

With God all Things are Possible!

Principal's Message

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Matthew 19:26 "... with God all things are possible."

Welcome back to Holy Cross Lutheran School! We hope you have had a wonderful, relaxing summer vacation with your family.

Our theme for the year is: "With God all things are possible." Remind your children of this daily. He is our never-ending source of strength, comfort, and assurance - what a daily blessing that is! Even though many of our "troubles" and "difficulties" may seem overwhelming at times, perhaps we can put things in perspective.

Thomas Hawke was an Englishman who lived about 450 years ago. He had been sentenced to be burned at the stake because of his religious beliefs. The day before he was to die, his friends visited him in prison. They were quite worried. They shared his Christian faith and knew that they too might one day be put to death for their beliefs.

Death itself didn't worry them too much. They knew that for Christians death means to be forever with the Lord. What bothered them was the thought of

being burned to death.

"Aren't you afraid?" they asked Hawkes.

"No," he said, "I am sure Jesus will help me bear the terrible pains."

His friends then said, "When you're in the fire, will you give us a signal if God does help you bear the pain?"

"Yes," Thomas Hawkes replied. "I will raise my hands over my head."

The next day as the flames roared around him, Hawkes slumped forward into the fire. Then suddenly, to everyone's surprise, he straightened up and raised both hands over his head, clapping them together three times. By this signal he showed his friends that God had helped him when he needed it most.

When we need God's help the most, He is there to give it in the way He knows is best. For no trouble is too big for Him to handle. The bigger our troubles get, the more help our Lord supplies. God's Word tells us, "He gives power to

Classroom News

PreK 3 - Mrs. Block

School will be starting on September 8th for the 3 year old pre school class. The school year will be filled with hands on learning.

Students at this age learn better by doing and investigating. The students will be exploring the world with all of their senses. We will also be visiting places in the community to help the students understand the world around them.



PreK 4 - Mrs. Schoenherr

Welcome back to school! This year we have 14 children in our room. We have 8 boys and 6 girls. Here are some things about each child that I learned after one week at school:

Katelyn likes to play dress up. She also does a great job with her work.

Jonah is quiet but does excellent work. He also likes to build with blocks.

Zach is a leader. He gets involved with many friends at playtime.

Jack is also quiet and does great work. He is most often the first one done.

Alivia is the oldest in our class. She likes to play dress up and is a great leader.

Quintin is quiet and likes to play with our blocks. He smiles alot.

Mikhail has a lot of information to tell me!. He likes our robots. He also sings the ABC's every time he washes his hands to get them really clean.

Jan-Erik tells me what I should teach every day. One day he suggested we learn about machines.

Taylor has a lot to tell me. She also smiles a lot. When she is not in school, she takes horse

riding lessons.

Bailee likes to write letters to people, many times to her sister who is in Kindergarten. She is quiet but busy.

Maysa and MaKenna are twins. Maysa wears purple, Makenna wears pink. That is the only way I can tell them apart right now! They both love to draw, color, and cut.

Jaxen likes to dress up with glasses, hats, and shoes. He is my helper. He helps out his friends whenever they need it.

Tyler is quiet leader. He also does excellent work and is one of the first done.

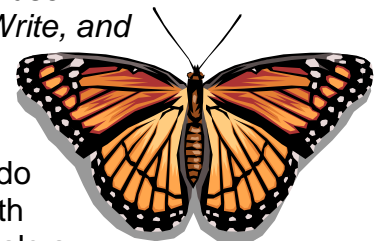
What an interesting bunch! What an

Kindergarten - Mrs. Pape

The beginning of the school year is always very exciting and a little bit "scary". We currently have 9 students in kindergarten. Five are continuing from preschool and we welcome them back: Henry Godwin, Logan Hilbelink, Lola Hilbelink, Seth Jimenez, and Madeline Tiedt. We also are very excited to add four "new" students to our school this year. They are Marshall Caturia, Joel Hermanson, Cassius Holland, and Katelin Schulz. They are already getting to know each other and becoming friends. It's so interesting to watch them interact with each other and get to know each other.

There is another very unique thing about this particular group. I don't think I've ever had this happen before in 35 years of teaching. Of the nine kindergartners, eight of them have their birthdays in July and August. (We have had a lot of cupcakes the first week of school.) What a coincidence!

In kindergarten we use *Beginning to Read, Write, and Listen* for reading readiness. The series starts with the letter C, so we try to do activities that start with that letter. I find animals a



very interesting part of God's creation, so we start the year by talking about caterpillars. We have a very wonderful lady that I'm going to call the "*Butterfly Lady*" from now on, because every year she brings us Monarch butterfly caterpillars and chrysalises. Her name is Amy Hoel. I don't know what we'd do if she couldn't bring those caterpillars in for us! Thanks so much Amy! This year there must be a "bumper crop" of Monarchs out there, because we

PM K - Mrs. Schoenherr

Welcome to the Afternoon Kindergarten class! We have 8 in our class this year. There are 2 girls and 6 boys. Most of them I had last year in Preschool. I asked them each what they did this summer and what they like about Kindergarten so far. Here are their answers:

Joel - I went to Grandma's this summer in Minnesota. We made train signs. I like going outside to the structure at school.

Maddi - I went to my Grandma's in Appleton. We played games and puzzles. I like the gym at school.

Henry - I played the Kung Fu Panda game at home. I like sliding down the poles at the structure.

Logan - I liked playing on the swings this summer. My favorite thing at school is reading books.

Seth - I went to Grandma's this summer. I like the structure outside at school.

Lola - I liked playing with my toys. At school, I like making new stuff.

Cassius - I played soccer this summer. My favorite things at school are playing outside and eating (he tells me this every day!)

Marshall - I played with my kitties at Grandmas this



1st Grade - Mrs. Marozick

The first week of school has come and gone. We have already experienced the wonders of God's creation in our own classroom. We have watched four monarch caterpillars form their chrysalises. What excitement when a child suddenly called out, "He's forming his chrysalis!" We stopped whatever we were doing and just watched. In about three to four minutes the caterpillar had completely cocooned himself within the chrysalis! (Thank you to Amy Hoel for bringing us the caterpillars.) Now we watch and wait for the butterflies to emerge from the chrysalises.

We are learning to be first graders. We are learning about responsibility in turning in our assignments, placing our reading slips in the right basket and our folders in our cubbies, cleaning up our own spills, working together cooperatively, and not talking out of turn. The biggest thrill of the second day was the discovery that we have three recesses! That's always a favorite with everyone.

Our *ChristLight* lessons are on the New Testament lessons. We began with the stories of the announcements of the coming of John and Jesus by the angel, Gabriel. In our second story we learned of the birth of John. We can always trust God to keep His promises. He answers our prayers with yes, no, or wait awhile. He always answers.

With Math we are reviewing our numbers, number words, and counting. We practice them every day.

We are busy learning the sixty-six books of the Bible. We will know all of them by Christmas!

We are just beginning to read. Our phonics program teaches us about the sounds the



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2nd Grade - Miss Dashcund

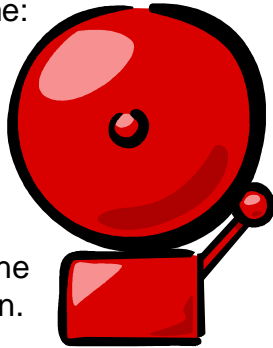
The children arrived on Monday. They seemed older somehow and ready to be second graders. Somebody wanted to know when I would start handing out prizes for Accelerated Reader. Someone else said "My sister said you..." That means that the older students have passed on the ins and outs of my teaching style, and the younger siblings are waiting to see if it's true or not.

The first half day flew by with chapel and a project to do. The project was a take home reminder of this year's theme: "With God all things are possible."

The highlight of the second day was waiting for the fire drill to go off. At least once every half hour someone would ask when the fire drill was going to happen. Mr. Schubkegel kept us in suspense almost until the end of the day.

By day number three we were actually focused on schoolwork. I was pleased with what they already knew. They read, they write, they sing, and they're ready to learn new things. What more could I ask for?

By day number four everyone had earned some accelerated reading points, added some numbers, and completed an art project. We also started a health unit on nutrition and exercise. Just talking about taste buds and trying salt and sugar on the tongue added to



3rd Grade - Mrs. Cleven

Welcome back! The new school year has brought some changes to Holy Cross. One wonderful change is that the third graders have their own classroom from 8:00 until 11:20. I call it a wonderful change because I get to teach them! We have been getting acquainted over the first few days of school. We're also starting to get into a

routine. We start out the day with Christ-Light, Math, and some phonics. We then get a recess and snack break. During snack time the students listen to me read. The current book is Mr. Popper's Penguins. After snack time, we finish phonics and have reading and language class. Then at 11:20 I leave to teach math 5 and 6 while the third graders go to lunch!

I asked the class what they were looking forward to learning or doing in third grade. Here are some of their answers.

Kira: I am looking forward to reading the B-I-B-L-E.

Conner: I look forward to getting better at math. I'm looking forward for 100 points.

Noah: I'm looking forward to a good year this year. I'm looking to be better at typing.

Rachel: I'm looking forward to 4th grade.

Tim: I'm looking forward to getting 100 points. I'm looking forward to having a good year.

Zach: I'm going to kick harder for kickball. I'm going to do harder for math.

Faith: I hope I get at least more than 40 points. I hope I'm a better reader this year. I hope I do better at math this year.



3rd & 4th Grade - Mrs. Ibeling

Promises, promises, promises! We all make promises. As sinful human beings, we don't always keep our promises. In our *ChristLight* stories (New Testament), students are again reminded that we have the blessed reassurance that God keeps ALL of his promises. What a comfort for us all!

This year, the 4th grade students have all their classes in the same room. In the morning, the 3rd grade students are with Mrs. Cleven, but they join the 4th grade for the afternoon classes. All the afternoon subjects are

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combined with both classes except social studies.

“With God all Things are Possible” is a wonderful theme for this school year. Already in our religion classes, we have seen many examples of God doing things “out of the ordinary.” Even today, He can do extraordinary things as He continues to work miracles all

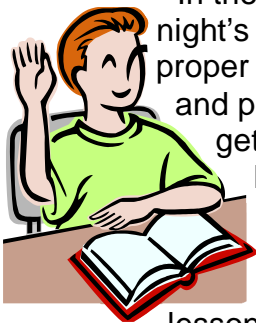
5th & 6th Grade - Miss Krause

A Morning in the Life of a Holy Cross 5/6th Grader with a Few Exceptions...

Do you wonder what your child does after dropping him or her off at Holy Cross? Here is a day in the life of a fifth or sixth grade student. Let’s pretend it’s Monday and Sam arrives at school at 7:30.

After saying goodbye to his parents, Sam makes his way to the school building where he goes to the 7th and 8th grade wing for morning care. At 7:45, the teacher in charge dismisses the children to their classrooms and Sam hurries to put away his backpack and coat. *Don’t want to be late, Sam thinks. Miss Krause might mark me tardy!*

In the classroom, Sam puts last night’s homework and books in their proper places, sharpens pencils, and prepares for *ChristLight* by getting out his Bible and hymnal. Promptly at 8 AM, religion class begins with a short devotion followed by a Bible lesson. Today the



lesson is about John the Baptist and Sam is pleased that he is able to answer all the questions he is asked. The worksheet was easy- fill in the blank. *Better than those short answer worksheets, Sam thinks. Miss Krause makes us write in cursive!*

Reading class begins at 9 AM. This year the sixth grade is reading Number the Stars for starters while the fifth grade is reading The Whipping Boy. *I’m excited to read Number the*

Stars, Sam thinks. *I’ve always wanted to know more about WWII and the holocaust. I read The Whipping Boy last year anyway. And there’s one thing that’s sure, I’d never want to be one!*

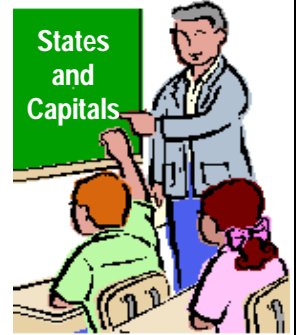
At 9:40, Mr. Schubkegel comes in to teach them some history. Today the assignment is to write out the names of all the states, their abbreviations, and their capitals. This is easy to Sam and he hurries to write them all out while singing the “State Song” he learned a few years back.

At 10:20, Mr. Schubkegel announces that it’s recess time so Sam and his classmates line up at the door to be led outside for P.E. or recess. Today, Sam’s team is up for P.E. which is fine with Sam because he loves kickball! *Hope I kick one on the roof, Sam thinks.*

Tweet! It’s 10:40, or so, time for snack and science. Miss Krause leads the class downstairs to retrieve their snacks and get their morning milk. Once upstairs, they have time to snack, use the bathroom, and fill empty water bottles. *Hm. Where’s my snack? Sam wonders. Oh, well, I’ll just drink my milk.* Back in class, Sam decides to make use of the time to finish his history, so he continues singing the “State Song”. That really helps him out but for some reason, Sam only has 49 states when he finishes so he quickly makes his way to Miss Krause’s desk to ask for some help. “I’m missing one, Miss Krause. Can you help me find it?” Miss Krause searches. Unfortunately, she does not know the “State Song”!

Science begins at 11 AM. Today the topic is cells. This is a new one for Sam. He didn’t know we were all made up of such tiny little organisms. This boggles his mind. Sam is glad when he can get to the assignment. Today they get to draw a plant and an animal cell

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complete with a list of organelles Miss Krause provided. Sam gets some colored pencils and gets to work. *I wonder if we have to label these things, Sam thinks.* "Hey, Miss Krause. Do we have to label these things?"

"Yes, Sam".

"Class, Mrs. Cleven will be here shortly for math so start clearing your desks," announces Miss Krause.

When Mrs. Cleven arrives, she tells the fifth graders to prepare for class. *They always get*

7th/8th Grades - Mr. Schubkegel

Welcome back to our 2009-2010 school year! We are truly thankful and honored to have the opportunity to teach your children the marvels of God's creation, and the all important saving truths of Christ's love and forgiveness.

Our theme for the year is "With God all things are possible." What comfort that is for us to know, especially when realize our many faults and shortcomings. Christ has fulfilled everything and has made us perfect in our heavenly Father's eyes. We turn to Him for help and assurance in all things.

Here are a few new features we are presenting to the upper grade classes:

- New resource site:
<http://holycrossmadison-schubkegel.blogspot.com/> is the place to go for classroom and school calendar information, assignments, athletic maps, news blogs, and more.
- *SnapGrades* will again be used for updated grades. Please check this regularly to monitor your child's progress.
- Classes, classroom, and facility:
The classroom has a new and different layout, with a repositioned marker board and some new features, classroom lizards, and technological advances. The drinking fountain in the hall is new and fully operational. Our parking lot is newly

resurfaced and repainted. The gym and hallways are shiny, and the carpets cleaned. Thanks to all who helped!

- Here are the classes that will be taught to your children in grades 7-8:
Pastor Tweit: Catechism 7
Pastor Bartels: Catechism 8
Mr. Schubkegel: Bible History, English, History, Latin, Art, Physical Education
Miss Krause: Literature, Penmanship, Science, Health, Life Skills, Music, Jr. Choir
Mrs. Cleven: Math, Algebra, Spanish, Life Skills
Mrs. Stulken: band, hand bells, chimes
- After school and morning care will be in the old 7th grade classroom. Parents who make use of this are asked to use the doors next to the dumpsters to pick-up your children. An AFC door bell will be the contact that will notify the workers of your presence.

Thank you to those who scheduled a home visit this summer. The information that was handed out at those meetings was given to your child on the first day of school, which included: classroom schedule, dress code, classroom procedures, daily assignment schedule, athletic information, detailed school calendar, and more.

One of our first art projects involves a railroad spike, and how it could be symbolic in a number of ways:

- *It was heavy, dirty and rusty.* We are sinful and weighed down with the burdens of sin in our lives.
- *It was a spike.* Christ our Savior was nailed to wood to take those sins away.
- *Students attempted to clean off their own spike.* On the outside it looked clean, but we know that we cannot make ourselves pure from sin.
- *Rail spikes keep the tracks in line.* When



School Board Update

School Board met on August 20. Tom Patten, Dan Dettmers, Tim Schubkegel, Brett Perkins, Jerry Treder, Randy Tiedt, Eric Christenson, AJ Jegerlehner were in attendance. Among the items discussed--

1. Review of the Mission Statement for the school.
2. Discussed WELSSA accreditation and teacher certification.
3. Reviewed items worked on by School Board in 2008-09 school year.
4. Discussed being prepared early for the flu and H1N1 season. Will be sending information home to parents probably in early September about H1N1.
5. School Board assignments for 2009 -2010 were determined;
 - Dress Code – Tom Patten and AJ Jegerlehner
 - Budget and Financial Aid – Randy Tiedt and Dan Dettmers
 - School Handbooks, Policy, etc. – Brett Perkins
 - Communication – Tom Patten
 - Technology – AJ Jegerlehner, Eric Christenson
 - School Promotions – Eric Christenson and Mike Mahnke
 - New Family Contact – Dan Dettmers
 - Preschool/Afterschool – Randy Tiedt
 - WELSSA accreditation and teacher certification – Jerry Treder(The Principal is assigned to all of the above)

The board meets every third Thursday at 6:30.

Please feel free to contact your board members or the principal with items you'd like us to discuss.

PTO

PTO is our **P**arent **T**eacher **O**rganization at Holy Cross. They have been busy meeting once this summer and already once this school year. Some of the items discussed in recent meetings include:

- Decided to have SpiritWear available for sale in October.
- Voted to purchase a Library Automation System for the school library. Discussed the possibility of hosting another Trivia Night and also working with the Cottage Grove Road Culver's to have a fundraising night there to help defray the estimated cost of \$3200.
- PTO Student Handbook
- Voted to change minimum limit needed to receive Scrip tuition discount from \$25 to \$5.

PTO meets the **last** Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and attend a meeting.

Suzi Radtke (Chair)

Katie Tweit (Secretary) Stewart McElroy (Treasurer)

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Final News and Notes

1. The school uses *SnapGrades* as a tool for parents to keep up-to-date on how well their children are performing in their various classes. A link on the Holy Cross web site [holycrossmadison.org] is provided for the *SnapGrades* website. Parents will be able to check in nightly to see the most current grades of their children or to see that assignments have been turned in. Parents will receive a password to access their child's grades. If you have not received one yet, check with your child's teacher.
2. Grades 1 through 8 will sing at both services on Rally Sunday, September 13th and on Sunday, September 27th.
3. School Picture Day is Monday, September 21st!
4. There is no school (No ASC) on Friday, September 25th. The teachers will be attending a curriculum conference.
5. Terra Nova testing for Grades 3-8 begins on Monday, September 28th.
6. Home Volleyball Games during September are on the 16th and the 30th beginning at 4 p.m.

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