



Holy Cross, December 2023

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# Season's Greetings!

As we close in on the holidays, let's look ahead to the new year ☺



**Dear Staff, Students, and Families of Holy Cross School:**

**Please accept these prayers for a wonderful and faith filled Christmas this year.**

**A Prayer About the True Gift of Christmas**

**(Kay Hoffman)**

The gifts I'd leave beneath your tree,  
Aren't those that you can touch or see,  
No toys meant just for pointless play,  
But gifts to bless you every day.  
The gift of friendship warm and true,  
Is one that I would leave for you.  
Good health and happiness and cheer  
To keep you smiling through the year.  
The gift of peace that comes from God,  
With prayer to guide each path you trod.  
And when your heart has lost its song  
The gift of hope to cheer you on.  
These are the gifts I'd leave for you.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

*-Author Unknown*



## Principal's Christmas Message



As we prepare for Christmas, we recall that Advent is a time of hope, waiting, compassion, and kindness, as we await the coming of the birth of the baby Jesus. During this time, it is important to take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us, but also to pray for those members of our school community and families that maybe facing challenges during this time and indeed throughout the world. The birth of Jesus signifies a new beginning for all of us. A time for renewed hope, peace, love, and new beginnings. On behalf of the staff of Holy Cross School, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and a New year blessed with health and happiness.

May the gifts of peace, love, and happiness find you all during this most blessed season of Christmas.



Peace and Joy,

Mrs. Catherine Walker

**Christmas Wine Raffle is fast approaching!**

The PAC is asking for the Holy Cross School Community to help us with our Christmas Wine Raffle by donating a bottle of red or white wine for the raffle draw that will take place during our Christmas Concert on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Any donation that you can make is greatly appreciated 😊

Tickets will be on sale beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup> and can be purchased for \$2 dollars a ticket and will be entered into win. Ticket booklets must be returned by December 18<sup>th</sup>.



### **Happy Holidays Holy Cross Families!**

'Tis the season for everything bright, full of energy and joyful sounds. Holy Cross will be presenting 'The Night Before Christmas Caper' on December 21<sup>st</sup> at a 1:00pm matinee (doors open at 12:30) and a 6:30pm evening performance (doors open at 6:00). You'll be greeted with Jr. High carolers and entertainment from students of all ages – can't wait to see you all there!

Parents and guardians, please have your child wear their Sunday best or holiday attire for each performance.

**Fundraising Efforts a Success!**

The Funscrip Fundraising was able to raise over 600 dollars thanks to our Holy Cross Community. The money raised from this fundraiser will be used to help send the grade 6-8 students to camp!

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December 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Concert
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Early dismissal, Half day, last day before break <b>NO</b> after care available
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Classes Resume
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Early Dismissal
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Cross School Open House
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Boniface Open House
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	No School
February 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Schools Week (no school on the 16 <sup>th</sup> )
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Riel Day (no school)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	No School
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Go Home
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting
March 20 <sup>th</sup> + 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day before break (full day)

**Please note: This school year we will be doing quarterly newsletters, be sure to check the website calendar and weekly news updates for up-to-date information.**



All families are invited to attend the Holy Cross School Board Annual General Meeting on **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

The board meeting will take place at Holy Cross School in the Multipurpose room at 7:00 PM. Please arrive at the front of the school and ring the door bell to be let in.

Nominations for school board positions will be taken at this meeting.

For more details e-mail: [board@holycrossschool.mb.ca](mailto:board@holycrossschool.mb.ca)

We would love to see you there!



Families are asked to continue to monitor their child's health every day prior to sending them to school and follow best practices. If you think your child has an illness that can be spread to others, please keep them at home. If while at school your child exhibits cold or flu like symptoms such as, but not limited too; fever, runny nose, headache, or nausea, families will be contacted to pick their child up from school and take them home. The winter weather makes these symptoms even more prevalent!

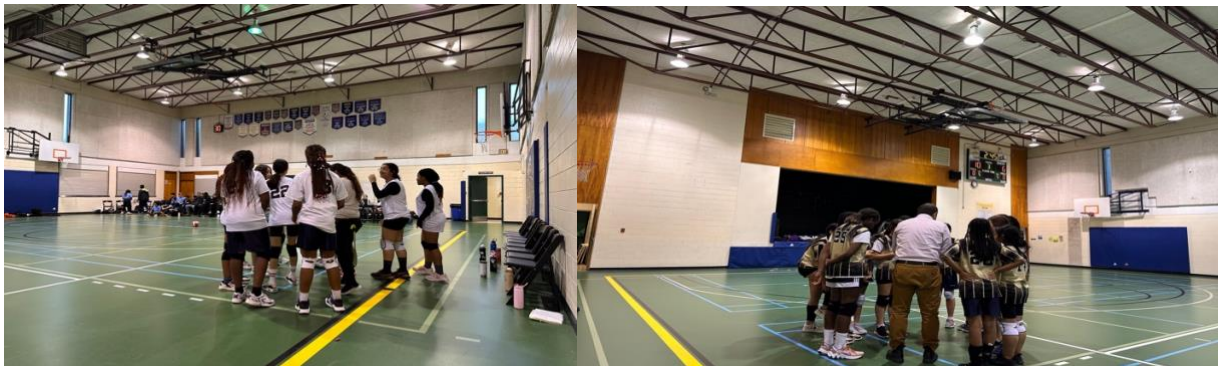
**Please, call the school office by 9:00 AM. If your child is going to be late or absent, please remind your child to sign in at the office if they are late!**



**Sports Report:**

**Volleyball season has come to a close and our Holy Cross Saints did us proud! They represented the school amazingly well and demonstrated their skills, teamwork, dedication, and support throughout the season! Way to go Saints!**

**Congratulations go out to our boys' volleyball team on finishing second in tier 1 where they place an excellent contest in the final. They were supportive and encouraging throughout the game and made our school and their coaches proud. Way to go boys! Best of luck to all our students as they begin preparing for basketball!**



**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR:**

As a reminder, for pick up and drop off, the back lane is now a 1 way drop off entering in off of Niverville and exiting onto Braemar to help aid in traffic flow during the morning and afterschool times. Please refer to which door you should be entering in and which door you will be exiting through after school!

**Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Students:** Use the **Gym Door** (located at the front of the gym) for entry at **8:15 a.m.** and **exit at 3:00 p.m.** on Dubuc Street.

**Grade 1 to 8 students** will meet at the rear of the school (**Parking Lot**) The doors open for student entry at **8:20 a.m. and exit at 3:00 p.m. Supervision is provided until 8:30 and 3:15 p.m.** Doors will be opened at 8:15 a.m. in the case of inclement weather.

Outside supervision is provided between, **8:15 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.** and **3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.** It is **not safe** to drop your child off at school and leave them unattended. Students who are outside and unaccompanied by their guardians will be directed to Before & After Care. Dismissal at the end of the day begins at 3:00 p.m. Families are to wait outside until the hallways are clear before they enter the school.

**As a reminder! If you are arriving after 8:30 you must drop off your children at the front door and have them ring the doorbell to enter the school. Afterschool if you are arriving after 3:15 you must go to the gym doors on Dubuc to pick your children up from the program.**

God Bless and Thank You for Your Support,



### **School Uniforms and Cold Weather:**

**A reminder that the next few months will be cold! Please ensure that you are sending your children with the appropriate winter clothing (hats, mitts, jackets, ski pants etc. If they are being sent, teachers will be making sure it goes on before heading outside for any period of time.**





### **Wind Chill Policy:**

Students will be expected to go outside for any weather that is under - 27 degrees including the windchill. If the weather is warmer the students will be going outside for their regular break periods.

Please ensure you are checking the weather in the morning and still sending your children with weather appropriate clothing as it may warm up throughout the day and students will still be expected to go outside.

Thank you ☺

**From all of the staff at Holy Cross School we wish you a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the new year!**

