

Holy Cross School Newsletter

Week of August 15-19th

Welcome Back to School!

We are excited to share all the exciting things happening at Holy Cross this school year!



Welcome Back to School,

We hope you have taken a moment to check out our new website: www.hcskcmo.org and specifically the Parent Resource Page that will connect you to everything you need to know. This year we are improving technology across the campus and in our classrooms. We will be using Google Chromebooks in Technology and other classes to help students build their computer and typing skills.

This year teachers will be using Google Classroom to keep you up-to-date on what your student is learning, you will be receiving an email invite to follow your student with a daily or weekly digest of what they have been up to academically throughout the week. You should have also received an invitation to Class Dojo at Back to School Night or in paperwork your student brought home. If you need another copy please contact your student's homeroom teacher and they will provide you with one. Class Dojo is how we will be tracking behavior for all students using both our Positive Behaviors and Behaviors we would like the students to work on. Both are great ways to stay connected to your student and their teacher without much effort.

Our school handbook has been completed. Please click [here](#) to review it with your student. There are some important changes to note so please read it thoroughly. Some of the changes include changes to

the uniform dress code. White, Navy or school logo hunter green polo only. (**This year only**, we will allow the light blue shirts as many parents did not receive the information on that change.) Only new Holy Cross "wilson plaid" skirts 5-8 and jumpers PK-4. No navy, khaki or "old" Holy Cross and St. Stephen's plaid skirts/jumpers.

Fall Sports:

We are in need of a 7-8 grade Girl's volleyball coach contact Mr.Cole- rcole@hcskcmo.org if you are able to coach.

We will be looking for Basketball Coaches for Boys and Girls as we begin to look at sign-ups for later this fall. Please contact Mr. Cole for more information.

Girls Volleyball Practices starts next week:

3rd/4th- 3:30-4:30 Wednesday at Holy Cross

5th/6th- 4:00-5:30- Tuesday and Friday at Holy Cross

7th/8th- 6:00-7:30- Monday and Wednesday at St. Stephens (may change due to coaching preference, and email alert will be sent out.)

Reminders:

*Arrival: No entrance until 7:30 unless enrolled in early care program

Breakfast program: 7:30-7:45

All students:7:45 (1st bell)

Tardy: All students entering after 8:00 AM must report to the office for a tardy

Pass before going to class

*Dismissal: Youngest child in PK or K pickup is on Quincy.

*Youngest or only child is grades 1-8 dismissal is from Denver entrance to the parking lot Please do NOT park and come into the building at dismissal time. All students will be outside with teachers

*Walkers must leave the campus immediately. No student will be allowed to walk unless parent has contacted the office and given permission.

*Students who are not attending after are or Upper Room are charged a \$2 per minute late pick-up fee beginning at 3:30 on regular school days.

Upper Room

Early care and PK after are K-8 Upper Room begin 8/22 . All student must be registered to attend. Early care for PK-8 and PK aftercare have additional cost. Upper Room K-8 is no charge but must be enrolled separately.

Contact office for information.

Early release days - No Upper Room and No aftercare. Late pick up fees begin at 12:30.

New Teacher Spotlight



Kathryn Andries- ELL Program Coordinator

Kathryn Andries graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in International business. After a brief period working in business, Kathryn discovered her love of teaching. She began teaching adults and children in Spain, and then moved to California to become certified in bilingual, cross-cultural education. She has taught bilingual education for 6 years, and ELL for 4 years to both adults and children. After 3 years in the KCMO public school district Kathryn left to join Holy Cross. She is passionate about foreign languages and cultures and is looking forward to creating an innovative ELL program at Holy Cross.

