



Holy Cross Stars Academy

Where Every Child Shines

September 2025 Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents,

Welcome one and all to the 2025-2026 school year! First and foremost, I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome and for selecting Stars Academy as your new family! It has been a pleasure getting to meet many of you and reigniting partnerships with our returning families. I am so optimistic that during your time at Stars Academy you will establish long lasting relations with other families and will be amazed to see your child(ren) blossom into shining stars!

September is primarily devoted to getting to know each other and settling into our classroom routines. For some children going to school is a first experience away from home and parents, so this transition may be difficult. We will, therefore, move slowly until all are comfortable with their new friends and surroundings. For the first few weeks of school, we will be focusing on becoming familiar with people and places at school; becoming familiar with schedules and routines, working and playing cooperatively with peers, and developing skills of empathy, respect, and responsibility. Activities and projects are designed not only to teach, but to provide opportunities for your child's discovery of his or her ability to learn and create. I look forward to a year filled with exploration, discovery, creativity, and confidence in their ability to learn new skills, make new friends, and take risks.

For planning purposes, please be aware of the special dates for this month:

September 8	First regular day of school including extended hours
September 10	National Hot Dog Day
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 17	St. Sophia - Liturgy attendance for 3- and 4-year-old students
September 22	1st Day of Autumn; "Taste of Applesauce"
September 24	Meet and Greet 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
September 26	National Pancake Day

Please remember to label all items of clothing and food items. If you have not sent in family and individual photos, please send them as soon as you can. To address student allergies, all nuts and nut products are prohibited.

Please feel free to contact me or Ms. Joanne if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for entrusting your precious angels to our care.

Regards,
Cathy Helfrich
Education Director

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