



# Crusader Connection

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Dear Parents,

It is always fun to see our students dressed up for picture day! They looked great today and were excited to get their pictures taken. If your student was not here today, we will have our retake day on Friday, October 11. There has also been exciting progress on our library this week. The furniture was delivered and is being assembled. Next week we will finish up final projects in the space. We hope that you will join us on Sunday, October 13 for an Open House and Bishop Iffert will be here to bless the library/media center space. It is going to be a great place for our students to learn and work!

Tonight is our annual Parent Volleyball Challenge! This is a great opportunity to gather as a community for some competition and fun. Even if you are not playing for your child's grade we invite you to come up and spend some time with the St. Henry community. We kick things off at 3:45 with the teachers vs. the 8th grade students.

Next week we have the delivery from our annual Mumkins sale. The mums will come in and be distributed on Tuesday afternoon. We are still looking for people to help with this process! If you are available to help please sign up [HERE](#). Next Friday we will also have our first Mass with our Olympic Teams. This year on days where we have Olympic Team meetings students will attend Mass with their Olympic Team instead of with their class. This is a great opportunity to grow the relationships across our grade levels with prayer and fun! This does mean that on Olympic Team days students will not be able to sit with family members who are attending Mass to aid us in keeping track of our students and to foster that sense of community. Thank you for your understanding!

Finally, you may see that we have put up some signs about "Vote Yes on Issue 2" around campus. We do have extra yard signs that we will have available for parents to take and put in their yards starting on Monday. There is more information about Issue 2 below. Please take a few minutes to read about this important amendment to the KY Constitution. This issue has the possibility to have a significant impact on Catholic schools and the funding that is available to us in every area of education from academics to safety. We appreciate your support and we hope that you will make sure to "Vote Yes on 2" on election day!

I hope you have a great weekend and I hope to see you at the Parent Volleyball Challenge this evening!

God Bless,

*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*



# SEPTEMBER *Self-Control*

**Self control is being in control of our emotions, thoughts, words, and actions.**



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!

Virtue is a firm and habitual disposition to do the good. When we talked about this at our opening assembly, we discussed that this means that we are forming good habits that will help us be closer to God and each other. If we aren't good at one virtue, we can always practice to get better!

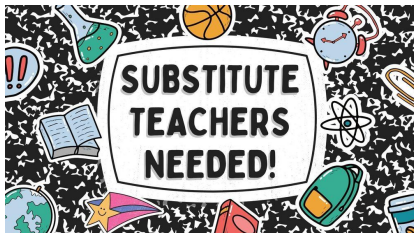
## VIRTUE ROCKSTARS! FOR SELF-CONTROL

Braxton Patton  
Reid Lageman  
Rosie Boden  
Margo Voelker  
Jasper Patrick  
Carter Lageman  
Xavier Duff  
Nora Anthony  
Max Fette

Annabelle Reed  
Alexa Haglage  
Reed Fedders  
Emma Lucius  
Landon Addison  
Nathan Jankowski  
Luke Wood  
Ariana Burton



## CruNews



St. Henry Catholic School needs VIRTUS trained adults as substitute teachers throughout the school year. This is the perfect opportunity for those looking to get out of the house, spend time with kids, or for extra income. Schedule is flexible! For more information, contact Kimberly Wagner, [kwagner@sthenrynky.com](mailto:kwagner@sthenrynky.com), Cindy Lageman, [clageman@sthenrynky.com](mailto:clageman@sthenrynky.com), or call the school office, 859-342-2551.





### Confirmation Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 24, in church for the parents and students of those preparing for Confirmation. Parents and students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation, important dates, and information on saints and service opportunities will also be provided. If you have questions, reach out to Susan Bier, Coordinator of Religious Education, 859-727-2035, or email [sbier@sthenrynky.com](mailto:sbier@sthenrynky.com).



### Altar Server Training

We will have another altar training session on Monday, September 30, at 6:45 PM in church for any student in fourth through eighth grades who would like to serve Mass **but did not attend the first training on September 13**. In order to serve at school Masses, servers must be actively serving at their parish.

If your child/ren are interested, please complete the [registration form](#) and turn it into the school office. Monday night is bingo night; there is additional parking in the teacher lot on Cross Street. Training would take about 30 minutes. Questions? Reach out to [kstaverman@sthenrynky.com](mailto:kstaverman@sthenrynky.com).

### Cafeteria News:

- If your family is currently eligible for free and reduced lunches, eligibility will expire on October 1, 2024. To reapply, visit: [myschoolapps.com](https://myschoolapps.com). Families can apply any time during the school year for the free and reduced lunch program if your family's financial situation has changed. If you have questions, reach out to Jessica Andrews, [jandrews@sthenrynky.com](mailto:jandrews@sthenrynky.com).
  - **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](mailto:lstjohn@sthenrynky.com) or call the school office, 859-342-2551, regarding the requirements. [Sign up to volunteer here.](#)
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# Olympic Teams Need You!

St. Henry's Olympic Day program is looking for

donations of:

**Paper Towel Rolls**

**Toilet Paper Rolls**

**Empty Rectangular Kleenex Boxes**

Please bring all donations to the school office



## PTO NEWS

Next Meeting  
October 10 @ 7:00 PM  
School cafeteria

Our school PTO had their first meeting of the school year and have lots planned for the upcoming school year! [Take a look and let us know how you can help out!](#)

Thank you to the following parents for heading up our PTO this year; contact them if you can help out or if you have ideas!

President: [Katie Gross](#)  
Vice President: [Jessica Andrews](#)  
Secretary: [Dorothy Schowalter](#)  
Treasurer: [Chrissy Keller](#)



Join Us October 27!  
More details to come!

## Chili PUMPKIN FEST

BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHILI TO SHARE AND A CARVED OR PAINTED PUMPKIN! WE'LL HAVE THE BENGALS GAME ON TOO!

### 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!

## After Care Sign Up

**PSST... WE'VE GOT A  
NEW LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER AND WE CAN'T  
WAIT TO SHOW YOU ... OCTOBER 13 [AT] 12:30 PM**



## Staff Spotlight



**Ryann Scott**  
**Theater**



## Getting to Know You

- Grew up in Illinois, Wisconsin & Kentucky
- Ryann and her husband have two children
- Favorites: soy latte, McAlister's, anything from Trader Joe's & caramel chocolates
- Must have office supply: a really good pen
- Proudest achievement: teaching at St. Henry and On Stage; I love sharing my love of theater
- What would you title your biography? "The Girl of Many Careers"
- Best piece of advice ever received: you've got to let it go!

**LIVING**  
*Sainthood Virtue*

## PET blessing



"Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Maker of all living creatures.  
On the fifth and sixth days of creation,  
you called forth fish in the sea,  
birds in the air and animals on the land.  
You inspired St. Francis to call all animals  
his brothers and sisters."

***All creatures great and small are invited!***

**Friday, October 4**

7:45 AM & 6:30 PM in the parking lot.

All pets must be leashed or contained and under the control of their owner at all times!

Friday, October 4, is the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of animals and the environment. To commemorate this observance, pet blessings will

## SHCS Boosters Need You!

The SHCS Boosters is a great way to get involved in the school community. The program hosts several fun and popular events, raises money for the athletics program, and provides support to the school. Meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the gym. We are looking for new, excited members and we are looking to fill the following roles:

- President
- Treasurer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Archery Coach

More specific information on the role of each position can be provided if interested. If you would like to be added to the email list for additional information and upcoming events, please email [boosters@sthenrynky.com](mailto:boosters@sthenrynky.com).



Basketball registrations are now open for boys and girls in grades 1-8. Registration ends on Friday, October 4.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Pictures:** October 20

**Boys Crusader Classic Starts:**  
November 8

Questions? Contact Michael Quinn,  
[Michael.K.Quinn@huntington.com](mailto:Michael.K.Quinn@huntington.com)

**Register for Basketball**



### **SHDHS Looking for Swim Team Members**

Coach Ogonek will be hosting an informational meeting for the upcoming swimming season on Monday, September 30, at 7:00 PM in the SHDHS cafeteria. This meeting will provide important details about practices, meet schedules, team spirit wear, swim suits, and more.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to try out for the swim team this year. Tryouts will be held on Tuesday, October 8, and Thursday, October 10, from 7:00-8:00 PM at Silverlake. Please note that a current physical and a [FinalForms](#) account are required for all athletes before tryouts.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and need more information, please contact Coach Ogonek at [logonek.ath@shdhs.org](mailto:logonek.ath@shdhs.org).

We look forward to seeing you there!



# ST. HENRY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

THE GOLF COURSES OF KENTON COUNTY  
3908 Richardson Road, Independence, KY 41051

**Parent/Child 9-Hole Scramble**  
**Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM**  
\$25 per player  
Includes cart. Two, three, or  
four-member teams permitted.

**Adult Scramble**  
**Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM**  
\$100 per player  
Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, drink  
tickets, prizes, & afterparty.

Register today on  
[https://e.givesmart.com/  
events/DTZ/](https://e.givesmart.com/events/DTZ/) or scan the  
QR code!



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Hole Sponsorships: \$100 Each**  
Includes business logo on a 2' x 1.5' sign at tee

**Additional sponsorship opportunities available!**

For more information or to donate a raffle item, contact:  
David Miller [golf@sthenrynky.com](mailto:golf@sthenrynky.com)



**Golf Outing Registration**

**NEWSWORTHY**



Every state surrounding Kentucky has multiple educational choice

What you will see on the ballot:  
*The Amendment will be on the  
second page of the ballot!*

To give parents choices in  
educational opportunities for their  
children, are you in favor of  
enabling the General Assembly to



programs. These programs help cover the cost of non-public school tuition for eligible families. These programs sometimes cover educational expenses beyond education, including special needs therapies, textbooks, and technology.

Kentucky has no educational choice program, but efforts are underway to change that. The 2024 General Assembly passed a Kentucky Constitution Amendment bill, and the Amendment will be on the November 5, 2024, ballot for voter approval.

*Kentucky students, parents, and teachers deserve the best opportunities that are right for them. What you need to know about voting YES ON 2 ...*

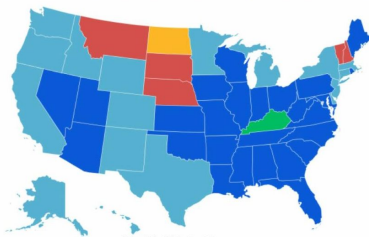
#### Amendment 2 will:

- Empower parents to have more control over their child's education
- Give more opportunities to all students regardless of their background
- Provide more opportunities for students with special needs
- Result in a pay raise for teachers as it has in our neighboring states, Ohio and Indiana
- Increase funds for Kentucky education

#### The Facts:

- Kentucky is one of two states (North Dakota) that does not offer students and parents educational opportunities from school choice.
- Every state around Kentucky has educational opportunities like those in Amendment 2.
- As it stands today, wealthy students have school choice in Kentucky. It is the less advantaged students who are not able to seek the education that fits their needs.
- Kentucky's education structure was established in 1891. A lot has changed since then, but the structure has not.
- Amendment 2 does not create any new programs. That decision is up to Governor Beshear and the Legislature to determine what any programs may or may not look like.

### SCHOOL CHOICE NATIONAL SNAPSHOT



National School Choice Snapshot  
■ STATES WITH PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS  
■ STATES WITH PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS AND NO PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE LAWS  
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■ STATE WITH NO PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE LAW AND INACTIVE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAW

provide financial support for the education costs of students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are outside the system of common (public) schools by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

"The General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools. The General Assembly may exercise this authority by law, Sections 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186, and 189 of this Constitution notwithstanding."

#### How you can help:

- Write an op-ed & share it with [info@kentuckystudents.org](mailto:info@kentuckystudents.org)
- Sign up for updates on our website: [kentuckystudents.org](http://kentuckystudents.org)
- Like us on Facebook @ Yes On 2 and share our posts!
- Visit [www.covdio.org/yesontwo](http://www.covdio.org/yesontwo) and sign up to help with Grass Root Efforts!

Learn more: [KentuckyStudents.org](http://KentuckyStudents.org)



IT'S TIME FOR  
**BUNCO!**

**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL**

**St. Henry School Cafeteria**

**Friday, September 27 @ 7:00 PM**

Doors open @ 7 PM

Games @ 8 PM



The Welcome women invite all ladies to join us for a night of bunco and friendship! Cost is \$20 and includes heavy appetizers, drinks, sweets, and doorprizes!

Never played bunco? Don't worry, it's easy to learn and fun!

Tickets will be sold after all Masses through September 22 or you can stop by or call the parish office to purchase tickets, 859-727-2035.

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Bunco tickets will be sold after all Masses at St. Henry this weekend. You can also [sign up online](#) and drop payment in the collection basket at St. Henry, or stop by the school/parish office.

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## 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

Ongoing beginning September 16, 2024

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.

### CRUNITE

Thursday, September 26, 2024

7th and 8th-grade students are invited to our Homecoming tailgate party, featuring food, fun activities, and a chance to experience the SHDHS spirit! Register before September 13 to receive a free t-shirt. [\[Click here to register\]](#).

### VOLLEYBALL GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 - SHDHS vs. Holy Cross

3rd-8th grade students who wear their volleyball team uniform shirt will get in free. Games start at 5, 6, and 7 p.m., and students will have the opportunity to meet the volleyball team.

### CRU Preview Day

Monday, October 17, 2024

8th graders will be bused from their feeder schools to spend the day at SHDHS.

### 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.

**WHIT'S**  
FROZEN CUSTARD  
*made fresh daily*

**NORSE**  
BASKETBALL

**HOOPS & SCOOTOPS**

**MEET THE 2024-2025 NKU NORSE MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS**

**OCTOBER 3RD**

**DOORS OPEN @ 6:15PM**

**TRUIST ARENA**

**FREE EVENT**

**FREE Exclusive Schedule Poster\***

**FREE Whit's Frozen Custard\***

**Family Friendly Games on Concourse**

**Autograph Session | Ticket Giveaways**

**\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST\***

**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](https://www.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](mailto: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
10/02/2024	9:00 AM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
10/02/2024	6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
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

- **September 20:** Parent Volleyball Challenge
  - **September 24:** Confirmation Meeting/Church, 7:00 PM
  - **October 1:** Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline all day long
  - **October 4:** Pet Blessing, 7:45 AM
  - **October 7:** No School
  - **October 10:** Out of Uniform to benefit for Walking w/Moms in Need
  - **October 12:** Boosters Golf Outing
  - **October 13:** Library Blessing & Open House, 12:30 PM
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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

### St. Barbara

4042 Turkeyfoot Road  
Erlanger, KY 41018  
859-371-3100  
[stbarbaraky.org](http://stbarbaraky.org)

### St. Henry

3813 Dixie Highway  
Elsmere, KY 41018  
859-727-2035  
[sthenrychurch.net](http://sthenrychurch.net)

### Cristo Rey

25 Cavalier Boulevard  
Florence, KY 41042  
859-538-1175  
[micristorey.com](http://micristorey.com)

### St. Henry Catholic School

*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

[kwagner@sthenryky.com](mailto:kwagner@sthenryky.com)

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