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Since 1936, Holy Cross Catholic School has had a rich tradition of academic excellence. Our Pastor, Fr. Carl Salanitro along with school board members, parents, and staff are proud to carry on and build upon that rich tradition. In 2012, we celebrated 75 years of academic excellence in the heart of Omaha.

Strong ties to our parish and to our neighborhood bind us as one family under God. Through serving others in the Omaha metro area, Holy Cross students grow in stewardship and forge new relationships with those in need. Creating opportunities to share our time, talent and treasure fosters an ever-deepening understanding of the teachings of Christ in everyday living. Holy Cross students are well equipped to make informed decisions rooted in the values of their Catholic faith.

### **Mission**

Holy Cross School will ensure students have access to an exceptional education in a nurturing and culturally unique environment, where they are encouraged to explore their Catholic faith and become Disciples of Christ. We are committed to Catholic education that will thrive in our community for generations to come.

### **Omaha Catholic School Consortium**

Holy Cross is a member of the Omaha Catholic School Consortium. The Consortium is a collaboration of parishes, schools and parents working together to support Catholic education in southeast Omaha. The Consortium's financial, academic, administrative, and marketing support helps member schools achieve the highest quality academic standards, use of industry leading classroom technology, collaboration between teachers, and financial stability – all to benefit the students we serve.

### **Foundation of Faith**

Faith isn't just a part of our curriculum, it is the reason for our existence and the foundation for everything we do and say. Faith is integrated into all subjects. It is found on playing fields, taught through service trips and realized in daily interactions students have with the caring adults that are present to guide them. Faith is core to our culture, and our staff is committed to growing students' faith by educating them on Catholic teachings and living according to the principles Jesus taught. While we are a Catholic school, we welcome students of all faiths and backgrounds into our school community.

### **Academic Excellence**

A Christ-centered academic curriculum features fine arts, technology, physical education and language programs that challenge students with a student-professional staff ratio of 13 to 1. Holy Cross School is accredited by the State of Nebraska, AdvancEd Accredited, and also meets archdiocesan educational standards that exceed state and national requirements. Our students consistently perform in the top 25 percent of the nation for core subjects like math, language arts, reading, social studies and science.



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## **Curriculum**

Holy Cross School is accredited by the State of Nebraska and uses the Omaha Archdiocesan Standards-based curriculum to drive and focus our instruction. Our academic curriculum includes religion, reading, language arts, handwriting, phonics, spelling, math, social studies and science. Additionally, we offer Spanish, music, physical education, technology, art and library. Our dedicated staff of teachers has an average of more than 17 years teaching experience, with many holding advanced degrees.

Religion is integrated throughout our entire curriculum. Students participate in weekly Mass and eighth grade students are trained as Liturgy leaders. These leaders help the younger students prepare class Masses.

## **Discipline with Purpose**

The Discipline with Purpose (DWP) program is designed to help students of all ages evolve into compassionate young people. DWP aligns with our mission and teaches our students the skills they need to be self-disciplined and successful in any curricular area.

## **Technology in the Classroom**

Holy Cross is a blended learning community, which means we combine traditional classroom instruction with computer-mediated activities. Technology is used to transform and improve the learning process for our students. Blended learning helps us reach and teach students more effectively using 21<sup>st</sup>-century technology. It provides our educators with an opportunity to collect data to help customize instruction and assessment of students based on individual needs. Our students have access to chrome books, computers, smart boards, and more to help guide the learning process.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

The learning environment is further enhanced by a variety of activities including a walking club, math competitions, Bible Bowl, Reader's Quiz Bowl, Maker's Space, speech, book clubs, Academic Booster Club, musicals, plays, choir, art club, and a variety of interscholastic sports including basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, track and soccer.

## **Tuition Assistance**

As a member school of the Omaha Catholic School Consortium, we strive to make tuition affordable and make Catholic education available to all children. Tuition assistance and payment plans are available. Contact the school at 402.551.3773 for more information.

## **Visit Our School**

We welcome and invite you to visit Holy Cross School. To schedule a tour, learn more about our school, and to enroll, contact principal Chris Nelson at 402.551.3773.