

## ECEC News Nov. 12, 2021

**Legacy Gala Awards:** Each year the Gala recognizes people for their dedication and hard work to Holy Cross Academy and Catholic Education. This year the award winners are:

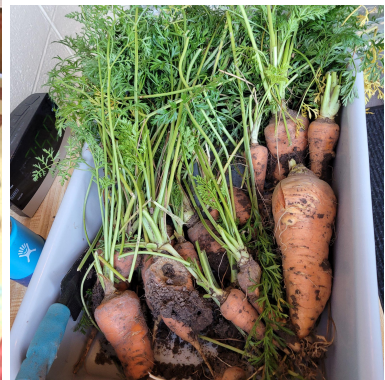
Annunciation: Amy Breier Kwentus  
Our Lady of Providence: Brian Koscielski  
Saint John Paul II: Rick and Linda Bakersmith  
Saint Michael the Archangel: Mike Salmo  
Seven Holy Founders: Stephanie True

They will be honored during the Gala on November 20, 2021

**Tickets for the Gala are still available:** The LiUNA Event Center has extended our deadline until **Monday morning, November 15th**. You can also register to bid on items virtually from your home. To purchase tickets for the event, visit:

[Holy Cross Academy https://e.givesmart.com/events/nyq/](https://e.givesmart.com/events/nyq/)

**Garden:** Friday, the kids were able to enjoy the last vegetables from our garden. We pulled out 15 carrots of all different sizes. Many were the size of large sweet potatoes. Each child was able to taste, smell and touch the carrots. We learned that carrots are root vegetables and grow under the ground. Try having your child peel a carrot or potato at home with a vegetable puller and adult supervision.



**Outside Time, Jackets, coats, hats and gloves:** Please have your child's name on all clothing items. Teachers will be taking students outside when the temperature is above 25 degrees. We will also be outside in the mornings for most of November and December. The extra exercise in the morning is great for their bodies.

**Cough Drops or other Medication:** Children should not bring cough drops to school. Other children can find them and they think they are candy. If your child is coughing continuously needing cough relief medication, they should not be at school. School is not able to give over the counter liquid cough medication without a doctor's note with specific instructions and dosage.

**Christmas Party Sign Ups:** We are looking for 2 parents to coordinate per class for the Christmas party on Dec. 22 from 10:45-11:30. Please use the sign up link below for parent coordinators, volunteers to send in a camp, stickers and craft project. If you were a coordinator for the Halloween party we ask that you don't volunteer for the Christmas party to allow other parents that opportunity.

**Volunteer Sign Ups:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CA5A829A2FD0-ecec1>

**Christmas Workshop Donations Needed:**

We are also looking for parents to help organize donations and set-up the event in December. Shopping days will be Dec. 6 and Dec 7. All items cost \$1 each Sign up to help with set-up, shopping and wrapping.

**Volunteer Sign Ups:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CA5A82AABFE3-christmas>

We ask families to donate new or gently used items. These items allow children to purchase up to 4 items for adults in their family. Mom, Dad, Grandma, Papa, or special family members. Children do NOT shop for their siblings.

We are looking for gifts for both men and women. Items can include: fun socks, necklaces, holiday decorations, picture frames, mugs, small tools, scarves, lotion, candles, religious figures, new kitchen towels, cookware, sports items, golf balls, small household decorations, or other items you may have. Donations can be dropped off at the main doors. Please share with friends or family that may be interested in donating items.

We are also accepting donations of gift bags to wrap presents in and for children to carry home.

**Toy Drive** for Wellston Center in North St. Louis: Nov. 15- Dec. 3 we are collecting new toys for children 3-18 years of age. Toys or Teen appropriate items can be donated to help families in need during the Christmas season. Items can be dropped off at school.

**Breakfast with Santa at CBC:**

CBC High School is hosting a Breakfast with Santa on 12/12 at CBC. They have three sessions and reservations are online through the link below.

[Breakfast With Santa!!! – Athletics – Christian Brothers College High School \(cbchs.org\)](https://www.cbchs.org/breakfast-with-santa)

**Videos and Resources on Child Development:** Special School District offers many online videos and resources to families. They also offer workshops free to parents. You can use the link provided to their Early Childhood Family Channel. <https://www.ssdmo.org/domain/437>  
Topics include: Potty Training, anger management, social skills and play skills for preschoolers, bedtime routine, troubles sleeping through the night, siblings and many more. This is a wonderful resource for all parents.

Angie Langhauser will be out of the school building on Friday, November 19, 22 and 23. Please contact the school office or your classroom teacher.

**Upcoming Dates:**

November 15-Dec. 3 Toy Drive Collection

November 19 Feast Day of Our Lady of Providence, school in session

November 20 HCA Gala

November 24, 25, 26 School Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

December 1, Early Dismissal Day 11:45, only year round children can stay past 11:45 a.m., staff will be attending a workshop provided by the St. Louis Learning Disabilities Association.

December 5 Christmas Workshop set-up, volunteers needed

December 6-7 Christmas Workshop shopping volunteers needed

Dec. 22 Early Dismissal at 11:45 for all students NO ASP is offered

Dec. 23-January 3 Christmas Break

January 4, 2022 First Day back from Christmas