



Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School

Home of the Cubs!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the month of December, our lives are often filled with the business of the Christmas season. Let us take time to remember the true spirit of Christmas and celebrate Advent. The word ‘Advent’, means ‘coming’. During this season, we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus when He comes. Of course, He does not come just once a year. He comes when we are in trouble, when we rejoice, when we pray, when we celebrate, when we love one another in His name. We take this time every year to practice being ready – so that we can receive Jesus every day of our lives.

During Advent, Holy Cross School will reflect on the virtue of ‘Patience’. This is the ability to wait calmly without complaining. Patience is a learned and valuable virtue. As Christmas nears, the pace of life seems to speed up, presenting us with the perfect opportunity to slow down and be patient. As a school, we will prepare our hearts for the coming of baby Jesus. We will also be reminded of how patient God is with us.

This Advent season, take time to practice being ‘Proactive’ and ‘Beginning with the End in Mind’. These two habits compliment the virtue of Patience. Pause before you react. Set goals and create a plan to reach your goals. Be patient with yourself as you journey towards your goals.

On behalf of all the staff at Holy Cross School, we would like to extend our heartfelt wishes to you for a blessed, peaceful and safe Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Ms. S. Venturi, Principal

Holy Cross Families Giving at Christmas...

Thank you to all of our families who have supported our CUBS with Jesse Tree donations!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



***Holy Cross
Christmas Concert &
Silent Auction***

***December 17th 6 p.m.
@ St. Benedict School***

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Student Safety at Holy Cross

HEALTH CONCERNS

We have students with severe allergies and food sensitivities. Holy Cross is a “Nut Controlled” environment. Please refrain from sending food items to school that contain nuts. Please also refrain from sending “food treats” to school. More information on this can be found in the Student Handbook.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A NEW OR CHANGED MEDICAL CONDITION – It is important that you contact the school (phone or agenda) to request forms that need to be completed. ALL medication must be in the original container with the prescription label attached and the appropriate forms completed.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

In efforts to continue keeping our Cubs safe, effective Monday, December 2, Holy Cross school will be implementing a new ‘Pick-up & Drop-off’ policy. Please read and adhere to the following instructions:

Drop-Off

- No pets are allowed at the drop-off zone (unless it is a registered service animal).
- Do not drop off your child off **prior to 8:35am** as there is no supervision (if you arrive early, you must wait with your child).
- The snow pile is off limits to **all students.**

Pick-Up

- No pets are allowed at the pick-up zone (unless it is a registered service animal).
- Students being picked-up will now wait at the bottom of the school yard path in the junior yard.
- Parents are asked to come down to the path to meet their children.
- On snow days when busses are not running, students will be dismissed from the **main office only.**

Thank you in advance for assisting us in this process. As always, if you have any questions regarding our policies and procedures, please contact us at (705) 586-3686.



GRADE 6 TRANSITION ACTIVITIES WITH ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

Our grade 6 students have been visiting St. Benedict to prepare for next year. Our CUBS have been to St. Benedict’s for math and STEM activities with more fun to come in the new year!

We are grateful to the staff and students at St. Benedict’s for welcoming us throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATE!!! FDK Registration night is Wednesday, January 15th at 6 pm. Spread the word to invite new families to join our Holy Cross family! See you there!

School Communication



Communication between the school and home is important for both student safety and student success. There are several ways to get information from the school, and to share information with the school.



REMIND APP

We will continue to relay information to parents using the “REMIND” app. You will be able to use this app to receive messages on your cell phone or your email. It is a great way to receive updates and notifications from the school. We will continue to send the monthly newsletters and calendar via the Remind app. You can subscribe in two ways:

Via text:

Enter this number: (705) 230-3040

Text this message: @cubgroup

Via email:

Email: cubgroup@mail.remind.com

You can leave the subject line and message space blank

After you have sent this text or email, you will be invited to join our Holy Cross group. We ask that when you are prompted, to please send your name so that we know who has subscribed. Please also include your child(ren)’s name(s) so that we are sure to know which families are on our list. We will not be able to see your contact information, nor will any other subscribers.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our school website at www.holycross.sudburycatholicschools.ca, where you will find the monthly calendar and newsletter, as well as news stories and forms. All newsletters will be posted electronically on our school website, as well as on Facebook and our Remind App.

FACEBOOK

Please check our Facebook page regularly, and remember to ‘like’ and ‘follow’ us!

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholicschoolsudburyontario/>

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The safety and well-being of students and staff are priorities at Holy Cross. For this reason, we have outlined the routines and rules in the Student Handbook. For students in Grades 1-6, this is found in the agenda. All Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) students have receive a copy of this handbook from their teacher.

AGENDA

Communication is imperative in positive relationships. This is an effective tool for parents and teachers to maintain open communication, as well as teaching organizational skills to students. Please read and sign the agenda daily.