

Holy Cross School Summer Information Packet SY 2025-2026

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New Family Information

Welcome to Holy Cross! Feel free to reach out to the school office with any questions throughout the summer to help make your transition to Holy Cross smooth and seamless. Please complete the following items before the first day of school:

If your child is transferring from another school, send a RECORDS REQUEST FORM to the old school. (Contact the Holy Cross office for the form.)
If your child is entering preschool or kindergarten for the first time, submit the following documents:

Birth certificate.
Health Exam Form (PK & K), Eye Exam Form (K only), Dental Exam Form (K only).

If you are a practicing Catholic family, submit sacramental records to the school office: Baptismal, First Reconciliation, and First Communion certificates.

FACTS Family Portal & App

Stay up to date on all things Holy Cross in your Family Portal account.

- Web address: https://logins2.renweb.com/logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx
- District Code: HL-IL

Download the Family Portal app on your smartphone or tablet for easier access to your child's grades, school calendar, and other information.

Go to your Google Play Store or Apple Store and search for "Holy Cross School Champaign."

Summer Office Hours

Beginning on Monday, June 2, the school office will be open during the following days and times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm.

The school office will reopen for full-time hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) on Wednesday July 30.

Holy Cross School Calendar

2025	2026
Monday August 11	Monday January 5
No School - Faculty In-Service Day	School Resumes - Full Day of School
Tuesday August 12	Monday January 19
No School - Faculty In-Service Day	No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day
Wednesday August 13	Monday February 16
No School - Faculty In-Service Day	
Back to School Open House - 4-6p	No School - Presidents Day
Thursday August 14	Monday March 16 to Friday March 20
1/2 Day of School - 11:30a dismissal	No School - Spring Break
Faculty In-Service Day	Friday April 3
Staggered Dismissal Times:	No School - Good Friday
11:00a - PK	Sunday April 5
11:20a - K, 1, 2 11:25a - 3, 4, 5	Easter Sunday
11:30a - 6, 7, 8	Monday April 6
Friday August 15	No School - Easter Monday
First FULL DAY of School	Wednesday April 22
First day of AFTERCARE services	Early Out - 2p dismissal
First day of SCHOOL LUNCH	Teacher In-Service 2-3p
Staggered Dismissal Times:	Friday May 8
2:50p - PK, K, 1, 2	Early Out - 2p dismissal
2:55p - 3, 4, 5	Teacher In-Service 2-3p
3:00p - 6, 7, 8 Monday September 1	Friday May 22
No School - Labor Day	Last Day of Classes
Wednesday September 17	½ Day of School - 11:30a dismissal
Early Out - 2p dismissal	No Aftercare Services
Teacher In-Service 2-3p	
Monday October 13	Monday May 25
No School - Columbus Day	Memorial Day - Holiday, No School
Wednesday October 22	Tuesday May 26 to Monday June 1
Early Out - 2p dismissal	Emergency Weather Make Up Days
Teacher In-Service 2-3p	
Thursday November 6	
1/2 Day of School - 11:30a dismissal	Quarter 1: August 14-October 10 (41 days)
Parent Teacher Conferences - Times TBD	Quarter 2: October 14-December 19 (44 days)
Friday November 7	Quarter 3: January 5-March 6 (43 days) Quarter 4: March 9-May 22 (48 days)
1/2 Day of School - 11:30a dismissal	Quarter 4. Maron 5 May 22 (45 days)
Parent Teacher Conferences - Times TBD	Total Days of School: 176
Tuesday November 11	•
No School - Veterans Day	
Monday November 24 to Friday November 28	
No School - Thanksgiving Break	
Friday December 19	
Full Day of School	

Aftercare services available Monday December 22 to Friday January 2 No School - Christmas Break

Additional Important Dates 2025

Friday August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

September 8-14

Holy Cross Feast Week

Friday September 12
PTC Hot Dog Day
Grandparent's Day

Sunday September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday September 15
All School Picture Day

Monday October 20
All School Picture ReTake Day

Monday October 28

All School Vision & Hearing Screening

Friday November 1

All Saints Day

Saturday December 6

8th Grade Confirmation Mass, 10a

Monday December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday December 25

Christmas Day - Nativity of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation

Additional Important Dates 2026

Sunday January 25 to Friday January 30
Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday March 18

Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

Saturday February 28
PTC Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday March 7
Scout Troop 9 - Merit Badge Seminar

Thursday April 2
Holy Thursday

Friday April 3
Good Friday

Saturday April 4
Holy Saturday

Sunday April 5
Easter Sunday - Holy Day of
Obligation

Friday May 1

May Crowning

Thursday May 14

Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of
Obligation

Thursday May 14 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 7pm

Updates to the calendar will be announced via school announcements



Shop online at 1st Day School Supplies for a one-stop-shop school supply kit for your student! We know price and time are two challenges every family encounters when shopping for school supplies. This program will allow you to buy all your school supplies in one simple order AND save money in the process. By buying at wholesale prices, 1st Day can offer savings of up to 30% over stores like Target, Walmart and Amazon. 1st Day uses only brand names you trust and respect like Ticonderoga, Crayola, Elmer's and Clorox. Additionally, the supplies in these kits were selected and approved by all our teachers to meet the specific needs of their classroom supply list.

Bonus #1 - Save time & money

Bonus #2 - Your child will have the exact supplies from their school supply list (no shopping at 3 stores to find a missing item!!)

Please follow the below link to order. Orders will be open until July

1 in order to ensure delivery before the first day of school in

August.

Please remember to purchase the supplies for the grade your child will be in NEXT year, SY25-26.

https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/32626



Each year Holy Cross donates bags of unclaimed items to local charities. Any uniform clothing items are washed and put into the Uniform Exchange Closet for future use by a Holy Cross family. As you buy new clothes, school supplies, lunchboxes and backpacks this summer, please <u>label every item</u> with your student's name.

There are even great websites like: namebubbles.com where you can purchase clothing labels that will not come off in the wash! The school office returns all labeled items to a student's backpack or locker. Please remember to label everything!



Physicals, Immunizations, Dental, and Eye Appointment Reminders for SY25-26

- ★ Students entering Holy Cross School as **Preschoolers**, **Kindergarteners**, **6th graders**, and all students entering Illinois schools for the first time must have their **physical exam** and immunization record <u>turned into the school office no later than the first day of school.</u> Thursday, August 14, 2025.
- ★ Students entering **Kindergarten**, **2nd grade**, **6th grade**, and all students entering Illinois schools for the first time must have their **dental exam** <u>turned in to the school no later</u> than the first day of school, Thursday, August 14, 2025.
- ★ Students entering **Kindergarten** and all students entering Illinois schools for the first time must have their **eye exam** turned in to the school no later than the first day of school, Thursday, August 14, 2025.

The State of Illinois Department of Public Health requires incoming students to have the following immunizations.

- 1. Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT)
 - PK students: 3 doses of DTP or DTaP by 1 year of age. One additional booster by 2nd birthday.
 - Kindergarten & 6th grade students: 4 or more doses of DTP/DTaP with the last dose being a booster and received on or after the 4th birthday.

2. Polio

- PK students: 2 doses by 1 year of age. One additional dose by 2nd birthday. 3 doses for any child 24 months or older appropriately spaced apart.
- Kindergarten & 6th grade: 4 dose series with the last dose on or after the 4th birthday.
- 3. Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
 - o PK students: 1 dose on or after the 1st birthday.
 - Kindergarten & 6th grade: 2 doses of vaccine, with 1st dose received on or before 1st birthday and 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks later.
- 4. Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)
 - PK, Kindergarten, 6th students: Proof of immunization that complies with the ACIP recommendations for the Hib vaccine.
- 5. Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (PCV)
 - PK, Kindergarten, 6th students: Proof of immunization that complies with the ACIP recommendations for the PCV vaccine.
- 6. Hepatitis B
 - PK, Kindergarten, 6th students: 3 doses appropriately spaced. Third dose must have been administered on or after 6 months of age.
- 7. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - PK students: 1 dose on or after 1st birthday

- Kindergarten & 6th grade: 2 doses: 1st on or after 1st birthday, 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks later.
- 8. Meningococcal Disease (MCV4, MenACWY)
 - 6th grade students: 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.
- 9. Lead Screening
 - Kindergarten students: all incoming kindergarten students must be assessed for risk of lead exposure and screened if necessary.
- 10. Diabetes Screening
 - Each yearly physical should include a screening by a doctor for the development of type 2 diabetes.

Reminder to Parents of IESA Athletes for SY25-26

If your child will be participating in any sport during the 2025 - 2026 school year, a current physical or sports physical must be submitted to the school office before practice begins for that sport. Physicals expire one year from the date on the current form. IESA grants a 30-day grace period to obtain a new physical. Health insurance will not approve a new health physical unless 365 days +1 have passed. If your child's physical expires mid-year, the school office will notify you of the upcoming expiration date. Your child will be excluded from practices and games if his or her physical has expired past the 30-day grace period. Convenient care and pediatricians can also issue a IESA/IHSA Sports Physical, which is different from the annual health physical. Sports physicals can be obtained at any time during the calendar year.

Sports offered at Holy Cross

Baseball (boys) Cross Country (boys & girls) Soccer (co-ed)

Basketball (boys & girls) Golf (boys & girls) Softball (girls)

Cheerleading (co-ed) Volleyball (girls) Bowling (boys & girls)

Scholastic Bowl (co-ed) Track & Field (boys & girls)



Summer meals are available in our community for all kids 18 and under!

To find a Summer Meals Site near you, click on the find food map (https://wegotyouillinois.org), call (800) 359-2163, or text "Food" or "Comida" to 304-304. You can also visit wegotyouillinois.org for more information.

The Summer Food Service Program is sponsored by the USDA and administered by the IL State Board of Education. The USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

School Breakfast-on-the-Go and Lunch Program 2025-2026

Prices for breakfast-on-the-go:

\$2.00 students (includes a milk); \$0.30 reduced fee

\$2.25 adults (includes a milk)

Prices for hot lunch:

\$3.75 students (includes a milk); \$0.40 reduced fee

\$4.00 adults (includes a milk)

\$0.45 milk only

Holy Cross School participates in the National School Lunch Program, which provides free and reduced-price lunches to qualified families. Household eligibility applications and direct certification information will be mailed to your home in late July.



Holy Cross' aquaponics lab has provided opportunities for students to experiment as they plant and harvest crops, such as lettuce and radishes.

Dress Code

All students are required to follow the Holy Cross dress code, an expression of unity that eliminates materialistic competition and strengthens our academic focus and discipline.

PreK - 8th Grade Girls & Boys

- Khaki or navy uniform-style pants worn at the waist, no cargo or jogger pants
- Khaki or navy uniform shorts (No shorts from November 1 until April 1) two inches above the knee worn at the waist, no cargo
- Solid white, navy, light blue, or hunter green short or long-sleeved collared polo with no logos
- Cardigan or pullover sweater in navy, gray, hunter green, or white
- Holy Cross or plain crew neck pullover sweatshirt in gray, navy, purple, or hunter green – collared shirt worn underneath with collar showing
- Holy Cross fleece in black or gray
- Socks must be worn and should not be distracting
- Closed heel and closed toed flat shoes no sandals, boots, or mules

8th Grade: Short-sleeved, solid-colored class polo

Girls:

- Pre 8th: Plaid or navy uniform jumper, skirt, or skort no shorter than two inches above knee
- Solid navy, white, gray, or black leggings or tights no patterns or embellishments. Leggings must be worn from November 1 to April 1.
- Peter Pan blouse with no logos or embellishments

ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

- Grades 3-8: Belt worn with pants or shorts
- Grades 3-8: Shirts must be tucked in.

HAIR

- Hair must be a natural color, presentable, and groomed.
- Boys' hair must not touch the evebrows or shirt collar.
- All students must wear hair in a style that does not impair vision.

JEWELRY

- Girls may wear post-earrings, non-dangling.
- No body art or piercing of any kind

MAKEUP

- Acne/blemish concealer allowed.
- Colored nail polish allowed. Nails should be short and not distracting.

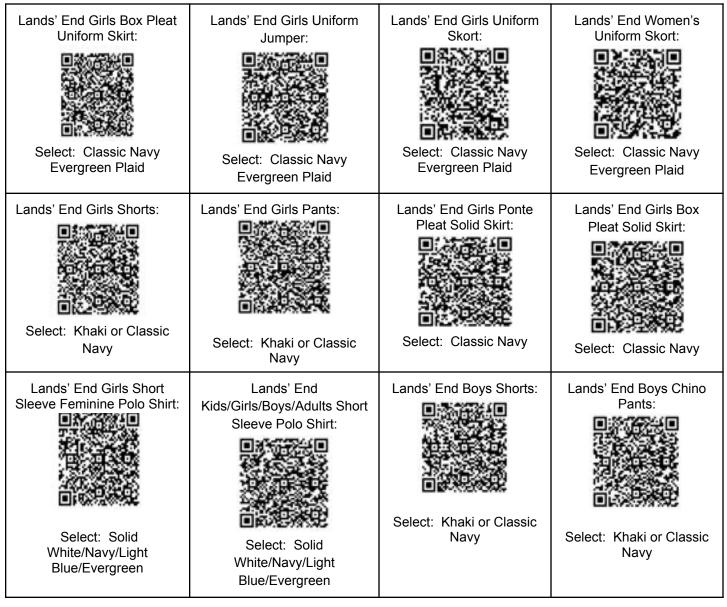
PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

- Grades K-4: white t-shirt worn over uniform with first name printed in 2" black lettering on the front
- **Grades 5-8:** purple gym shorts, HCS gray gym t-shirt (purchased from Holy Cross)
- PK 8: one pair of clean non-marking tennis shoes specifically for PE to be kept at school

SPIRIT DAYS

Thursdays will be Holy Cross Spirit days. Students may wear Holy Cross athletic or spirit wear tops with uniform bottoms.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR UNIFORM COMPONENTS



- * Lands' End uniforms are also available at Target.
- * Polo shirts, shorts, and pants can also be purchased at Target, Gap, and Old Navy

Holy Cross School Uniform Quick Guide

Polo Shirt-



(long-sleeved polos in the above colors may also be worn)

Shorts/Pants-



Skirt/Skort/Jumper-



Cardigan Sweater-



Sweatshirt-



(other variations of Holy Cross issued crew neck sweatshirts may be worn in the above colors)

Fleece-



Gray or Black Full Zip Gray or Black ¼ Zip (Holy Cross fleeces with fleur de lis may also be worn)

Uniform components can be purchased at, but not limited to:





This is an example of a "1 oversized white t-shirt for PE - Please write the student's name on front in large print." Single white t-shirts in child sizes can be purchased at locations like Hobby Lobby and Michaels Arts & Crafts.

PK 3 Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 1 1.5 inch 3 ring binder presentation view
- 1 box Crayola colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 6 0.21oz Elmer's washable purple glue sticks
- 2 boxes Crayola classic washable markers (10 count, thick)
- 1 spiral notebook, 1 subject, blue cover, 70 pages
- 1 Crayola watercolor paint set, washable, 8 colors
- 1 package white copy paper
- 4 4 oz PlayDoh cans, assorted colors
- 3 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- 1 package baby wipes, unscented
- 2 containers Clorox wipes/disinfectant wipes
- 1 package gallon zipper bags, 20 ct
- **A complete change of clothes, including socks and underwear (does not need to be uniform) that will be kept at school.
- **For full-day students ONLY

Nap bag to hold a small pillow, blanket, and stuffed animal for nap. All items must fit in the bag. NO full-sized pillow.

PK 4 Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 1 1.5 inch 3 ring binder presentation view
- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 6 0.21oz Elmer's washable purple glue sticks
- 1 box Cravola classic washable markers (10 count, thick)
- 1 spiral notebook, 1 subject, blue cover, 70 pages
- 1 Cravola watercolor paint set, washable, 8 colors
- 1 package white copy paper
- 4 4 oz PlayDoh cans, assorted colors
- 4 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- 1 container Clorox wipes/disinfectant wipes
- **A complete change of clothes, including socks and underwear (does not need to be uniform) that will be kept at school.

**For full-day students ONLY

Nap bag to hold a small pillow, blanket, and stuffed animal for nap. All items must fit in the bag. NO full sized pillow.

Kindergarten Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 1 box Crayola colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 box Cravola cravons (24 count)
- 1 4 pack of fine point dry erase markers
- 1 pack of pencil top erasers (12 count)
- 3 2-pocket plastic folders (red, orange, blue)
- 4 0.21 oz Elmer's washable purple glue sticks
- 2 boxes Crayola markers (10 count, thick)
- 1 Crayola watercolor paint set, washable, 8 colors
- 1 package white copy paper
- 20 sharpened Ticonderoga pencils
- 3 4 oz PlayDoh cans, assorted colors
- 3 pencil BOXES (5.6 in x 8.4 in x 2.5 in), assorted colors
- 1 pair of Fiskar 5" blunt tip kids scissors
- 4 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- 2 containers Clorox wipes/disinfectant wipes
- 1 package gallon zipper bags, 20 ct
- **1 oversized white t-shirt for PE Please write the student's name on front in large print.
- **1 pair of non-marking PE shoes (to be left at school for PE class only)
- **1 complete change of clothes (shorts/pants, underwear, shirt)- does NOT need to be uniform

1st Grade Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 4 pack of fine point dry erase markers
- 2 large erasers
- 6 2-pocket plastic folders (red, orange, blue, green, yellow, purple)
- 3 0.21oz Elmer's washable purple glue sticks
- 1 pair of headphones
- 1 box Crayola markers (10 count, thick)
- 30 sharpened Ticonderoga pencils
- 3 4 oz PlayDoh cans, assorted colors
- 1 pencil box (5.6 in x 8.4 in x 2.5 in), any color
- 1 pair of Fiskar 5" pointed tip kids scissors
- 3 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- 1 container baby wipes, unscented
- 2 container Clorox wipes/disinfectant wipes (35 count each or equivalent)
- 1 package gallon zipper bags, 20 ct
- **1 oversized white t-shirt for PE Please write the student's name on front in large print.
- **1 pair of non-marking PE shoes (to be left at school for PE class only)
- **1 complete change of clothes (shorts/pants, underwear, shirt) does NOT need to be uniform

2nd Grade Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 1 set of headphones
- 2 boxes Crayola colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 64 count box of Crayola crayons
- 1 4 pack of fine point dry erase markers
- 2 eraser caps (12 count each)
- 4 large erasers
- 5 2-pocket laminated folders (blue, green, orange, red, yellow)
- 1 8 oz bottle of Elmer's washable school glue
- 6 0.77 oz Elmer's washable purple glue sticks
- 2 boxes Crayola classic markers (8 count, thick)
- 2 package white copy paper
- 20 sharpened #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils
- 1 12in/30cm transparent ruler
- 2 pencil boxes (5.6 in x 8.4 in x 2.5 in), assorted colors
- 1 pair of Fiskar 5" pointed tip kids scissors
- 2 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- 3 75 count container of bleach-free disinfectant wipes
- **1 oversized white t-shirt for PE Please write the student's name on front in large print.
- **1 pair of non-marking PE shoes (to be left at school for PE class only)

3rd Grade Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 2 1 inch 3 ring binder, white
- 1 box Crayola colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 24 count box of Crayola crayons
- 1 black dry erase marker
- 1 12 count package eraser caps
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 box of multiplication flashcards (0-12)
- 4 2-pocket plastic folders (blue, red, green, yellow)
- 3 all-purpose white glue sticks, 0.21oz each
- 1 set of headphones
- 2 yellow highlighter, chisel tip
- 1 box Crayola classic markers (12 count, thick)
- 1 package filler paper, wide ruled (100 count)
- 20 sharpened #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils
- 1 pencil pouch, clear, 3 ring binder holes
- 1 12in/30cm transparent ruler
- 1 pair of Fiskar 6" pointed tip kids scissors
- 1 25 count heavyweight sheet protectors
- 1 9x6, 70 page, sketch pad, Pacon brand or equivalent
- 1 3x3 sticky notes, yellow, 100 count package
- 2 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- 3 35 count disinfectant wipes
- **1 oversized white t-shirt for PE Please write the student's name on front in large print.
- **1 pair of non-marking PE shoes (to be left at school for PE class only)

4th Grade Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 1 composition book, wide ruled, 100 page (green)
- 3 dry erase markers, black, chisel tip
- 6 2-pocket plastic folders (blue, red, green, yellow, orange, purple)
- 1 0.21oz Elmer's washable purple glue stick
- 2 chisel-tip yellow highlighters
- 1 set of headphones
- 1 package 100 count 3x5 ruled, white index cards
- 1 box Crayola classic markers (8 count, thick)
- 1 200 count package wide ruled filler paper
- 30 sharpened #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils
- 1 pair of Fiskar 7" pointed tip scissors
- 1 11x8.5, 70 page, sketch pad, wirebound, Pacon brand or equivalent
- 2 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- 1 75 count container of bleach-free disinfectant wipes
- **1 oversized white t-shirt for PE Please write the student's name on front in large print.
- **1 pair of non-marking PE shoes (to be left at school for PE class only)

5th Grade Supply List

- **1 backpack
- 3 1" 3 ring hardcover binder (black, blue, green)
- 1 stretchable fabric book cover
- 1 box Cravola colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 3 packages of 5 tab, 3-ring binder write-on, binder dividers
- 2 chisel point, black, dry erase markers
- 2 large pink erasers
- 6 folders, 2 pocket & prong (blue, red, green, yellow, orange, purple)
- 3 0.77 oz Elmer's washable purple glue sticks
- 1 set of headphones
- 4 chisel point vellow highlighters
- 1 box Crayola classic markers (8 count, thick)
- 2 100 count packages wide ruled filler paper
- 30 sharpened #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils
- 1 pencil pouch, clear, 3 ring binder holes
- 20 medium point black pens
- 10 medium point red pens
- 1 pair of Fiskar 7" pointed tip scissors
- 1 11x8.5, 70 page, sketch pad, wirebound, Pacon brand or equivalent
- 4 boxes of tissues (124 ct each) or equivalent
- **1 pair of tennis shoes for PE, to be left at school
- **PE shorts & shirt (purchased from Holy Cross School Office)

All 6-8 Grade Students:

- An organizational system such as folders for each class or a 10-pocket TRU-RED Expandable file folder (no trappers with or without handles - too large for lockers and under classroom chairs). The organization must be one that works for your child.
- 2 packages of wide ruled loose-leaf paper, 100 count
- 12 medium-point red stick pens
- 60 #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils
- 1 6-count package of chisel-point **multi-color** highlighters
- 1 12-count box of colored pencils
- 1 zip-pouch pencil case
- 2 75-count containers, bleach-free disinfectant wipes
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex, for classroom use
- **1 large backpack with name on inside must be able to fit in locker
- **1 pair of tennis shoes, new or clean- left at school (PE)
- **PE shorts and shirt (purchased at Holy Cross)
- 1 set of earbuds or small headphones must stay at school
- Locker shelf (Middle school students do not have desks to put supplies in, only their lockers)

In addition:

6th Grade:

- 2 1" sturdy Avery hardcover 3-ring binder with plastic slipcover (Science & Literature)
- 2 packages 5-tab binder dividers (Science & Literature)
- 12 black medium-point black pens

7th Grade:

- 2 1" sturdy Avery hardcover 3-ring binder with plastic slipcover (Science & Literature)
- 1 packages 5-tab binder dividers (Science)
- 12 black medium-point black pens
- 1 Scientific Calculator TI-34 (can be purchased at Holy Cross)

8th Grade:

- 1 1" sturdy Avery hardcover 3-ring binder with plastic slipcover (Science)
- 1 package 5-tab binder dividers (Science)
- 1 package index cards
- 1 Scientific Calculator TI-34 (can be purchased at Holy Cross)

Band Elective

- **1-inch black three-ring binder
- **Plastic sleeves

Choir Elective

**1-inch black three-ring binder

A planner will be provided to each student on the first day of school