



Crusader Connection

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2024-2025 School Calendar

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful Grandparents' Day on Wednesday of this week. We shared Mass together, they were able to have a snack with their grandkids, walk through the renovated library space, attend the book fair, and visit student classrooms. Grandparents and Grandfriends are such an important part of our students' lives so it was a blessing to share this time with them!

As you hopefully saw, report cards were released yesterday and we will have our Parent Teacher Conferences next Monday. If you have not signed up for a conference time and would still like to meet with a teacher, please reach out to them individually to schedule a time to meet as registration for conferences has closed. We are looking forward to meeting with parents to discuss how we can continue to partner in supporting your children. Please remember that we will have a Noon dismissal on Monday to accommodate conferences!

Halloween is swiftly approaching! We will be allowing students to dress up for Halloween this year. Please see the guidelines posted below for appropriate costumes. We also have PTO's Chili & Pumpkin fest coming up on Sunday, October 27. See below for more details!

Finally, a reminder that next Tuesday we will be collecting money in homerooms for Hurricane Relief. The homeroom that collects the most money will receive ice cream at lunch next Friday. Thank you for your generosity!

Have a great weekend!

God Bless,

Kimberly Wagner, Principal



OCTOBER *Humility*

- Humility means being modest and not thinking you're better than others
- It's like being a good friend who listens and cares about others
- Humble people are kind and don't show off
- Acknowledging our gifts and being willing to share them with others



Every month this year, we will talk about a different virtue and a saint who exemplified that virtue in their life. Our goal is to grow in virtue as a school as we work toward becoming saints! Every week we will recognize students who have been exhibiting that month's virtue in the classroom. See our Virtue Rockstars for last week below!

Humility means being modest and not thinking more highly of ourselves than we should. This doesn't mean that we don't recognize the things that we are good at! However, we should be willing to use those gifts to serve God and others rather than to glorify ourselves. St. Therese of Lisieux is a great example of humility. She is a Doctor of the Church known for her "Little Way." The "Little Way" is to ask ourselves in every situation how we can best show love to others and serve them. She always acknowledged that anything great that came from her was God's work and not her own. St. Therese, pray for us!

VIRTUE ROCKSTARS! FOR HUMILITY

Oliver Scherrer	Lucy Lantz
Mason Klein	Reese Lubbers
Willa Whitely	Galileo Perez
Wyatt Golden	Cy Parento
Murphy Houle	Paisley Clineman
Aidan Christophel	Reed Stringer
Brooklynne Martin	Isaac Ackerman
Ada Churchman	Lindsey Larison
Will Massey	

After Care Sign
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Library & Media Center Blessing

On Sunday, October 13, our new library and media center was unveiled and blessed by the Most Reverend John Iffert, Bishop of the Diocese of Covington. Below are the remarks from our Principal, Mrs. Wagner:

In July of 2023, about two weeks after I became principal at St. Henry, Fr. Lange came into my office and shared that we had a very generous family who wanted to donate money toward our library in honor of their mother who had recently passed away. Betty Karceski's children did not attend school at St. Henry, but after they were grown, Betty found a home at St. Henry parish. According to her daughter, Jessica Mussio, Betty loved to garden and fought a running battle with moles in her yard, she loved to read, especially Agatha Christie mysteries, and above all she loved God. It is those passions that led Betty's children, Jessica, Jason, and Jarrett, to donate the money for this project.

As we worked on the design for this project, we wanted to make sure that this would be a space that would support a love of reading and learning in our students far into the future. St. Henry's has a reputation for having the best school library in the Diocese and that is a reputation that we wanted to live up to! In expanding the library to include the media center and collaborative workspace, we hope that this will be somewhere that we can foster creativity and ignite the intellectual curiosity of our students. As we worked to put together the design, we wanted the space to be bright and open and to have areas that worked for students of every age. We are so excited for our younger students to have story time and work in areas that were designed just for them. Our older students also have a space to research, to collaborate, and share their work.

For our students, this library is their gateway to new worlds, new ideas, and new discoveries. We hope they will find joy in the pages of the books they read, the research they conduct, and the collaborative projects they undertake in this wonderful new space.

For our faculty and staff, we hope this library will be a valuable resource that will empower them to bring learning to life in new and innovative ways. We are excited to see how they will utilize this space to engage our students and foster a love of learning. For our parents and community members, thank you for your support of your children and their love of learning. We are grateful beyond measure for your commitment to a Catholic education and to the success of our school.

Finally, I want to thank Mrs. Bohman, our librarian. She has been involved in every aspect of this project and has put in countless hours getting this space ready for our students. Our students cannot help but to be influenced by her love of books and her dedication to helping them find that love within themselves. Kate DiCamillo said that "Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered as a precious gift." We are blessed, through the generosity of the Karceski family, to be able to offer this gift to our St. Henry community. *Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

In his comments about the new library and media center, the Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, offered the following: "Let me just add to that, I am a lifelong reader myself and I am glad to hear that there are still books in the library. I use an e-reader, but there is just something wonderful about a page. Right now, I am going back and rereading McCullough's biography of Harry Truman. Truman is so consistent in his witness about how reading was a constant education to him throughout his life. Reading was the way he said, 'we encountered the lives of those great folks who come before us and so it prepares us to be virtuous people and leaders of the world.' He said, 'if a person wants to be a leader in their community they should read about the heroes of previous cultures.' As your Bishop, there is a special class of heroes that I want to make sure our young people are reading about and that is the lives of the saints. Those who know what it is to follow Jesus and face all kinds of challenges and stay true to Him. If we can read about the lives of the saints and be affected by them, if we can read about the lives of the great civic leaders who have come before us and see the way God worked through them and then let God guide us and form us into the leaders we need for our age."

We invite parishioners and families to stop by school and check out our new library and media center. It has always been an amazing part of our school and now, it is a state-of-the-art facility that will support our students far into the future.

This week's Diocese of Covington Messenger also features our new library/media center. [You can read about it here!](#)



Halloween

- No face/body paint
- No weapons
- No masks
- No blood/gore
- Costumes should meet all dress code requirements for length and coverage
- Dress code appropriate shoes required
- Colored hairspray is permitted

COSTUME GUIDELINES



We love our grandparents!

Wednesday was grandparent's day! Our grandparents went to Mass with us (we had two to accommodate everyone), enjoyed a treat after Mass, visited classrooms, our

new library/media center, and the Scholastic Book Fair.

In 2022, Pope Francis wrote about the importance of grandparents, "that the elderly are civilization's great teachers, living encyclopedias who cultivate memory, show how we fit into a much larger history, and help us learn how to be human. They unite a wisdom of head and heart. They reveal that what matters is ultimately not physical strength and vigor, but the wisdom that comes from God and from time." {National Catholic Register}

We are always looking for grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., to help out in our school. Be sure to share the information below with them and let us know if they're interested!



We love having our grandparents
with us throughout the school year!

WAYS TO SUPPORT SHCS

Help in the cafeteria during lunchtime*

Read to our students in the library *

Substitute teach*

Volunteer for Monday night bingo

Financial support

FOR MORE INFORMATION



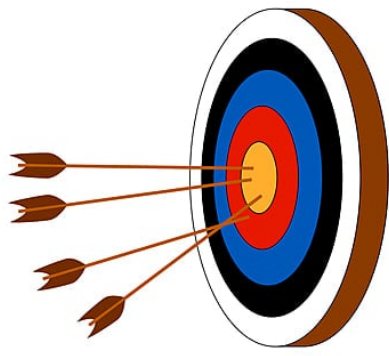
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*All volunteers must be VIRTUS compliant.

Archery Registration Now



Open!

Archery is currently open to 6th-8th grade students, but may open up to 4th-5th depending on numbers. For more information and to register for Archery please click the link below.

[Register for Archery Here!](#)



DADS, DUST OFF YOUR SNEAKERS: THE CRUSADER COURT CALLS FOR HEROES!

It's that time for a tale from the hardwood, where the fountain of youth flows freely. Where every dribble echoes with the sound of creaking joints and every jump shot is a defiance of gravity. Gone are the days of simple shorts and a shirt. Now, we gear up like we're entering a gladiator arena. Knee braces, ankle supports, wrist guards and elbow pads make us look like we're ready for a deep sea exploration.

Now you may think at times we're playing in slow motion, and you wouldn't be entirely wrong. Sometimes you just need to catch a blow and what better way than to walk it on back on defense. A single trip down the court? That's our marathon. We celebrate making it to the other side like we've just crossed the finish line in Boston!

Injuries? We treat those like badges of honor. A wrong sneeze could throw the back out and earn you the knick name 'Sneezus Christ'. But despite the comedy of errors, the grunts, the ballet of slow-motion offense, there's magic in these moments. The camaraderie, the laughter and that fleeting feeling of being back in our prime, even if it's just for a second, that's priceless.

So if this sounds of interest to you, there are a group of us men playing with the hearts of teenagers and the physiques that suggest we're time travelers on quest to rediscover our youth.

In the Crusader League, we don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

Email Eric@izzys.com to get on the weekly email chain and join us in reliving those glory days.

Signed,
Eric "Every-Step-Hurts" Geisen

Cafeteria News

- **MENU CHANGES: Early dismissal October 21; no lunch served**
- **Cafeteria volunteers needed!** We welcome all moms, dads, and grandparents to help serve lunches. The students LOVE seeing their family at school. All volunteers must be VIRTUS compliant; you can check with our VIRTUS coordinator, Leah St. John, lstjohn@sthenrynky.com or call the school office, 859-342-2551, regarding the



BINGO

Thank you to all of our parents/grandparents/parishioners/SHCS friends that volunteer with our bingo. We have several regular monthly positions that need to be filled. Volunteers for these positions are exempt from the pull-tab requirements. Training is provided for all positions. A coveted Bingo Cru t-shirt is provided, as is free dinner, drinks, and fun!

Bingo Paper Sales

This is a seated or standing position and requires the volunteer to review customer's orders, ring them up using a laptop, collect money/provide

change, and give out bingo paper (some bending/stretching is involved). Great position for those who don't want to walk or stay late. Shifts are available the **third week of the month**, 5:00-7:00 PM and 5:15-7:30 PM.

Bingo Caller

A **first week caller** is needed from 6:30-10:00 PM. This person should have a commanding voice, be able to take charge of the bingo hall, and not be afraid of the microphone. Caller calls bingo balls and keeps the games running smoothly.

Paymaster

A second week paymaster is needed. The paymaster counts money and pays out bingo winners throughout the night. It is a seated position and requires the ability to use a laptop. Time is 6:30-10:00 PM.

For more information, contact Ryan Bihl, watermobihl@yahoo.com, Jamie Powers, jamielpowers00@gmail.com, or call the school office, 859-342-2551.



Auditions

**Thursday, November 7th and
Friday, November 8th starting at
3 pm in the theatre room.**

**Students should sign up for an audition
day BEFORE **October 30th.****

**Prepare 30 seconds of a song and be
prepared to read from the script**

****Students MUST have a signed Audition
Form to audition****

Descendants Audition Form



Chili

PUMPKIN FEST

Date: Sunday October 27

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: St. Henry cafeteria



What to expect:

Bring your favorite chili to share. Bring a carved or painted pumpkin.

We'll have prizes for the top three chilis and pumpkins. The Bengals game will be on the TV. Please bring your family and join us for some fall fun! We'll have a sign-up genius for sides and desserts but please bring your own drinks.



SHCS 1st Ever

Chili/Pumpkin Fest Family Event

- Bring a crockpot of your best chili to share -- prizes will be awarded!
- Get your gourd on: carve or paint a pumpkin -- prizes will be awarded!
- Don't worry about missing the Bengals game -- we'll have it on!

SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN THE FUN!

Staff Spotlight

Getting to Know You



Elainey Brady
Kindergarten



- Graduated from Thomas More University
- Elainey is married and has two older brothers
- She came to St. Henry because of the supportive community
- Favorites: lemonade, Chick-Fil-A & Reese's
- She loves Christmas and reading
- Best piece of advice ever received: Do what is right, not what is easy.
- Describe yourself in one word: dedicated

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Sainthood Virtue

NEWSWORTHY

Growing up in a Porn Culture: How Social Media, Gaming and Pornography Harms Our Youth

Presented by

Dr. Mandy Sanchez

Director of Programming at Culture Reframed

Sponsored by the

Diocese of Covington Offices of Safe Environment and Catholic Schools

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024



Since 2000, the internet has become the main vehicle for porn, and hardcore porn is just a click away — it is free, violent, and based on the degradation and abuse of women and children. The proliferation of the smartphone, together with the growth of teen-targeted social media sites, has opened up yet more avenues for teens to access hardcore porn. This presentation will explore the most popular social media platforms accessed by young people

today, linking the social media, and porn industries and the harmful effects of their exposure on young people.

A must-see presentation for anyone who cares about children and the vulnerable in our world today.

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM Doors open

7:00 PM Program begins

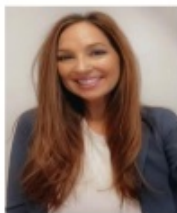
Place: St. Henry District High School Drees Homes Auditorium
3755 Scheben Drive, Erlanger, Kentucky

Who: All adults (18+) are welcome!

Preregistration preferred, but not required!

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/jgeLwrkQRZiu35oX8>

Questions? Contact Julie Feinauer, Director, Office of Safe Environment jfeinauer@covdio.org



Dr. Mandy Sanchez, Director of Programming, Culture Reframed

CultureReframed

Dr. Sanchez joined Culture Reframed as the Program Coordinator in the spring of 2021. She holds a doctorate in Sociology with a specialization in Criminology and Women's Studies from the University of Hawaii and has been a professor of sociology and criminal justice since 2013. For more information about Dr. Sanchez and Culture Reframed visit: <https://culturereframed.org/>



CARRIE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Registration is live for this year's event! Register now!

Join us for the third annual Carrie Williams Memorial Scholarship Euchre Tournament on Saturday, November 30! Come for an evening of euchre, food and drink, and fun as we raise funds for the Scholarship! Our first two years were a huge success, and we can't wait for the third!

Here are this year's options:

- Tournament play, including dinner and unlimited soft drinks, is now \$40.
- For those who would like to take their chance at winning even more, you can opt to play in SKINS for an additional \$10.
- This year, the tournament will be a bit shorter, 8 rounds instead of 10.
- We're also offering a new spectator ticket for those that want to come for dinner but aren't playing euchre. This ticket will include dinner and unlimited soft drinks for \$25.

The silent auction, split the pot and cash bar will be available to players, spectators and anyone who wants to just stop by and hang out with us for the night. No need to register if you're not planning on joining us for dinner.

It's going to be a blast! [Registration form](#)

Can't make the euchre tournament? [Give to the Carrie Williams Memorial Foundation online at any time.](#)

If you're interested in sponsorship opportunities, donating to our silent auction, or a high school student looking for service hour opportunities, please contact info@carriewilliamsmemorial.org.

The Carrie Williams Memorial Foundation was founded in 2022 by Carrie's family, with the mission of assisting students in financial need at local Catholic schools. Education was Carrie's passion, and this was evident in the love she poured into her students. This scholarship helps her passion live on.



WHAT AMENDMENT 2 DOES

- ✓ Enable the General Assembly to provide increased resources for additional education opportunities in local communities
- ✓ Encourage healthy competition in education, improving quality and outcomes for students in public, private, and homeschool
- ✓ Create an opportunity for the legislature to consider school choice policies that will work best for Kentucky families
- ✓ Empower more families to seek education opportunities that more closely align with their own values and beliefs
- ✓ Recognize the shortfalls of a one-size-fits-all approach to education by encouraging innovation and choice for the good of students

WHAT AMENDMENT 2 DOES NOT DO

- ✗ Eliminate the General Assembly's constitutional obligation to adequately fund public schools or take money away from individual counties or rural schools
- ✗ Close any public schools in the Commonwealth or decrease teacher pay
- ✗ Require the state to adopt a certain type of school choice program
- ✗ Increase government control or regulation over homeschool or private school instruction
- ✗ Require parents or private schools to accept school choice resources



EVERY STATE surrounding KY has a school choice program.



The amendment does NOT propose



or authorize any school choice program now, it simply keeps the door open for future programs when Kentucky's ready. Learn more about the amendment and ways you can get involved in supporting its passing at

<https://covidio.org/yesontwo/>.



St. Henry District High School Craft Show

Back at the SHAC!

35 Cavalier Blvd., Florence

Saturday, October 19; 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

\$5 entry for over 100 booths

Concessions and raffles available

Come ready to buy Christmas gifts,
holiday decorations and much more!



Dear SHDHS Feeder School Families,

We are excited to share several Save the Date announcements for upcoming events hosted here at St. Henry District High School! These events are specially designed for elementary and middle school families, and we encourage you to invite friends from outside our feeder schools who may be interested in learning more about SHDHS.

SHADOW VISITS/FAMILY TOURS

7th and 8th grade students can register [here](#) to experience a shadow visit. Families are also welcome to schedule a tour of SHDHS using the same link.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 17, 2024

This event is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade families. Registration will open in October, so mark your calendars now!

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST WORKSHOP (OPTIONAL)

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 & Tuesday, December 10, 2024

8th grade students can prepare for the placement test. Registration opens in October.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, December 14, 2024

8th-grade students interested in attending SHDHS will take the High School Placement Test.

Registration opens in November.

VIRTUS®

Anyone who volunteers in our school or parish must be VIRTUS trained and compliant. If you are interested in volunteering in our school or parish, there are many opportunities to attend the Protecting God's Children training.

To find classes, visit VIRTUS.org > drop down to select Covington, KY (Diocese) > select a session to attend and register.

If you have questions or need additional information, reach out to our VIRTUS coordinator, Leah St. John, lstjohn@sthenrynky.com or call 859-342-2551.

Anyone who has experienced sexual misconduct by a cleric, employee, religious, or volunteer of the Diocese of Covington is asked to contact Julie Feinauer, Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, 859-392-1515. Professional assistance and pastoral support will be provided in confidentiality and with respect.

Date	Time	Location
10/22/2024	9:00 AM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
10/22/2025	6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
11/14/2024	9:00 AM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
11/14/2025	6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
12/04/2024	9:00 AM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
12/4/2024	6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 20:** Confirmation Commitment Service & Mass, 9:30 AM @ St. Henry
 - **October 21:** Conferences; noon dismissal (no lunch served)
 - **October 25:** 8th Grade Fun Friday, 2:45-3:45 PM
 - **October 27:** PTO Chili/Pumpkin Fest
 - **November 1:** No School, All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
 - **November 4:** No School
 - **November 5:** No School/Election Day
 - **November 5:** Dine to Donate/Erlanger Skyline all day long
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Mission Statement

St. Henry Catholic School is a place where we learn, grow, and become Disciples of Christ by embracing the Gospel message. We will work toward our full potential each day in order to demonstrate our respect for the sacrifices made by the entire St. Henry community to ensure our success. We will remain *connected* to God and others, gain *confidence* in our academic, social, and physical abilities, and *contribute* to the community through service and leadership.

Our Parishes

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