



Knights Highlights

MARCH 2017



HRCS MISSION

Holy Redeemer Catholic School (Pre-K through 8th Grade), the primary educational ministry of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, serves Catholic families in Osceola and neighboring counties, as well as others who embrace our philosophy of education. The school community instills a daily living and ever growing knowledge of the Gospel message by creating a Catholic environment that empowers our students to reach their maximum potential spiritually, morally, and academically.

*We Educate the Mind,
Invigorate the Body, and
Expand the Heart*

From the Principal's Desk

Dear HRCS Families and Friends,

Happy March and Spring Blessings! It is hard to believe we are in our 3rd trimester of this academic school year, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us.

During March, we find ourselves deep in the season of Lent. As parents and teachers, we try to teach our children that penance, reflection, and fasting prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. We try to encourage not only giving up something (like candy) during Lent, but to make more of an effort to live our lives by following Jesus' example. Through our HRCS Root Beliefs and Virtues, our students model and encourage being kind and gentle, being respectful, and being responsible. Lent is a time of reflection on our personal relationship with Christ and to remind ourselves that God loved us so much — He gave His Only Son.

As a school community, we will come together for the 5th grade reenactment of the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 7th at 5:30 P.M. in our Church. Our students, in grades 3rd through 8th, will also have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Families are encouraged to participate in the Operation Rice Bowl and our teachers will continue teaching the Corporal Works of Mercy throughout their lessons.

Next week, Holy Redeemer Catholic School, as well as all schools in the Diocese of Orlando, will administer the IOWA Standardized Assessments to all 2nd through 8th graders. Testing will begin March 6th and continue through March 10th (makeups through 3/17); we will adhere closely to schedules with little or no interruptions to ensure an appropriate and positive test-taking environment. Testing will begin promptly at 8:30 am. Please be aware that attendance and promptness are expected in order to avoid disruptions.

Thank you to all of the families who have re-enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic school year. Our classes are filling up and we encourage you to invite members of your family, friends and community to apply at Holy Redeemer Catholic School, during this time of open enrollment. We are grateful for your support as we move our students toward a future of spiritual growth, academic achievement and physical development.

Please pray for our 8th grade Confirmandi, as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Saturday morning. May they use these gifts to serve all of God's people in the world. May the Peace of Christ be with all of our families during Lent, as we continue our Lenten Journey and become closer to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, every day. We wish God's blessings on all Holy Redeemer families during this time of preparation for Easter.

Faith, Hope & Love in Christ,

Gloria Del Orbe, Principal

HAPPENING IN MARCH	
Confirmation	3/4
IOWA Testing	3/6-17
4th Grade Class Trip	3/13
NUT Day	3/15
Family Fun Night	3/16
Spring Pictures	3/17
Spring Book Fair	3/17-24
Field Day	3/22
Family Movie Night	3/24
Stations of the Cross 5th Grade	4/7
Holy Thursday NO SCHOOL	4/13
Good Friday NO SCHOOL	4/14
Easter Break	4/17-21
School Resumes	4/24



The lowas are coming right up!
March 6th—10th (makeups through 3/17)
Here are some test taking tips:

Leading up to the week of testing:

Remind your child of the importance of the Iowa's—encourage him/her to do his/her best!

Confirm with your child's teacher that he/she will receive pre-determined accommodations, if applicable.

The week of the Iowa Assessments:

Set a reasonable bedtime, especially during the week of testing.

Well rested students are more likely to be able to focus than tired students.

Provide a high-protein, healthy, low-sugar breakfast.

Ensure your child has enough time to wake up and get their brain engaged.

Please be on time and try not to rush on testing days.

Provide a light snack and a bottle of water for each day.

General tips:

Avoid pressuring your child, but ask them to do their best!

Attendance is a priority.

(Students generally perform better when taking the test with the class, rather than at make-up time)

Remind your child to listen carefully to instructions, read directions and attempt to **answer all questions, don't leave any questions blank**

Help your child be prepared, remind them to bring all materials necessary for testing.
(Generally: sharpened #2 Pencils)

Make sure child has taken any medication needed, if applicable.

Have a positive attitude and maintain a pleasant home environment, avoiding unnecessary **conflicts the week of the lowas. (The morning commute to school is not a time to “get in-to it” with your pre-**teen about their missing homework, messy room, etc.)

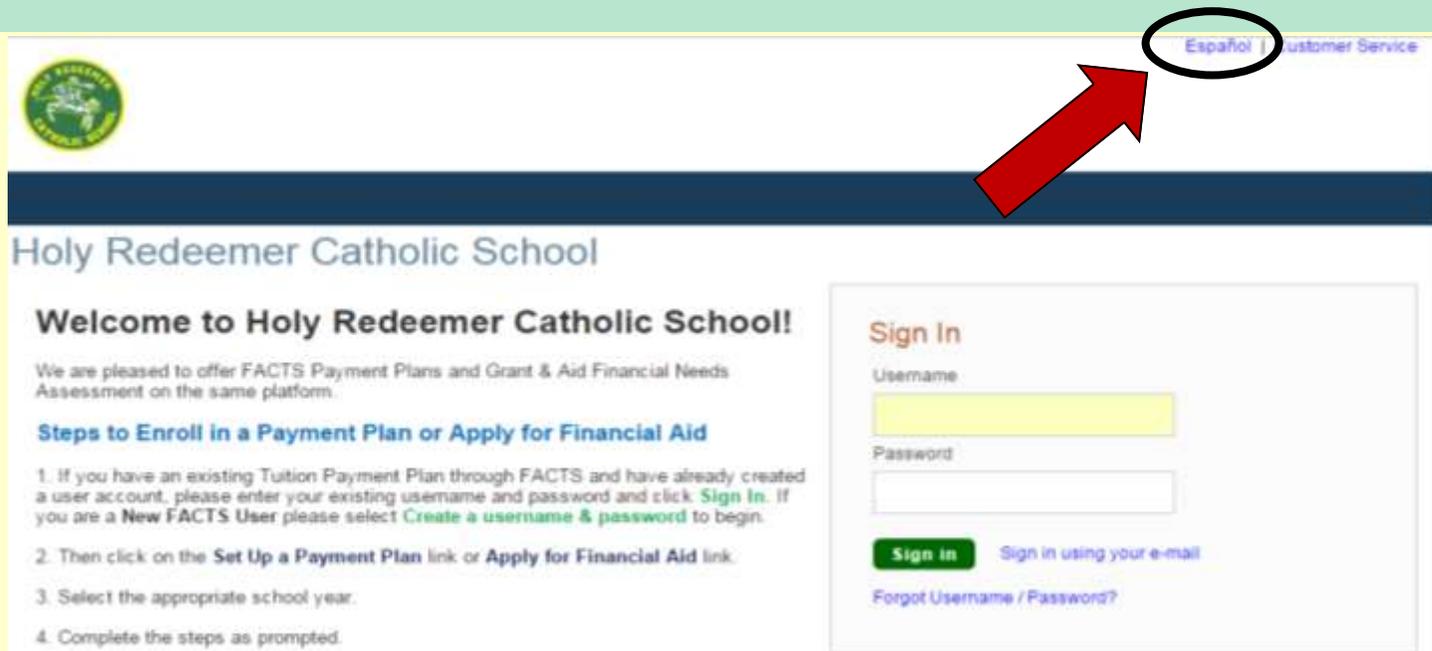
Send your child off to school with words of praise and encouragement!

Financial Corner: Please note that the new tuition rate includes the instructional fees for the year, instead of an up-front cost.

Did you know that your F.A.C.T.S. account can be translated into Spanish?

Just click in the Espanol tab at the top of the page.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the front office at 407-870-9055



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Holy Redeemer Catholic School website. The 'Español' link is circled in black, and a red arrow points to it from the left. Below the navigation bar, the school's name 'Holy Redeemer Catholic School' is displayed. The main content area includes a 'Welcome to Holy Redeemer Catholic School!' message, a 'Sign In' form with fields for Username and Password, and a list of steps to enroll in a payment plan or apply for financial aid.



Scholarship Renewal Information

If you are currently on a scholarship, Step-Up for Students or AAA, it is time to renew your scholarship. We have information and computers available for you to start the process.



If you have already renewed your scholarship, please bring the approval letter into the front office.

Remember, you must submit a denial letter from Step Up for Students and AAA scholarships before you applying for F.A.C.T.S. Tuition Aid. Please submit both denial letters with your application.

Thank you!

February's Virtue of the Month – Love

Quote of the month – "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son." - John 3:16

Song of the Month – They'll Know We are Christians

1. Let your actions be guided by the idea that God says we should love one another as He has loved us.
2. Jesus said we should love our enemy.
3. The Bible says that love is always patient and kind.
4. Live your life in a way that makes others know you are a follower of Christ.

February Virtue children were recognized at the School Mass



KIDS 4 KIDSTUTORING

There will be NO tutoring from March 6th—March 17th due to IOWA testing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Ali,
aabreu@hrcschool.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TUTORING

There will be no tutoring next week, during IOWA testing. Effective March 13th, Middle School students needing tutoring will sign up for tutoring by noon on the day of tutoring. We are also proposing tutoring in All core subjects- ELA, Math, S.S., & Science on Monday and Thursdays until 4pm; teachers will tutor in the Math & Science classrooms. One middle school teacher will start tutoring and the others will join after car line. This way, if a student needs help in a subject they do not have to wait for a specific day, they have two potential days to get help from all teachers and get assistance in more than one subject..



BETA CLUB JR

LET US LEAD BY SERVING OTHERS

06 MONDAY

MAKE YOUR MARK

In the lunchroom students will be invited to write about how they are "Making a Mark" here at Holy Redeemer! Find out WHO will be invited to be an honorary BETA at morning prayer today!

07 TUESDAY

TELL ABOUT IT

BETA BUZZ---We encourage all BETA members to strive for excellence in the classroom and in their daily lives. Keeping in the pillar of Academic Achievement in mind, Beta Club members are the catalyst for change and a positive impact on the world. Ask a BETA member to tell you all about Beta Club and how you can be the best you can be!

08 WEDNESDAY

WORK WITH OTHERS

Service is an important part of BETA CLUB! We are joining with NJHS to ask each HRCS family to bring in a new toy or book to donate to the kids in our Kissimmee community. Think of a way you can be of service to others, perform a random act of kindness, or simply work well with others. How can you be a better servant of our community? It is up to you!

09 THURSDAY

THINK ABOUT GROWTH

Today we focus on personal growth! Students will list growth goals to display in the lunchroom. How can I be a better person? A better leader? What can you do to make this world a better place? Today's challenge: look at your life and ways you can improve your leadership skills in order to reach your full potential.

10 FRIDAY

BETA SPIRIT DAY

On this Friday, all HRCS students receive a BETA CLUB sticker in honor of BLACK & GOLD Spirit Day. We celebrate the leaders of tomorrow, good character, achievement in the classroom and service to our community.

BETA CLUB WEEK MARCH 6-10

Make Your Mark

Tell About It

Work With Others

Think About Growth

BETA CLUB JR

On Monday March 6, 2017, we mark the kick off National Beta Club Week. Since 1934, the National Beta Club has been inspiring young people to strive for EXCELLENCE in **Academics, Character, Service and Leadership.** We celebrate HRCS BETA club for "Making its Mark" by serving our school and community.



Florida Future Problem Solvers

Holy Redeemer Catholic School would like to congratulate the following students for participating and placing in the Central Florida Future Problem Solvers competition:

- Alex Alvarado
- Victoria Destremps
- Emilyyanne Richart
- Chanel Ruiz-Walls
- Danniell Santiago



HRCS FPS Winners: Danniell, Alex, Victoria, Emilyyanne and Chanel.

On February 22nd, these students went up against the best of the best in innovative thinkers and doers of Central Florida middle schoolers. The hours and sacrifices they put into preparing for this competition was rewarded tenfold when they placed 4th in both the writing *and* performing portion of the competition! They will now be representing Holy Redeemer in the statewide competition in March. Congratulations and good luck Knights!



Danniell performing his skit with his alternative team.



Chanel and Victoria dramatically walking away from Alex and Emilyyanne.

A special thank you to the parents who allowed their students to participate in this experience. States here we come!

A Note from Fr. Chris Dorsey

Starting Friday, March 10th, during lent (with the possibility of extension depending on reception), I will be available from 11:20 – 1:00 for students 4th-8th grade to stop by and talk with me during lunch. This is not the time for extended counseling (I am happy to set appointments on an individual basis for this), it is rather a time I can be accessible to many people for the purpose of praying with them for people or events, confessions which don't require extended counseling, spiritual guidance, blessings, or other shorter needs. I look forward spending time with all of you and hopefully sharing in the graces God works through our encounters.

God Bless.



APRIL 2017

Student Name: _____ Grades: _____

Total Regular Lunches for the month: _____ At \$4.00 each = \$ _____

Hoc Lunch: \$ _____ = \$ _____ Grand Total for the month _____

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 A) Oven Fried Chicken with Roll B) Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce Sweet Kernel Corn Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	4 A) Teriyaki Chicken With Rice - Dinner Roll B) Pazzo Garden Fresh Salad/ Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	5 A) Philly Cheese Steak on Roll B) La Fiesta Nachos Tomato Dippers Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	6 A) Chicken Alfredo and Pazzo with Garlic Bread B) Pazzo Roasted Broccol Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	7 A) La Fiesta Nachos B) Dill Chicken Party on Bun Seasoned Potato Twizers Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco
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17 NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL	19  Happy Easter!	EASTER BREAK	
24 A) Oven Fried Chicken with Roll B) Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce Sweet Kernel Corn Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	25 A) Teriyaki Chicken With Rice - Dinner Roll B) Pazzo Garden Fresh Salad/ Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	26 A) Philly Cheese Steak on Roll B) La Fiesta Nachos Tomato Dippers Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	27 A) Chicken Alfredo and Pazzo with Garlic Bread B) Pazzo Roasted Broccol Chilled Fruit Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco Milk: White, Strawberry, Choco	28 NOON DISMISSAL

Please turn Lunch Order Forms to **Homeroom Teacher**
NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 15, 2017
 Menus are subject to change
 Please circle your choice of Food & Milk
 Lunch Order Total owed will be deducted from **FACTS**



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