



Mission and Philosophy

Mission Statement

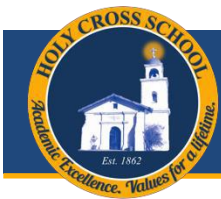
Holy Cross Catholic School, a ministry of Holy Cross Church, educates and guides children in their spiritual, intellectual, and moral development. We offer a strong academic program in an environment centered on the message of the Gospel and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Philosophy

Holy Cross School provides an academically challenging Catholic education. We welcome diversity in our school and value the unique gifts students and families contribute to our school community. We recognize parents as the primary educators of their children, and teachers as facilitators of learning. We integrate high academic standards with experiences that develop the values, attitudes, and habits necessary for our students to become intelligent, articulate, and socially responsible citizens who contribute to their family, faith, and world communities.



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Student Learning

A graduate of Holy Cross School is:

A Christ-centered individual who:

- ✚ Lives the Gospel values of compassion, justice, tolerance, and honesty.
- ✚ Shares his/her gifts and talents in service to family, school, Church and community.
- ✚ Understands, values, and participates in Catholic worship.

A responsible citizen who:

- ✚ Takes responsibility for his/her actions.
- ✚ Has knowledge of current events and world affairs, and understands their impact.
- ✚ Appreciates and respects ethnic and cultural diversity.
- ✚ Participates actively in the larger community.

An enthusiastic life-long learner who:

- ✚ Demonstrates organizational proficiency and cooperative and independent learning skills.
- ✚ Possesses a solid foundation in all academic subjects.
- ✚ Knows how to seek and interpret information.
- ✚ Possesses strong oral and written communication skills.
- ✚ Uses technology resourcefully and responsibly.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the school schedule?

School begins at 8:00am and dismisses at 3:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. School dismisses at 2:00pm on Wednesdays for faculty professional development. **Due to COVID-19, pick-up times are staggered (gr. K-2 at 2:30pm, gr. 3-5 at 2:45pm, gr. 6-8 at 3:00pm; Wednesday dismissal time is one hour earlier than the other days of the week).**

Does the school provide scholarships or financial aid?

It is our goal to ensure that all children have access to a Catholic education. Families may apply for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. Tuition assistance is disbursed according to need.



Does the school provide before and after school care?

Students may be dropped off at school starting at 7:30am. We provide supervision after school through our Extended Care program which runs until 5:00pm. We provide the students with snack, activities and homework support. **Due to COVID-19, Extended Care is currently unavailable. All students are picked up by 3:00pm (2:00pm on Wednesdays).**

What curriculum and standards are used?

Holy Cross School offers an engaging and rigorous academic program that aligns with the Common Core State Standards. Each grade level uses developmentally appropriate best practices to ensure mastery of grade level standards.

How is technology used in the classroom?

The faculty at Holy Cross School utilizes technology as a tool to enhance the learning environment. Each classroom has an interactive white board. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 participate in a 1:1 iPad program. Chromebooks and iPads are used at various grades in developmentally appropriate ways.

How is religion incorporated into the school day?

Religion and Catholicism are the heart of the school program. Each day begins with assembly and prayer. Faculty use curriculum approved by the Diocese of Monterey to give students a foundation in Catholicism. We attend mass at Holy Cross Church at least once a month as a whole school and participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. **Due to COVID-19, masses have been minimized.**

What Service-Learning Projects are offered?

Helping others is an important value that is instilled in students. All students participate in service projects throughout the year. Past projects have included donation drives for the Holy Cross Food Pantry, supporting local maternity homes, and reading to animals at the local SPCA.