

Crusader Chronicles

Holy Trinity Catholic School Newsletter Aug. 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings from Holy Trinity Catholic Schools,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy their summer. It seems like summer break gets shorter each year. The theme for this school year will be "You are a Piece of God's Plan". We will be focusing on the fact that we are all an important part of God's plan.

I offer this prayer for a new school year.

The Brick Wall Prayer (A Prayer to Know God's Will)

God, you know me better than I know myself. You know my fears and my desires. You know how much I want this. You know how much I will be devastated if this doesn't happen. I know you love me. I know you have a plan for me. Please, Lord, don't let my desires blind me to your will. If this is not within your plan for me, throw up a Brick Wall. Give me an obstacle I cannot get past. Help me follow your will, Father. Give me peace about whatever is to come. If this falls through, I will know it is your hand.

*Thank you for loving me,
Amen.*

God knows what he's doing. Sometimes I forget, but he has a plan. I struggle with figuring out what that plan is most of the time, but one step I will never leave out is the Brick Wall Prayer. God knows my heart. He knows what I desire. He wouldn't withhold something out of spite. He has plans to - "prosper [me] and not to harm [me], to give [me] a hope and a future" ([Jeremiah 29:11](#)). I challenge you to take this prayer, mold it to fit your own life, and see how it changes your perspective.

Yours in God,
Craig Huebner

MASS EVERY WEDNESDAY

At HTC, we are blessed with the opportunity to celebrate Mass on Wednesday mornings! Elementary Mass is at 8:45am. Jr/Sr High Mass is at 9:05am on early-out Wednesdays and 9:45am on non-early-out Wednesdays.



Welcome

We are welcoming new staff members to HTC this fall, along with many of our staff moving into new positions. Please help me formally welcome and congratulate the following individuals on their new roles.

- Sarah Richardson, 2nd grade
- Megan Rempe, 4th grade
- Jessica Moore, 5th grade
- Connie Lake, 1st grade through Dec.
- Ashley Gelsthorpe, 1st grade Dec-end of year.
- Danika Roth, Kindergarten Associate
- Greg Schneider, JH science
- Linda Hardy, HS English
- Maria Walker, JH/HS Social Studies
- Emily Kelch, JH/HS Social Studies
- Tracy Pauly, Business

The future is so bright for our students here at HTC, and education is one of the most valuable investments we make as a society. Every new school year represents a new beginning.

Policies

Dress Code for grades K-12 **Holy Trinity Catholic Schools**

The dress code of Holy Trinity Catholic Schools strives to reflect good taste, neatness, cleanliness and Christian modesty while avoiding trends and fads. Students reflect pride in themselves and their

school by the way they dress and act. It is expected that parents/guardians, working with the school, will require their students to leave home dressed in accordance with these regulations. The administration reserves the right to interpret the dress code. Its decisions are final. Our goal is to have a dress code that is understandable for students, parents, and faculty. This dress code is the result of a collaborative process, which included input from students, faculty, and parents.

TOPS

- Polo or dress shirts with turned-down collars and sleeves in the following colors only: *navy blue, royal blue, gray, or white* NO logo or label on the shirt is allowed with the exception of the HTC logo
- Shirts must be tucked into pants, shorts, or skorts for grades 7-12
- Sweaters or sweatshirts (including hoodies) in the following colors and styles are allowed: solid navy, gray, royal blue, or white cardigans, pullovers, fleece, v-neck, 3/4 zip pullovers, sweater vests. **NO** other logos or labels on the sweaters/sweatshirts are allowed with the exception of an approved HTC design and/or logo. *Sweaters and sweatshirts must be worn over an approved shirt with collar*

BOTTOMS

- Boys must wear tan, khaki, or navy blue pants
- Girls must wear tan, khaki, or navy blue pants, skorts, or jumpers - also allowed is the approved plaid, "clear blue" from landsend.com
- Shorts are allowed during summer dress code season: first day of school - October 15th and from May 1st until the last day of school
- Shorts, skorts, and jumpers must be no shorter than either 4 inches above the knee or fingertip length with arms extended Tights, knee-high socks, and solid leggings in navy, tan, khaki, gray, or white may be worn under dress code clothing Belts are required for pants, shorts, and skorts for all 7-12 grade students

SHOES

- Closed-toe shoes with socks are required.
- Tennis/running shoes are recommended for elementary school students.

The following items are NOT allowed:

- Attire promoting racial or religious intolerance, gangs, violence, sexism, vulgar and inappropriate language, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products
- Torn or cut off pants, shorts, or shirts
- Dresses unless specifically announced by the administration
- Caps or hats
- Denim, wind suits, slicks, sweat pants, stretch pants, or bib overalls

Standards of Personal Appearance

- Hairstyle must be clean and well-groomed
- Hair color must be a shade that is naturally occurring to humans unless approved by administration Visible pierced jewelry may be in the ear only
- Gentlemen must be clean shaven
- Tattoos are strongly discouraged and must be covered

Dress Down Days

- The administration will announce pre-approved dress-down days, allowing the choice of clothing
- Casual clothes must be appropriate and in good taste
- Shorts are not allowed unless during the designated summer dress code

Penalties:

- Students who are in violation of the dress code policies will receive warnings and/or detentions.

Telephone/Cell Phones

Students or teachers may not be called to the telephone during school hours except in cases of extreme necessity or emergency. Messages may be left with the office staff. If a student needs to use

the telephone during the school day, the student is to request permission from the office staff to use the telephone during the school day.

Student cell phones are not to be used during the regular school day except during the lunch period. Inappropriate use of electronic devices to access or record restricted information related to exams or school assignments will be considered cheating and academic discipline procedures will be followed.

If a student is found using a cell phone, or if a cell phone is heard the phone will be confiscated and turned into the central office. The first offense will have the phone returned at the end of the school day. The second offense will result in a phone call to the parent/guardian, confiscation of the phone for the remainder of the day, and a 30-minute detention with the Dean of Discipline. The third offense will result in confiscation of the phone and the parent/guardian will need to meet with the building Dean of Discipline. The cell phone will be returned to the parent/guardian.

Back Packs

One of the areas we are always looking to improve is our safety and security for students and staff. In consultation with our administration, and area law enforcement, we need to adopt new procedures for taking books and materials to classes.

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, HTC students will need to keep any books or materials either in their lockers or be able to fit their books and materials under their classroom desks. Backpacks will not be permitted to be on the floor in the classrooms or left in the hallways outside of the classroom. Again, this is a safety and security consideration. Loose backpacks on the floor or in the hallways pose a hazard to the safe egress from the classroom or the hallways and impede exit routes in the case of a fire or tornado evacuation.

Students may use whatever backpack they choose to transport their books and materials to and from school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 23 First Day of School/All school Mass in West Point.

Aug. 27 8:00 a.m V-VB @ Bondurant

Aug. 29. 5:00 JV-VB tournament @Waco

Aug. 30. 4:30 V-VB @ Wapello

Sept. 1. 5:30 JV/V-VB @ NL

Sept. 5. Labor Day - No School

Sept. 6. JV/V-VB @ ND

Sept. 7 - 10 Tri-State Rodeo, volunteers needed, follow link to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e44adaf2ba1f94-2022>

Sept. 9. No School

Sept. 12. 5:30 9/JV/V-VB vs FM

Sept. 13. 5:30 JV/V-VB @ Mediapolis

Sept. 15 5:30 9/JV/V-VB vs West Burlington

Sept. 16 CC Ft. Madison invitational

Sept. 16 4:30 JH volleyball @ Central Lee



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