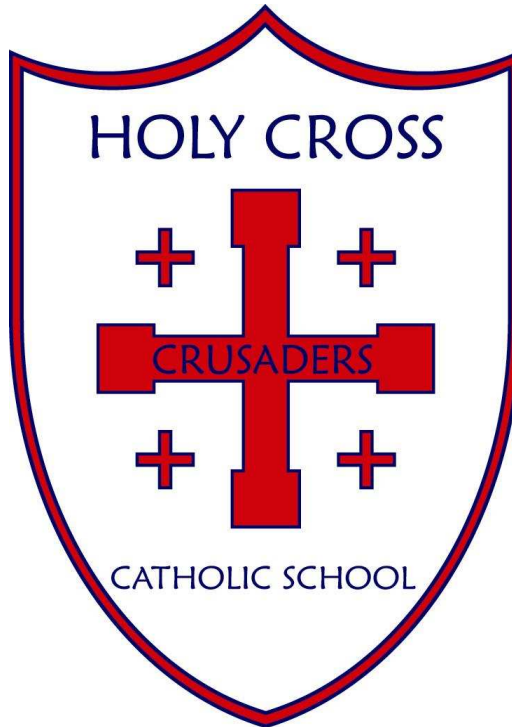


# Holy Cross Catholic School

## “Crusaders for Christ”

Nov. 4, 2007 Informational Meeting



# Mrs. Crisci's Snapshot

- Family
- Education
- Education Experience
- Professional Accomplishments
- Leadership Responsibilities



# HCCS Survey Feedback

- 138 surveys have been given out
- 83 have been returned, thus far, and more have indicated that they will be returning their survey in the near future

**High interest in Holy Cross Catholic School**

**Have openings in all grades**

**Expectations and concerns have been heard and utilized**



# Differentiated Instruction

Differentiating instruction means creating multiple paths so that students of different abilities, interest or learning needs experience equally appropriate ways to absorb, use, develop and present concepts as a part of the daily learning process. It allows students to take greater responsibility and ownership for their own learning, and provides opportunities for peer teaching and cooperative learning.

## Four Ways to Differentiate Instruction:

- Differentiating the Content/Topic
- Differentiating the Process/Activities
- Differentiating the Product
- Differentiating by Accommodating Individual Learning Styles



# What Differentiation May Look Like

## Literacy Schedule

### Emergent Readers

**9:35-9:50 Writing Mini-lesson / Modeling**

**9:50-10:10**

Books on Tape

**10:10-10:30**

Guided Reading

**10:30-10:50**

Read Around the Room

**10:50-11:10 Shared Reading**

**11:10-12:15**

Mrs. C

(Jack read w/ Jane)

(Jill go to Miss Q)



### Fluent Readers

**9:35-9:50 Writing Mini-lesson / Modeling**

**9:50-10:50**

Writing

**10:50-11:10 Shared Reading**

**11:10-11:25**

Readers Theater

**11:25-11:40**

Guided Reading

**11:40-12:00 Spelling**

**12:00-12:15 Grammar**

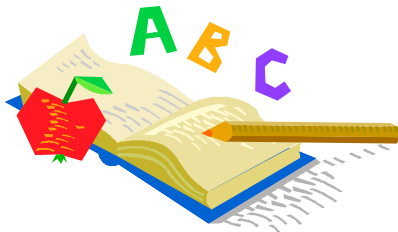


# Curriculum Materials

## Supplemental Materials vs. Resource Materials

### How were the curriculum programs chosen?

- **Religion** ~ Presently used in Religious Education
- **Reading/Literature** ~ Offers *balanced literacy* program including guided reading, shared reading, read alouds, vocabulary, decodable readers and phonics
- **English** ~ Challenging traditional approach to grammar and writing with jingles and sentence flows that support brain based research
- **Spelling** ~ Challenging program that is Catholic based



# Curriculum Materials Cont...



- **Math** ~ Offers a challenging traditional approach that will help students transition from previous programs and allow for an advanced math program
- **Science** ~ Illinois edition that focuses on inquiry learning
- **Social Studies** ~ Illinois edition that lends itself to an integration of Catholic Church history and focuses on lesson objectives

**All programs offer differentiated instruction**

**All programs meet Diocesan/State Guidelines**

**All programs lend themselves to Catholic integration**

# Catholic Integration



- **Faith and Life** ~ topics will be integrated into content areas
- **Daily Mass** ~ students and staff will begin their day with Jesus
- **Virtues** ~ each month the school will focus on a Virtue
- **Saints** ~ every classroom will have four patron saints that will be studied in depth
- **Rosary**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will pray a decade each week and study the Joyful Mysteries
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders will pray 2 decades each week and study the Sorrowful Mysteries
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will pray 4 decades each week and study the Glorious Mysteries
  - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will pray 5 decades each week and study the Luminous Mysteries
- **Adoration** ~ students will have prayer in the Chapel once a week
- **Beatitudes** ~ each year students will study a Beatitude beginning with 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- **Catholic Traditions in the Garden** ~ students will participate in landscaping projects that reflect our Faith
- **Prayer** ~ students and staff will pray throughout the day, such as, before lunch, and at the end of the day
- **Holy Days of Obligation** ~ We will hold a school retreat for students and staff



# HCCS Teachers

- Practicing and dedicated Catholics that have the natural ability to bring the Faith to the classroom
- Certified
- Will be interviewed and hired by Melissa Crisci and Fr. Dan
- Will participate in training for programs at HCCS
- Team players
- Maintain high standards for themselves and HCCS students
- Enthusiastic and positive
- Public profession of faith at Mass
- Will complete Catechist certification
- Passion for teaching children



# “Proposed” School Hours

## Holy Cross Catholic School Hours

**7:45-8:00** ~ Get seated in church (teacher check attendance)

**8:00-8:30** ~ Daily Mass (grade levels take turns for Mass participation)

**8:30-8:40** ~ Go to classrooms

\* 1st grade options ~ come to school at 8:00 for academic support/enrichment, attend mass, or arrive at school at 8:30

**8:40-11:10** ~ Morning instruction

**11:10-11:50** ~ Lunch/Recess

**11:50-3:10** ~ Afternoon Instruction

**3:10-3:20** ~ Dismissal

\* Fine Arts/Enrichment sessions are 50 minutes per day

\* 1st graders attend Mass on Wednesdays



# Kindergarten

## Options

- **Full day or half day option with one classroom – would still receive same academic instruction**

8:30-8:40 ~ Arrive to school

8:40-11:10 ~ Academic Instruction (150 min)

11:10 ~ Half day students dismiss

11:10-11:50 ~ Full day students have lunch/recess

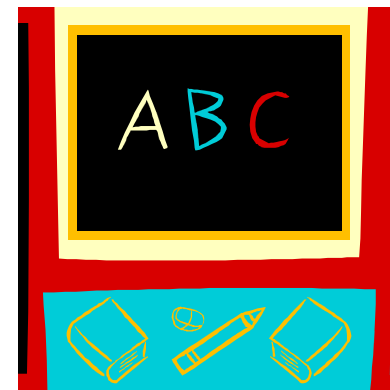
11:50-3:10 ~ Enrichment

3:10 ~ Dismissal

- **Two Kindergarten Classes**

Full day class follows regular daily schedule

Half day class follows regular daily schedule up to lunch



# Tuition



## Half day Kindergarten Students

	Child	Family
1 Child	2,205.00	2,205.00
2 Children	1,874.00	3,748.50

## Half day Kindergarten Students and Full day Students

	Child	Family
2 Children	2,275.88	4,551.75
3 Children	2,268.00	6,804.00
4 Children	2,185.31	8,741.25



# Tuition Cont...

## Full Day Students

	Child	Family
1 Child	3,150.00	3,150.00
2 Children	2,677.50	5,355.00
3 Children	2,520.00	7,560.00
4 Children	2,362.50	9,450.00
Additional Children	Tuition Free	9,450.00

- **F.A.C.T.S. Tuition Program**
- **Financial Aid Assistance**

# HCCS Volunteer Team Opportunities

## Survey

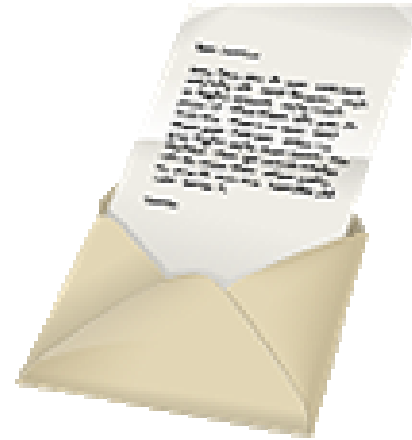
- Athletics
- Performing Arts
- Clubs
- School Service
- Opening Day Preparation
- Other Ideas



## Meet Ministry Criteria

# Admission Packet

- Welcome letter with admission steps
- Admission Policy
- Tuition Agreement
- Sacred Covenant
- Enrollment Applications
- Student Emergency Information



# Why Holy Cross Catholic School?

- Finest **Catholic** integrated curriculum available
- Celebrate the fullness of the Catholic Faith beginning with Daily Mass
- Outstanding academic preparation for high school and for life
- Parental involvement is welcomed and appreciated

“As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to ***choose a school for them*** which corresponds to their own convictions.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church p. 538)

**We are committed to developing each child’s unique and God given potential to the highest degree: spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically.**

**WE ARE ...“CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST!”**

# Questions

