



State of the School

Fall 2025



LET YOUR FAITH BE **BOLD**



Dear Families and Friends of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School,

We joyfully welcome a new academic year with hearts full of hope and purpose under our 2025–2026 theme: **"Let Your Faith Be BOLD – Be Our Lord's Disciple!"** This inspiring message calls us to live courageously and authentically as followers of Christ every day.

At Holy Cross, our students are not only learners but also Disciples of Christ. Through acts of kindness, leadership in service projects, participation in liturgical celebrations, or standing up for what is right, they continue to reflect the Gospel. We are proud to see them grow in faith and character – from our youngest Pre-K learners to our oldest middle school students.

Spiritually, we are expanding their opportunities for daily prayer, sacramental preparation, retreats, and service learning. **Academically**, our curriculum remains rigorous and engaging, led by dedicated faculty who challenge and support students in all subjects. Our test scores and individual student progress reflect an unwavering commitment to academic excellence rooted in Catholic values.

We're equally grateful to share that Holy Cross remains **fiscally sound**, thanks to the careful stewardship of our resources, generous contributions from supporters, and the responsible leadership of our administration and Board of Limited Jurisdiction (Board of Directors). Your continued involvement and support ensures a strong Christ-centered education for generations to come.

Moving forward, let's embrace our theme and encourage one another to live **boldly** in faith. Let's continue to be lights in our community, grounded in the love of Christ and the mission of Catholic education.

May God bless you and your families abundantly in this new school year. Thank you for being a cherished part of the Holy Cross community.

Peace and blessings,

Mrs. Theresa Healy
Principal

BE OUR LORD'S DISCIPLE

Integrating Faith

Every year we strive for spiritual growth within our students, encouraging them to live out their faith boldly and purposefully in all they do. Religious education is integrated within our curriculum and daily activities. We partner closely with St. Eleanor Catholic Church where our students attend Mass, adoration, and confession throughout the year.

A profound example of this spiritual commitment is our Prayer Partner Program, where younger students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are paired with those in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade respectively. Through this program our students are able to build strong connections by attending Mass and participating in faith-based events together. Younger students gain role models, while the older students have the chance to guide and lead.

Additionally, 1st grade students participate in the Saint Program, which provides an opportunity for them to deepen their understanding of their selected saint and share that knowledge with peers, teachers, and parents. The program features a Saint Parade, prayer, songs, and presentations where each student shares information and facts about their chosen saint.

Every grade experiences faith integration with opportunities to participate in celebrations, presentations, songs, and prayers about our faith. Through Confirmation, Christmas Tableau, Nativity Play, Live Nativity, Living Stations, First Penance, First Communion, May Procession, and the May Crowning, our students experience true discipleship throughout their Holy Cross journey.



Prayer Partners



First Grade Saint Program

Curriculum Standards Begin Right Here at Holy Cross

It's encouraging to hear that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia recently completed a year of thoughtful planning to ensure all students receive a strong, well-rounded education rooted in academic excellence and our Catholic identity. But it's especially rewarding to know that three of our very own faculty members – Mrs. Mary Mooney, Mr. Eric Moratelli, and Mrs. Anne Lannutti – played both collaborative and leadership roles in this vital initiative.

Working alongside educators from across the Archdiocese, they contributed to the development of the curriculum standards that will guide instruction in all Archdiocesan elementary schools beginning this academic year. Mrs. Mooney, who was the Science Curriculum Coordinator, utilized her expertise while ensuring the needs of all students are met in this ever-changing information age. Commenting on the experience, she said, “the camaraderie and enthusiasm shared by all those engaged in the process were refreshing.”

Mrs. Lannutti reflected on the enjoyable opportunity to collaborate with her Archdiocesan colleagues as they worked together on Mathematics. She emphasized how organizing and mapping the curriculum allowed her team to share ideas and strengthen the program. Mr. Moratelli highlighted how working together on the Social Studies team and meeting teachers from all over the Archdiocese was a great learning experience that helped to build a curriculum that truly supports our students!

Holy Cross Regional is honored to have such dedicated, well-respected and talented educators representing our school and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



For the **4th consecutive year** Holy Cross has been named an Archdiocesan School of Distinguished Instruction.

98% of all students met or exceeded national averages for Terra Nova tests in math, while **97%** achieved similar results in reading and language.

We are proud of our **15 Neumann Scholars** in the last 13 years.

\$550,300 received in scholarships to high school for 8th-grade students (Class of 2025)



For more information about the schools our students attend, please visit our website at

www.hcrc.school/student-experience/student-stories

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We chose Holy Cross for its strong academics. From early phonics instruction to middle school projects and public speaking, the teachers provide guidance that builds both academic skills and confidence. I'm so grateful to see my three children thriving here.

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Serving as Role Models and Advocates for our Faith

At Holy Cross, tradition runs deep among our students. Beyond the classroom, enduring friendships grow. Decades later, those childhood bonds are strengthened by young families who now cultivate a new generation of connections within our school.

David Torres (St. Eleanor, Class of 2006) reflecting on those connections, says, “this is the place where I made lifelong friends all the way back in the first grade. These guys became my brothers here at St. Eleanor. We’ve been in each other’s weddings, become godfathers to our children, and now our kids get to grow up and go to school together.”

David’s wife, Alyssa (Sacred Heart, Class of 2006) adds, “The bonds you make with your peers and their families are ones that are deep and last a lifetime.” That enduring friendship includes Matt and Maura (Jeffers) Mehallick (St. Eleanor Classes of 2006 and 2007) along with Paul Slegelmilch (St. Eleanor, Class of 2006) and his wife Kellyann, who is currently a teacher at Holy Cross!

“Holy Cross shapes not only the mind but also the heart - nurturing faith and teaching core values that help our children flourish” says Maura. Paul adds, “I tell my son all the time that some of his classmates today could become life-long friends – just like I have with mine. To him my friends are his uncles, and I only hope he can develop something similar.”



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St. Eleanor’s is truly a family, and the staff and faculty treat our children as their own. Their incredible ability to get to know each child makes it so special! The strong faith they instill in our children, the academic discipline, and the inclusive environment make it truly exemplary.

Dina, St. Eleanor Graduate Class of 2001
– Children in Kindergarten and First Grade

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St. Eleanor School helped me grow in my education and faith as a child, and as a parent, I want my children to have that same education and devotion to Jesus that only Holy Cross can provide.

Jillian, St. Eleanor Graduate Class of 2003
– Children in Sixth Grade, Fourth Grade, Third Grade, and First Grade

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My family has a long history with St. Eleanor’s and Holy Cross—spanning my dad, siblings, nieces, nephews, and my own children. What stands out most over these 50 years is the teachers’ sacrifice and dedication, and the strong Catholic faith that shaped our family’s foundation.

Girvin, St. Eleanor Graduate of 1983
– Daughters graduated HCRC 2022 and 2024

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BOLD BENEFACTORS



Enabling Greater Access to Faith-Based Education

Because of the generosity of our Holy Cross community, more than 100 children annually attend our school with full or partial tuition assistance. We're proud of that success but much more is needed. Without your help, qualified families face a make-or-break decision on being able to afford Holy Cross. We need new donors to ensure that these families get tuition assistance every year.



**We raised
\$575,989 for
the school year
2025- 2026**



**117 Students
received assistance
(spanning 80
families)**



**The need
continues to grow
as our student
population grows**



Donate right now!

Go to:

<https://hcrc.school/advancement-fund/>

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We are deeply grateful for everything the school and community have done for our family. We never expected to need help, but the support we received allowed our children to continue their Catholic education—a foundation of values so important to us. What we have experienced here has been more than we could ever ask for, and we look forward to giving back when we can.

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As a single mom, I am deeply grateful for the support that allows my children to attend Holy Cross Regional Catholic School. This generosity provides them with a safe, faith-filled education and lifts a tremendous burden from our family. Donors have truly made a life-changing difference, and I cannot thank you enough.

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BOLD BOARD MEMBERS

Matching Membership to our Mission

When Chuck Fuges joined the HCRCS Board of Directors just over a year ago, he described the experience as “overwhelming in a positive way... sitting in a room with others who have this contagious level of passion for Catholic education.” Today, as leader of the 21-person board’s Membership Committee, Chuck’s goal is to find that passion in others who want to make an active contribution as a team player with critical skillsets.

Current members are strategic thinkers with experience in advancement, finance, marketing, technology, and facilities management.

Chuck and his team believe that a successful board thrives on thoughtful member selection, intentional onboarding, and a shared sense of purpose. He’s quick to point out the core traits current and future board members must embody, regardless of their individual expertise: broad thinking, teamwork, and a loyalty to the Holy Cross community.

Crediting the transformative impact of Holy Cross on his own family he says, “my children would not be where they are if not for Mrs. Healy and her staff. Our school inspires my desire to give back... and our board’s inspiration is rooted in service, reflection, and a drive for continuous growth.”

It’s no surprise that Chuck’s vision for the Board is aligned with the mission of Holy Cross and a belief that “when we challenge the status quo in a healthy way, we will find opportunities to do even better.” At Holy Cross, leaders like Chuck help ensure that the mission isn’t just preserved—it’s propelled forward BOLDLY, with heart and vision.



Interested in joining the board?

Go to:

<https://hcrc.school/about/#our-board>



Chuck Fuges and the Membership Committee

Students & Their Families Serving Others

What better way to demonstrate discipleship than by shining a light on others through profound and genuine kindness. Three years ago, a group of our current 5th and 7th grade girls at Holy Cross joined together to form Girls With a Cause, a community-service club affectionately referred to as GWAC.

Beginning with monthly brainstorming meetings, the girls determine the service projects they will complete to support the needs of the local community. Combining their unique talents with a desire to help others, the girls serve their community through their demonstration of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Last year, the girls humbly served others through a school-wide food collection, assisting a local food pantry, sorting clothing donations, making cards for service men and women, singing Christmas carols at a local nursing home, and especially through their home-grown Kindness Project at HCRC.

St. Therese of Lisieux once said, "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be." Girls With a Cause is an inspiration within the school community and a shining example of what it means to **let your faith be bold**.



Kindness Project



Operation Gratitude



Saint Vincent de Paul



Crayon to Crayons



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2024-2025 Service Projects



370 letters sent to homebound parishioners of St. Eleanor and Sacred Heart, who were adopted by our 7th grade students.



\$5393.60

collected using baby bottles sent to A Baby's Breath Pregnancy Center



1800+

socks collected For Joy of Sox during Advent



2646 soup cans collected during Catholic Schools week – winning a “Souper Bowl” trophy for our generous students



100 Thanksgiving meals provided to families in need



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In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity.

Pope Leo XIV

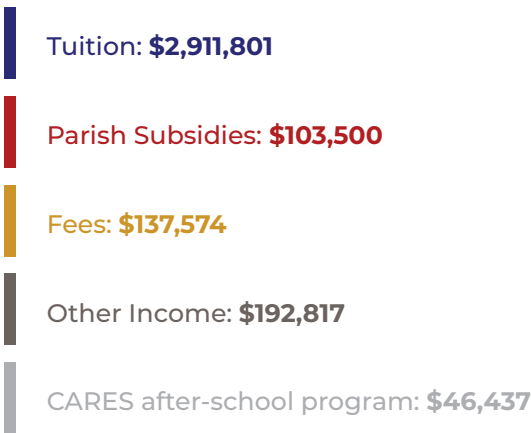
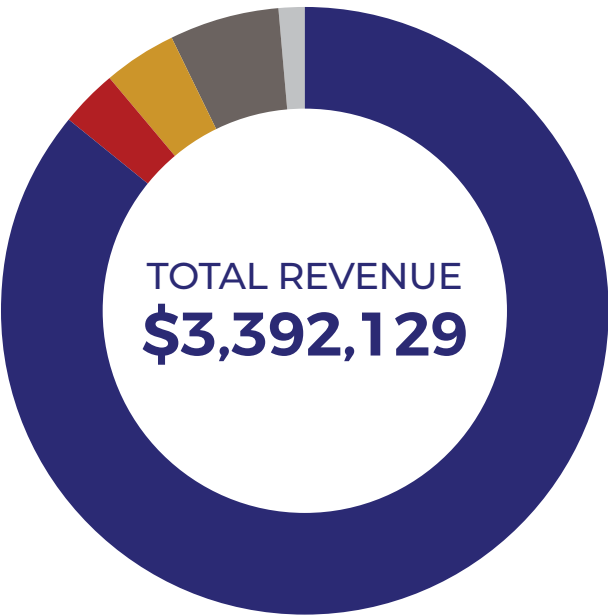
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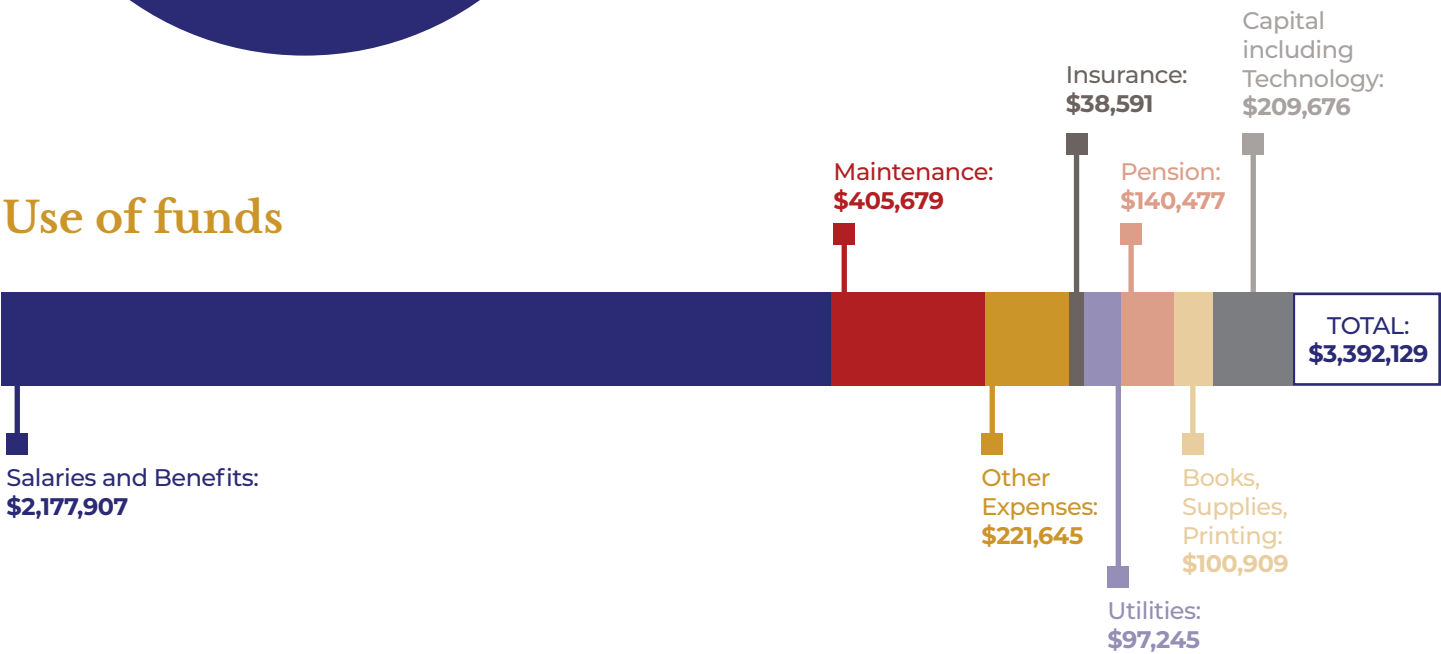
“The Board of Directors develops plans for and the means to secure the financial future of the school. This includes creating a three-to-five-year Financial Plan assessing capital needs and a technology evaluation, creating the annual budget, determining annual development goals, allocating resources according to the budget, and monitoring each of the above.”

– Operating principles for the Holy Cross Finance Committee

Source of Funds



Use of funds



Bold Faith Takes Bold Vision

Deeply rooted in tradition, our school remains steadfast in its commitment to faith, family, and academic excellence.

Over the years, many families have seen multiple generations walk our halls—a powerful testament to the lasting impact of Catholic education. This legacy inspires us as we look to the future with purpose and passion.

We place strong emphasis on service to others, engaging our students in meaningful service projects that lift up those in need. In doing so, we teach compassion and encourage our students to look beyond their own doors—to see and serve the world around them, building upon their bold faith to help inspire our bold vision.

Our Board of Directors actively supports and promotes this vision of continued growth, advancement, and fiscal responsibility, ensuring that our mission remains sustainable for generations to come.

We maintain focus on this vision as we continue to challenge ourselves to build a better future—not only for today's students, but for those yet to come. Our purpose is clear: to ensure that every student who desires a Catholic education has the opportunity to receive one.

Today, 20% of our students receive financial aid. To meet the growing need, we have set a goal of raising \$650,000, a goal we can only reach with the support of our community. Through the PA Tax Credit Program and generous private donations, we can extend the gift of Catholic education to more families than ever before.

With courage and conviction, we boldly look to the future—as Disciples of Our Lord—committed to building a lasting community grounded in faith, hope, and love.

Join us in building that bold vision—and be part of a legacy that will bless generations to come.



Our Mission

It is the mission of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School to strengthen our community in faith, hope, and love. We challenge each other to develop independence, creativity, and curiosity as disciples of Jesus Christ for our future. As members of the Holy Cross community, we recognize the unique gifts and talents of others while practicing the values of respect, integrity, compassion, and justice.

