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A MONTHLY NOTE FROM DR. MULLENSCHLADER

Dear Families of Holy Cross Academy,

Happy Advent! Your students have been busy preparing the way for the Christ child since the beginning of this special liturgical season. Now that we have lit that pink candle, may we all reflect on the hope realized, for Jesus is hope realized.

Last month, I started speaking to our K-8 students after Mass. I spoke with them about connecting prayer, their daily life, and the journey to sainthood. This is the first series of talks to the students on how living each of our core values will help them realize their vocation right now. Realizing their vocation right now will help them hear the voice of God throughout their life, long after their time at Holy Cross Academy.

As families reunite for Christmas, high school exams have ended, and college students are all back under your roof. It also means you're all back in one pew together for Mass.
As your family unites again during this special time, please consider ways your Holy Cross alums can get involved and give back to their grade school. We'd love to have them as ambassadors, speakers, spokespersons, and volunteers.

I hope your families have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! See you back on campus on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

In Christ,

Dan Mullenschlader
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Upcoming Events

Christmas Break
December 23-January 3

ECEC KDG Preview
January 13

HCA Open House
January 30

WE ADORE YOU,
OH CHRIST,
AND WE PRAISE YOU,
BECAUSE BY
YOUR HOLY CROSS
YOU HAVE REDEEMED
THE WORLD.

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE ACADEMY

2021 Legacy Gala Recap

On November 20, we celebrated our annual Legacy Gala with approximately 170 guests at LiUNA Event Center. We also sold 22 virtual tickets. We raised $80,000 (net) and honored five community members with the Legacy Awards. THANK YOU for your support-whether you donated items/experiences, bid on items, or bought tickets to the event; all of those pieces came together for our mission! Be on the lookout for more information about the 2022 Legacy Gala, which will celebrate Holy Cross Academy's 10th Anniversary!

Early Childhood Education Center-KDG Preview Night

On January 13, HCA invites all **current** families of the ECEC to an event highlighting our Kindergarten classrooms and discussing how the ECEC students transition from that campus to our Primary campus for Kindergarten. Every year, we look forward to their transition, and we want parents to have their questions answered and be prepared for this next step in their child's journey at Holy Cross Academy. Learn more at St. Michael's on Thursday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nEhIO74oS7Aaaz5yBhpbhG8wJDsjeLYArrbSOkskcEc/edit

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A DAY IN THE LIFE

ECEC students
visited the Advent wreath and learned what each candle meant leading up to Christmas Day.

Primary students
listened as their 8th grade buddies read them stories.

Intermediate students
enjoyed raking leaves on campus during recess.

Middle School students
made Lego mazes in their engineering elective.