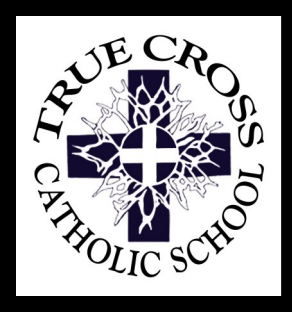


# Crusader Chronicles

November 29, 2018

Yolanda Agrella, Principal



**Office Hours**  
**7:45am -3:30pm**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **December**

- 2** Children's School Liturgy  
10:00am Mass
  - 5** Basketball Home Game  
4:30pm
  - 6** Room Parent Meeting  
8:00am
  - 7** Early Release 2:00pm
  - \*7** Bake Sale Hosted by Pre-K4  
\*\*\* CORRECTED DATE\*\*\*
  - 12** Staff Luncheon  
Hosted by Pre-K3, Kinder, 3rd, &  
8th Grades
  - 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe 2pm  
Hosted by 2nd-4thGrades
  - 13** City of Dickinson Parade
  - 14** Christmas Program 7-8pm
  - 20** Christmas Pajama Day pk-4th  
Christmas Shirts 5th-8th
  - 21** Christmas Parties  
All Wear Christmas Shirts & Jeans
  - 21** 12:00pm Release
  - 21—Jan 4** Christmas Break
- ### **January**
- 4** Teacher Inservice
  - 7** Classes Resume
  - 7** Basketball Home Game 4:30pm
  - 14** Basketball Home Game 4:30pm
  - 21** Martin Luther King Day  
No School
  - 27 - Feb 2** Catholic Schools  
Week & Book Fair
  - 27** Children's School Liturgy  
10:00am Mass
  - 30** Grandparents Breakfast
  - 31** Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm
  - 31** Open House 6-7pm
- ### **Febuary**
- 16** Steps for Students

## **This Sunday is the Children's School Liturgy at the 10:00am Mass**

Remember, students will receive a Free Dress pass for this Monday if they attend Mass in their full dress uniform.

### **From the Principal**

Dear TCCS Parents,

In order to provide you with the most update account information and reflect timely payments and charges, we will be running EDP and lunch account statements weekly. Please monitor your renweb accounts to ensure your records and ours reflect the same information. As a reminder, your lunch account should always reflect a positive balance and EDP charges need to be paid in a timely manner.

All payments may be made through the front office with cash, check, and now credit card through our PayPal Account. Please be aware when paying by credit card you will pay the 2.8% credit card convenience fee from PayPal.

### **From the Office**

This is the time of year when children tend to share their germs with each other. Please remember the school's policies as stated in the handbook regarding attendance and illness. "A student may not return to school until free from fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours. If the child has any of the above symptoms before coming to school, please keep him/her home. Keep your child home when he/she has a bad cold, sore throat, unusual skin eruptions, eye infection, swollen glands, nausea, etc... Any child exhibiting such symptoms will be sent home." Please refer to the Family Handbook (available at [www.truecrossschool.org](http://www.truecrossschool.org)) for further details.

### **TCCS Band News**

Our TCCS Fife and Drum Band will be performing at Dickens on the Strand this Saturday! Their first performance will be from 12:00-12:20 at the Strand and 22nd/23rd Street. They will march in the Queen's Parade at 2:00pm down the Strand. Their final performance time will be at 5:30pm at the Westminster Abbey Stage at Strand and 23rd Street. Good luck Band!

### **Our Lady Of Guadalupe Feast**

The True Cross Catholic School 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be re-enacting the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2018, 2:00pm at the True Cross Parish Hall. Students from 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will participate in the play and students from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will perform the Matachines Ritual Dance. For more information please visit our school's website, [www.truecrosscatholicsschool.org](http://www.truecrosscatholicsschool.org). Thank you so much and let us all pray for this event and ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession.

### **TCCS Float for the City of Dickinson Christmas Parade**

Permission slips are going home in today's folder for students who would like to ride on our TCCS float in the City of Dickinson Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 13th. Please be aware, only students who have this form filed in the school office will be permitted to ride on the T.C.C.S. float. There will be no exceptions. Remember, to have a ride waiting at the end of the parade. The float will not be returning to True Cross. Unfortunately we have lost our stockpile of lights in the flood. Our float committee is seeking donations for this year's float in order to purchase the lights and decorations needed, as well as bales of hay for the students to sit on.

### **Basketball**

Our Crusader Basketball Team's next home game will be on Wednesday, December 5, at 4:30pm. Please make plans to come and support our team! Check the upcoming events to the left, or [www.truecrossschool.org](http://www.truecrossschool.org) for upcoming games. GO CRUSADERS!!! Good Luck !!! **VOLUNTEER ALERT!!!** Help is needed at our Concession Stand during Home Games from 4:30pm—5:30pm. Volunteers please contact Coach Flores at [mflores@truecrosschurch.org](mailto:mflores@truecrosschurch.org).

### **Birthday Party Invitation**

All children are invited to sing at a big birthday party! A celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, the most important birthday of the whole year! This big birthday event will be on Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm Mass. Two practices will be held on Monday, December 17 at 6—7:30pm and Monday, December 24, at 3:00pm. Caroling starts in the Church at 4:00pm. Children will have a small snack break before caroling begins. The invitation is extended to Second Grade and above. Children can wear their usual Christmas attire for the Mass. For more information, contact Mr. or Mrs. Urbina.

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## **As You Prepare for the Holidays Please Share with Your Family and Friends**

If you have a Kroger Rewards Card, don't forget to make sure you are "re-linked" to True Cross Catholic School for this school year.

Our NEW True Cross School NPO# is CP856. If you haven't already, please visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and sign up today. It is an effortless, year round way to give!

Don't forget your cardboard dimes! Remember to check your boxes, cans, wrappers and bags for Box Tops. Progresso Soups and Green Giant Vegetables are participating in the Box Top Program, too! Watch for those Box Tops over the holidays. Our next contest is around the corner! Results from the Box Top Fall Push will be announced next week!

## **VIRTUS**

It is necessary for all parents/grandparents, who help with class parties, field trips, field day, eating lunch with your child, grandchild or volunteering with classroom activities to have attended a Virtus class.

Virtus, is a 3 hour class that last 5 years. This is an Archdiocesan requirement and policy for the protection of our students.

- December 15, 2018 at 9:00am a Virtus class will be held at Shrine of True Cross Church in Dickinson. You must preregister online and arrive 30 minutes EARLY TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY PAPERS.

All upcoming dates and locations as well as registration for this training are found on [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). The Protecting God's Children is the 3 hour **VIRTUS** class. You **must** pre-register online and arrive 30 minutes early. **If you have had VIRTUS** and are in need of the refresher course which is required every 5 years, several local churches will offer the refresher "Keeping the Promise Alive"- a 1.5 hour session that provides ongoing awareness. You **must** pre-register online and arrive 30 minutes early. **Please, if you have ANY questions regarding VIRTUS please contact Mrs. Mitchiner in our school office.** Thank you.

## **Steps for Students**

We are picking up speed and Steps for Students will be here before we know it. Anyone can join TEAM TRUE CROSS and everyone can support you! Our competition this year will look at not only if classes are 100% registered, but which class leads in donations and sponsorships! We will also recognize our Crusader(s) who raise the most for Team True Cross! The holidays are a perfect time to set up your fundraising page and engage in some good hearted family competition! All for a great cause!!! If you would like to assist with the Steps for Students and Team True Cross please contact Tracy Sheridan in the front office or via email at [tsheridan@truecrosschurch.org](mailto:tsheridan@truecrosschurch.org).

The 14th Annual Steps 4 Students 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019. Please take the time to register.

TCCS is planning to repeat our 100% of Staff and Students registered for the race and this year we need donors and sponsors!!!

This year Steps is utilizing a new software, Givegab, for registration and fundraising and the registration looks different and the options have changed. There are several types of registrations available for the 2019 race:

- Timed Registration - \$20
- Untimed Registration - \$18
- Registration for 4 **or more** people - \$18 per person (all will be timed)
- \* Hit the Snooze for Students - \$18 (does not include timing chip or bib) but does include a
- \* T-Shirt.

There is also a "Sponsor a Runner - \$20" Please be aware. This does not come directly to TCCS. It goes to the diocese to benefit all schools.

There is no longer a set processing fee, it is now 4.45% +\$0.30 on all payments, registration and donations. For example, on a \$20 registration the fee is \$1.19. There is still the option to cover that fee.

**As of February 1, 2019 all registration fees will increase by \$10.**

When you register, there is no registration code.

Remember to select "Please send my Packet to my school" if you do not wish to drive to Houston to pick it up. This year they are also offering an option of a DriFit T-shirt for an extra \$5.

**THIS IS NEW AND VERY IMPORTANT: You will select True Cross as your team after you have completed entering all of your registrants and entered your credit card information.**

True Cross team designated registration will directly benefit TCCS.

Registrants will also be able to select more than one school for their family at that time (i.e. TCCS and O'Connell).

Families can use one email address for multiple people by using the +1, +2, +3...option (for example [tsheridan+1@truecrosschurch.org](mailto:tsheridan+1@truecrosschurch.org), [tsheridan+2@truecrosschurch.org](mailto:tsheridan+2@truecrosschurch.org), [tsheridan+3@truecrosschurch.org](mailto:tsheridan+3@truecrosschurch.org)).

There will be assistance available during business hours via a chat bubble at the bottom right corner of the screen to address any of your questions but please feel free to contact Tracy Sheridan at [tsheridan@truecrosschurch.org](mailto:tsheridan@truecrosschurch.org) if needed.

We plan to have sponsored team shirts this year and a REALLY GOOD TIME!!! So come and join us! Register at [www.Steps4Students.org](http://www.Steps4Students.org) today!

AND REMEMBER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TCCS TO REGISTER FOR YOU, JUST FILL OUR FORM AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE OR ONLINE AT [WWW.TRUECROSSSCHOOL.ORG](http://WWW.TRUECROSSSCHOOL.ORG) AND SEND IN \$20 PER REGISTRANT TO THE OFFICE AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE CARE OF REGISTERING FOR YOU!