

HIGHLIGHTS

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From the Principal...

If you have not returned your registration material for the 2010-2011 school year, please do as soon as possible. The staff and board are in the midst of budgetary planning and accurate enrollment data is important for that process.

Curriculum Corner

Science:

The Education Policy Committee recently discussed the science program at Huron Valley. Because there are four different science teachers now, it is a bit more challenging for parents to know what is happening in the classes. By way of reminder, here are the science teaching assignments:

1st, 2 nd grades	Irene Vandagriff
3 rd grade	Terry Caputo
5 th grade	Cynthia Wolfe
4 th , 6 th grade	Van Vandagriff
7 th , 8 th grades	Irene Vandagriff

For lower grade classes, homeroom teachers will periodically include science news in their regular class newsletter. At the fall curriculum night, teachers will make sure that syllabi and materials will be available either in the homerooms or in one of the two science rooms. If you have questions about specific classes, please contact the teacher.

Our philosophy at all grade levels is to stress the scientific method and utilize a lot of activities, experiments and demonstrations. We want students to see science as challenging, interesting, and fun. We are always looking for creative ways to teach your children. In light of that, Terry Caputo is attending the Michigan Science Teachers' Association conference on March 5th in Lansing.

Mathematics:

In addition to our regular daily curriculum objectives, we look to engage students through enrichment sheets and challenge activities. The 5th-8th grade students take the Michigan Math League test annually and the 7th and 8th graders participate in the American Mathematics Competition. In other highlights editions, we acknowledge students who have excelled in these very challenging tests.

Electronic devices

As we mention in the Parent Student Handbook, students should not have electronic devices (i.e. IPODs, I Touches, CD players, cameras, or cell phones on school grounds. We know that some of you have granted permission for your children to have cell phones. We request that students keep phones in their backpacks and use them after school only and with staff permission. Otherwise, these devices serve as a distraction, and can be a source of invasion of privacy, especially in the hands of still maturing young people. Stories surface frequently on the internet of abuse that can be very damaging to individuals and the environment.

-Tim Kotyuk

Congratulations to the January/February *Students of the Month*

Maggie Pauze` (8th)
and
Catherine Valdes (7th)

for distinction in exhibiting
exemplary conduct and character!

Enrollment for Fall

Registration for the fall (school year 2010-2011) is going on now. Applications may be dropped off at the school or mailed at any time. Priority registration is closed. All applications will now be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

All **new** students in Grades 3-8 are required to take math and reading placement tests. Testing will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 2
8:15 -9:45am
Tuesday, March 9
8:15 – 9:45am.

Please contact the school office to sign up for **one** of these sessions. New students in grades 1-2 will meet individually with their teacher for testing.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten readiness evaluation will occur at Kindergarten Round-up on the morning of **Friday, March 26th from 9:30am-11:45am.** Please bring a birth certificate with you to round-up.

Parents, please note there will be no school that day for current Kindergarten students.

Upper Grade (5th-8th) Winter Concert and Art Show!

Tuesday, March 9th at 7:30pm

(upper grade students should arrive earlier as requested by their instructor).

All 5-8 graders must attend.

Band and Choir students should wear concert attire (black trousers or skirts with white tops). Athletic shoes are discouraged. Dress code modesty guidelines apply. Please watch emails closer to the event with report times for students.

Attendance is mandatory per the guidelines in the Parent Student Handbook. You may refer any questions to Kathy Scott at kscott@huronvalleyschool.org.

Welcome – New Student



Noah Whitfield – 7th grade

2471 Carriage Court
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734/757-7541

Parents: Eric and Kelli

Michigan Math League

On February 16th, the 7th and 8th grade Math classes recently participated in the annual Michigan Math League Contest. The top three scores in each class are: 8th Grade Division

Daniel Lacroix (36)
Haley Jakabcsin (27)
Robert Zick (27)
7th Grade Division
Danny Smith (30)
Mac Canfield (25)
Chris Kramer (25)

It is rare for a student to achieve a score of 30 on this very challenging test. Daniel and Danny are to be commended for their excellent results!



Lenten Fish Dinners

Fr. Bob and the St. Thomas Aquinas Guild (HVCS and FGR Parents/St. John Parishioners) would like to invite you to their Lenten Fish Dinners at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The church is located at 411 Florence Street in Ypsilanti. The dinners will be Friday nights 5:30-7:00pm during Lent.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Lunch Duty: A reminder to parents regarding lunch duty. All parents are required (1st-8th grade) to serve 5 lunch hours. If you are unable to serve lunch hours then please seek out another parent that might be able to do your lunch hours and you can perform 5 of their other service hours. It is very important that we have sufficient supervision for the lunch recess. Once your name is on the calendar please do not cross it off. If you are unable to make your scheduled lunch duty then we ask that you get a sub. You can check the lunch duty calendar and switch with someone for another day. Just give them a call. For new parents, if you are having trouble please feel free to call your Room Parent or Mentor for assistance.

We also ask that you arrive 5-10 minutes early for lunch duty. If it is very important that you arrive on time so that we have sufficient coverage for all lunch hours.

Homework Policy: All teachers at HVCS allow extra time for homework missed due to absences. Please refer to each individual teacher's policy for his or her procedure regarding missed homework.

To obtain assignment, please email the homeroom teacher/s or leave a voice message. The teacher will respond as soon as possible. Some teachers list assignments on Ren Web and they will instruct you how to access that information.

Please do not ask the office staff to get homework for you absent student. We are asking that the student or his or her parent take responsibility to obtain any missing work.

*Announcing the 2010
St. John Bosco Award
Recipient*

Mr. Terry Caputo

Congratulations Terry!

The Huron Valley Catholic School Board has chosen Terry Caputo as this year's recipient of

The St. John Bosco award.

This award is given annually to individuals who faithfully exercise their responsibilities in our mission of providing Catholic education at HVCS. We will present this award at the HVCS Dinner Auction to be held Saturday evening the 13th of March.



**Dig out your cowboy boots,
Get ready for some country hoots!
Find a cowboy hat you can wear,**

JUST BE THERE !

at the

The HVCS Ranch

Saturday, March 13th 2010

5:30pm

Kensington Court Hotel

Ann Arbor

Thank you to all of you who have helped plan and organize this year's auction event. So many parents have stepped up and really helped put together what we think is an amazing event! We also thank those of you who have volunteered to help at the event.

Whether you are attending or volunteering or like many of us doing both, we cannot wait to see you there and we cannot wait to share with you our incredible line up of auction items and evening festivities. Please check the school website over the next few weeks for a complete listing of items for your preview. We will alert you when these items are online. In addition to auction items we also have two very fun raffles with some great prizes! Did we also mention entertainment? Entertainment includes our lively and fun auctioneer, a roaring Hats & Chaps game, St. John Bosco award presentation and more!

Still need your hours? We still need you!! We need volunteers for the following: Help staff and sell raffle tickets at the event, check out team help at the event, Coat Check, Assisting Check Out Lead in making signs for check out, Online Auction team (after the event), Online Packaging Party (after the event).

Yee-haw!!!

Calendar of March Events

(See March Calendar for more details)

March 1

Tuition Payment Due
No School, Mid Winter Break

March 2 and March 9

New Student Testing at 8:15am, Grades 3rd-8th

March 5

Adoration

March 14

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 9

Winter Concert, 5th-8th grades, 7:30pm

March 12

Pizza Day

March 13

HVCS Auction, 5:30pm, Kensington Court, Ann Arbor

March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day from the HVCS Staff!

March 19

Half Day, In-Service Dismissal at 11:55am

March 24

Cookie Dough Pick-Up

March 26

Kindergarten Round-Up, 9:30 -11:45am
No school for Kindergarten
Pizza Day and Casual Day

March 27

HVCS Ice Skating, 5:30-7:30pm, Artic Edge, Canton

March 30

4th Grade Passion Play 8:30am, all are welcome!

March 31

End of 3rd Quarter

April 1- April 11

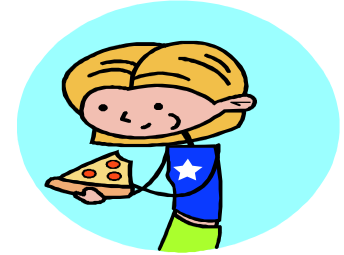
No-School - Easter Break

April 12

Classes Resume

April 18

Open House 1-3pm



PIZZA DAYS

Friday, March 12 and 26th !!

A slice of Pizza is \$1.50.

FUNDRAISING



**COOKIE DOUGH PICK-UP AT SCHOOL
TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH**

Scrip Certificate Program

Date of Scrip Order Date Scrip Received

Monday, March 15 Friday, March 19

***Wed., March 24 Wed., March 31**

***Last Scrip for this school year**

Fundraising Credit.

No SCRIP April 1 – 9 (Easter Vacation)

Mon., April 12 Friday, April 16

Mon., April 26 Friday, April 30

Orders Due in Office by 2:45 p.m. day of pick-up.

Please place Scrip Order form and check in an envelope labeled: Scrip Order. Place all orders in specially marked box in the School Office.

Visit www.glscrip.com for a complete retailers list and current percentage credit.

Scrip order forms are available in the School Office. Any questions, please contact Juliet Bogan at hvcsscrips@hotmail.com or 734-434-2466

Labels for Education and Box Tops Update

Thank you so much to all those who have saved box top and soup labels.

Please keep up the good work and continue to submit box tops and labels so we can earn more for our school. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at labbedp@yahoo.com or 434-1943.
Erica Labbe

MARKETING

Our Open House was a success! The teachers and staff did a great job highlighting our classrooms. Thank you to the fifth grade class and room moms, Antonia Frohnen, Mary Donnelly and Kathie Cropsey for their wonderful contributions of hospitality and service. Thanks also to the parents who assisted as guides and classroom ambassadors!

We are planning to hold another Open House on Sunday, April 18th. Stay tuned for more information!

Help spread the word about HVCS! It's not too late to get a car window decal. They are available in the office for \$3 each.

Last Call for Yearbook Photos!

Our publishing deadline will soon be approaching, so if you have any great photos you'd be willing to share for the yearbook, we'd love to have them! Just drop them off in the main office (disc or hard copy) to the attention of Elana Lanzetta or email them to me at Lanerlane@aol.com.

Yearbook

YEARBOOKS ON SALE March 5th!

Order forms will be coming home within the next few weeks for our HVCS FULL COLOR Lifetouch yearbook. It features candid photos from every classroom, shot in house as well as by a professional Lifetouch photographer. It includes upper and lower grade candid photos, religious life, sports, music, art, recess and classroom activities, plus more! It will make a cherished keepsake in years to come. There may not be extra copies available for purchases later so don't miss out! Order early to get the best price!

March 5 - March 12 **\$20**

March 15 - March 24 **\$25**

Please make checks payable to HVCS and order forms should be turned in to your child's home room teacher.

Notes from our DRE – Sr. Gail Lancaster

Quote of the Month

“We will not leave the Church because we cannot live without the sacraments and its teaching...In this religion, among other very important and foundational things, is the sacrament of confession because of which, and almost for that reason alone, I am Catholic, in order to continually have the forgiveness of sins; to have it and to give it.”

Don Milani

Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap.
[Loving the Church](#), Servant Books

There is a monthly reflection based on the quotes on our webpage www.huronvalleyschool.org.



HVCS ANNUAL FAMILY SKATING PARTY



**Saturday, March 27, 2010
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**The Arctic Edge Ice Arena
46615 Michigan Ave, Canton
(between Canton Center Rd and Beck Rd)**

**COST PER PERSON: \$5 or \$20/family
Includes skate rental**

***** Concession stand will be open *****

**Adult Supervision is required.
NO DROP-OFFS PLEASE!**

