

July 20, 2022

Good afternoon Holy Cross Parents,

I hope that everyone is having a peaceful and enjoyable summer. After a few weeks of quiet, it is time to start preparing for the 2022-2023 school year. The building is being cleaned, class lists are being finalized and I will start to interview and hire staff to fill vacancies in the next few days. Here are some preliminary news and notes for the families. There will be a more comprehensive email in the next few weeks (likely around August 5th)

- Financial Aid and Tuition awards have been processed through FACTS. If you have not received an email with the tuition and/or financial aid amount, please contact me soon.
- Many of our classes are reaching capacity and I will be putting families/students with an outstanding balance from the 2021-2022 school year on the waitlist. I am always willing to work with a family that is having some financial difficulty, but communication and respect is the key. Please reach out to me with questions.
- There have been some staffing changes for the 2022-2023 school year. I have listed the CONFIRMED changes for the upcoming school year. I understand that everyone wants to know who their child's teacher will be for the fall and we have an extremely talented staff. Due to their talents, they are often recruited for other positions but until I am given a formal notice that a teacher is not returning, I will continue to list them as Holy Cross staff. I respectfully ask that everyone wait for my official announcement before sharing that staff is "unofficially" leaving for a new position. Every summer, administrators in all schools work to provide the best atmosphere for their students and the job is made more difficult when rumors are spread as truths. I have worked to be transparent with all families and if there are changes, I will announce them in a timely manner. Thank you. **Here are the confirmed changes:**
 - Mrs. Strassner and Ms. Stark have left Holy Cross for other positions. I will post and hire for 4th grade by August 1st
 - Mrs. Bates has decided to leave Holy Cross and will teach at St. Kateri.
 - Ms. Malahosky will move to the 5th/6th grade team will teach 5th and 6th grade ELA and an undetermined Homeroom/SS/Religion combination.
 - Ms. Hicks has left Holy Cross and will teach at St. Rita's as we move from 3 PK classrooms to 2 PK classrooms.

- Mrs. Oberst will not return to Holy Cross. This was a personal decision that she has made, we respect her privacy. There is not a decision on the library program and Accelerated Reading at this time.
- The following dates are the Packet Pickup and the Uniform Exchange:
 - August 11th – Packet Pick Up – 9:00 – 12:00
 - August 12th – Packet Pick Up – 9:00 – 2:00 and 6:00 – 7:30 pm
 - August 12th – Uniform Exchange – 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 - After August 12th, packets may be picked up in the school office during normal office hours.
 - August 26th: Uniform Exchange - 5:00 -7:00
 - August 27th : Uniform Exchange – 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- The summer reading lists and supply lists may be found at the link below:
 - <https://www.hcrochester.org/parents/reading-list-supply-list/>
- I have attached the 2022-2023 school calendar. It is unlikely to change during the school year but there may be some additions. I will send the activities calendar with the more comprehensive August update.

Enjoy the rest of summer, have safe and fun vacations and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,

Mr. Verzillo