



Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year!

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

On behalf of the teachers and staff of HCCS, welcome to a new school year. We are busy planning for a fantastic 2020-21 school year and I can't wait to have your student(s) here! I wanted to share some important information with you:

TUITION BILLS

We apologize for the delay in receipt of tuition invoices. Thank you for your prompt attention to paying your invoice. For those who wish to receive the 2% discount for paying tuition in full, the deadline has been extended until September 15th. If you have any questions about tuition payments, please contact Mrs. Shrader at kshrader@defianceholycross.org.

Online Orientation Night August 20th for Kindergarten - Fifth Grade

Each teacher has a scheduled time for a virtual class orientation. This orientation replaces the mandatory orientation that has been hosted in person in past years. Thank you for making it a priority to attend and participate in your child's class orientation. This time is very important for you to get to know your child's teacher and their expectations. All orientations will be facilitated using Zoom.com. If you are new to using Zoom or need directions on how to connect to your Zoom meeting, please see the Academic Resources section of our school website. All meetings will be recorded and accessible after August 20th. The schedule, meeting ID and Logins are:

Kindergarten: 6:30pm Meeting ID: 874 032 3340 Password: 722973

First Grade: 6:00pm Meeting ID: 711 6157 3942 Password: Hello

Second Grade: 5:30pm Meeting ID: 902 607 4663 Password : 448874

Third Grade: 5:30pm Meeting ID: 795 442 4836 Password: 404757

Fourth Grade: 7pm Meeting ID: 459 087 5091 Password: 444994

Fifth Grade: 6:30pm Meeting ID: 613 203 7989 Passcode: grade5

You will also receive a text message and email on August 20th with the web link and login information.

PreK 3, PreK 4 and Young 5's will not meet with teachers this evening as they have a separate orientation date.

Kindergarten Skills Check (for all incoming Kindergartners) are taking place at individually scheduled times August 24th-26th. Kindergarten families will be individually contacted by their teacher regarding their scheduled time.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Grades 1-5, Monday August 24th

Kindergarten and Young 5's, Thursday August 27th

PreK 4's, Monday August 31st

PreK 3's, Tuesday September 1st

PICK UP PROCEDURES

We have modified our pick up and drop off procedures to accommodate COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Parents may not enter the building to drop off or pick up their children. All Pick-Ups will be at the main entrance of the school at 3:00pm. Please see the enclosed Pandemic Plan information for more details. These procedures are new to all of us. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we try out these new procedures. We may make changes to improve efficiency and safety once we have had a chance

BUS RIDERS

Students riding the bus are required to wear a mask while on the bus. Please check with your school district to verify updated bus policies, pick up and drop off times and locations. Please note, Northeastern Local School district will not offer bussing until September 8th. Defiance City Schools will not provide transportation on **Monday August 31st**.

UNIFORMS

Young 5's – 5th grade students participate in our uniform dress code. Uniforms may be purchased from a store of your choice. Uniform jackets and shirts can be purchased locally at Custom Tees & Apparel and online at <https://wearecustomtees.com/>. Many parents have also found a good selection at Two Men Wholesale (Defiance), Walmart, Old Navy, and Children's Place. There is also a uniform closet at the school. This is a place where parents can find used uniforms that other students have outgrown. Please call the school office if you would like to check out what's available in our supply of used uniforms.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All students are required to provide a backpack, water bottle with an attached lid and three masks. (PreK 3, PreK4 and Young 5's are exempt from the mask requirement). All other school supplies are provided by HCCS.

CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

Please review our pandemic plan for changes in school procedures. We anticipate there will be more changes and we will keep you up to date via text messages, email and school newsletters. It is very important that we have your mobile phone number and email on file in the school office so that you can receive timely information.

Tuition Payment, Fees, and Cafeteria account

If it is necessary to drop off money for the school, we ask you place it in an envelop with child's name, grade, and what the payment is for. Separate check for school fees and cafeteria would be appreciated.

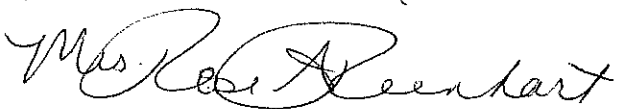
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8am - 4pm

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:30 am - 3:00pm. Students are considered tardy after 9:00am. We encourage you to have your child arrive at school early so that they have time to complete their morning work, visit with friends and prepare for the day.

Starting a new school year is exciting and can also come with many questions, especially with the new uncertainties brought on by COVID-19. Please don't hesitate to call when you have a question or concern. The office phone is 419-784-2021 and my email is principal@defianceholycross.org. I encourage you to visit www.defianceholycross.org for school info. Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you soon!

Yours in Catholic Education,

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Mrs. Rose A. Reinhart
Principal