break. If your child is interested in participating, it's not too late! For updated information and registration, please visit:

[Registration Link](#).

We are also seeking volunteers to serve as judges for the following events:

- **Holy Cross School Science Fair:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025.
- **Bison Regional Science Fair:** Thursday, April 10, 2025.

If you are interested in volunteering, please register using the provided link: [Registration Link](#)

For any questions, suggestions, or additional details, feel free to contact me at [abajaj@holycrossschool.mb.ca](mailto:abajaj@holycrossschool.mb.ca) or visit the BRSF website at [Bison Science Fair](#)

Let's work together to make this year's Science Fair an inspiring and enriching experience for all!

Sincerely,

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