

HOLY CROSS ELEMENTARY
February 2012 Newsletter



TO: Parents/Guardians
FROM: Mamie Bergeron, Principal

The month of February has come! Very quickly!

Activities and learning continue as our students and teachers continue on the journey of 2011-2012.

There is much left to be done- - and we'll do it!

Re-registration/registration is taking place for 2012-2013. Each student is important and it is our hope that all will return.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- * Valentines Day gives us an opportunity to share love and let our friends and neighbors know they are appreciated. Teachers will post/send home Valentine exchange regulations. Watch for them.
- * The Social Studies Fair promises to be another event for students to engage in research and hands-on learning experiences.
- * The Mardi Gras Holidays usher in the church season of Lent. Students will have special activities during this 40 day journey leading us into Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS

- * The Geography Bee was great!

Participants:

Zachary Allemond, Adam Blum, Ethan Boagni, Sinclair Callais, Wade Crappell, Aiden DeHart, Barrett Hover, Thomas Mire, Emily Price, Brooks Thomas, Quincee Wiggins, Austin Williams

Champ: Austin Williams
Runner Up: Adam Blum

EMERGENCIES/SAFETY

Holy Cross Elementary has Emergency Response Procedures in place:

- . Security cameras
- . Evacuation Plan posted in classrooms and throughout the school
(maps were given to each family along with our handbook)
- . Codes to communicate emergency measures to be taken when/if the need arises.

SCHOOL TUITION & EXPENSE TAX DEDUCTION

Statute 47:297.10 allows an income tax deduction for amounts paid during the tax year by a taxpayer for tuition and fees required for a dependent's enrollment in a nonpublic elementary or secondary school. Receipts of tuition and registration fees paid during 2011 were sent home in January.

A VALENTINES DAY CLOSING PRAYER

We are children of a loving God. We carry God's own love in our hearts. Let us never be afraid to show friendship, appreciation, and love. Let us pray.

God our Creator, bless the love that bring people together and grows ever stronger in our hearts. May all the messages that carry the name of your holy Bishop Valentine be sent in good joy and received in delight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let's Communicate Effectively

If you have a question or concern

- 1) about your child:
 - a) Discuss the question or concern directly with the teacher **as soon as possible** after the occurrence. Don't delay!
 - b) Work toward a satisfactory solution/answer.
- 2) about the school in general:
 - a) Return questions/comments form below in a marked envelope to Mrs. Bergeron
 - b) Call the school office

Question(s) or comments I have about the school in general:

Name _____ Phone _____

Child(ren)/Grade _____

HOLY CROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

This is a reminder of Holy Cross Elementary School dismissal policy. Students can no longer be dismissed from the classroom before the bell without being checked out in the school office. All students that are car riders must go through the car rider line. Thank you for your cooperation.

DISMISSAL GUIDELINES

We are grateful to the parents who are following our dismissal guidelines. You are enabling the safety of your child as well as the safety of others.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you are not following the guidelines, we ask that you do!

When everyone doesn't abide by the procedure,
chaos develops and safety becomes non-existent.

Our children, your children are worth the extra effort!

CAR RIDER DISMISSAL GUIDELINES

DROP OFF and PICK UP is at our FRONT GATE ONLY.

Parents should pull up so that 4 cars can unload at one time.

DO NOT use the Poplar Street entrance. Congestion in that area poses a danger for our walkers and bicycle riders.

DO NOT park in the CCHS PARKING AREA. This area is designated for buses.

DO NOT park in our teacher parking lot. This creates a danger zone.

DO NOT park along Cedar Street. This creates a danger zone.



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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Holy Cross Elementary has an enrichment program called **CPR** - **C**hallenge **P**lus **R**esponsibility.
- Students qualify to participate in one of three ways:
 - 1) score 90% or above in reading, math or complete battery on the Stanford standardized achievement test given in the spring,
 - 2) score 125 or above on the Stanford standardized ability test given in the Spring,
 - 3) are identified as “Gifted” by St. Mary Parish.
- Students, grades 2 through 6, are eligible. Presently, 28 students participate. The program consists of one-hour weekly enrichment sessions which challenge students in the areas of:
 - ☆ Logic
 - ☆ Research
 - ☆ Art
 - ☆ Creative Writing
 - ☆ Math
 - ☆ Comprehension
 - ☆ Responsibility
- Special features include Game Day, Scrabble Challenge,(student favorites) and coming soon, Movie Maker!
- Technology Coordinator Jane Bernard and tutor Susie Moore plan and facilitate this enrichment program for our students!