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2024-2025 School Calendar

Dear Parents.

We have had a fun last week before Christmas break with music, a visit from Mrs. Claus, Santa's Workshop, Olympic Team Meetings, Christmas parties, and more! We have also worked to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Jesus through prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and exercising the virtue of generosity. I think it is safe to say that our students are ready to celebrate Christmas on all fronts!

A quick reminder for eighth graders that need service hours, help is needed to decorate church on Sunday, December 22, at 3:30 PM. This is a great way to get service hours and to continue to prepare our hearts as well as our church for the coming of Jesus!

Last week we sent out a parent survey. If you have not already, please take a few minutes to fill that out. You can find it <u>HERE</u>. The results of this survey help us to see how we can make St. Henry even better for our students and our families.

I wanted to remind you that school will be closed from December 23- January 1. School will resume on January 2nd.

I hope that you will have time to relax and take time with friends and family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the beginning of a new year. Know that you are all in my prayers during this holiday season!

God Bless.

Kimberly Wagner, Principal





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 below!

After Care Sign Up

CruNews



Bingo News



We will not have bingo on Monday, December 23, or December 30.

From all of us at the St.
Henry Catholic School
Bingo, Merry Christmas and
we thank you for your
support!



Must be 18 years or older to enter hall.

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Join us on Wednesday, January 1, and kick off the 2025 with bingo fun!

- Doors open @ 11:00 AM
- Bingo @ 1:00 PM
- Triple Crown Derby, The Fort, Hog Wild, Lucky Loser drawing, Big Hoss, Bingo Shark
- Free dauber game and free jitney with the purchase of a door package.



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BINGO

Thank you to all of our parents/grandparents/parishioners/SHCS friends that volunteer with our bingo.

We have several regular monthly positions that need to be filled. Volunteers for these positions are exempt from the pull-tab requirements. Training is provided for all positions. A coveted Bingo Cru t-shirt is provided, as is free dinner, drinks, and fun!

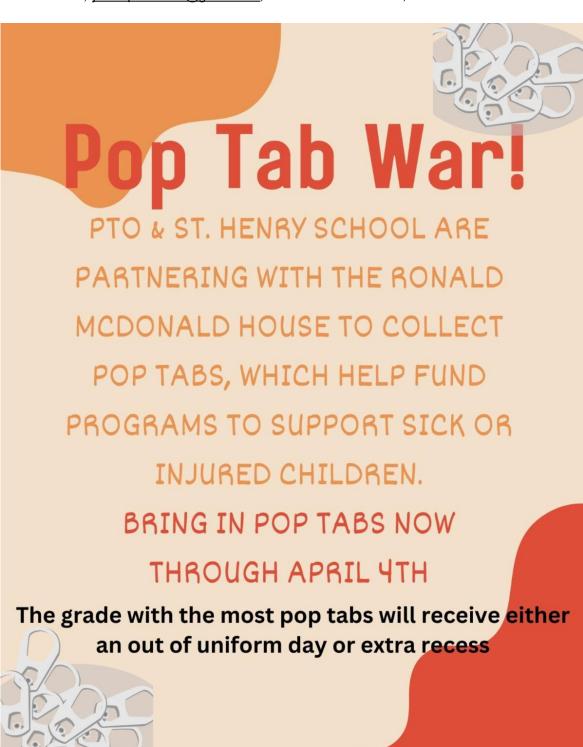
Bingo Paper Sales

This is a seated or standing position and requires the volunteer to review customer's orders, ring them up using a laptop, collect money/provide change, and give out bingo paper (some bending/stretching is involved). Great position for those who don't want to walk or stay late. Shifts are available the **third week of the month**, 5:00-7:00 PM and 5:15-7:30 PM.

Bingo Caller

A **second week caller** is needed from 6:30-10:00 PM. This person should have a commanding voice, be able to take charge of the bingo hall, and not be afraid of the microphone. Caller calls bingo balls and keeps the games running smoothly.

For more information, contact Ryan Bihl, <u>watermobihl@yahoo.com</u>, Jamie Powers, jamielpowers00@gmail.com, or call the school office, 859-342-2551.



SUPPORT YOUR CRUSADERS



It's easy to support your Crusaders!



Every time you or your family and friends shop at Kroger, we earn rewards! Scan the QR code to sign up or log into your account to select St. Henry (school code TL347). The Kroger Community Rewards program does not interfere with your fuel points!



Parish News



Church Decorating for Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 22, at 3:30 PM. A lot of help is needed, as this is when the Christmas trees will be placed, as well as the Nativity pieces. On Monday, December 23, help is needed when the poinsettias arrive at 10:00 AM. What a way to help your parish while meeting other parishioners and families. Students that

need service hours are also encouraged to help out. Call the parish office, 859-727-2035.



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JUBILEE 2025



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. This Jubilee Year themed "Pilgrims of Hope" is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

OPENING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 • 2:00PM • CATHEDRAL BASILICA Mass will begin with a procession from St. Mary's Park (across the street).

DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Join the Diocese of Covington for a year filled with hope! Throughout the Jubilee Year, the Diocese will offer opportunities for pilgrimage: locally, regionally, or internationally. You can also participate in spiritual and corporal works of mercy through our ongoing "Campaign of Mercy." Discover your Jubilee path by visiting our website: www.covdio.org/jubilee or by scanning the QR code.



WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Jubilee on February 22, 1300.

In ancient Judaism, the Jubilee Year was when Mosaic law prescribed that slaves could regain their freedom, and that land, (of which God is the sole master), should be returned to its former owners.

WHY MAKE A PILGRIMAGE?

A pilgrimage is a journey with a purpose. It is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform to the holiness of God. A pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year 2025 offers a unique opportunity for us to deepen our Faith, experience God's grace, and embrace the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."

To explore opportunities for pilgrimage locally, regionally, or internationally, visit covdio.org/jubilee or scan the QR code above.

WHAT IS THE JUBILEE LOGO?

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth, uniting all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is a sign of faith and hope. There are rough waves under the figures, symbolizing life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. The cross bends down towards humanity, stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

ST. HENRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

NOW

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



APPLY AT: SHDHS.ORG

Applications Are Open for 25-26- Apply Now.

We are excited to announce that the 2025-2026 school year applications are now open. Due to the high level of interest, we anticipate a waitlist this year. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to secure your place.

Shadow Days

Prospective students are invited to experience a day in the life of a Crusader! Shadow Days provides a firsthand look at our classes, teachers, and vibrant school community.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please don't hesitate to contact Toni Lehan at tlehan@shdhs.org.

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YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Get ready for an exciting introduction to the world of football!

Our Youth Flag Football program is open to players from 1^{st} through 8^{th} grade in the 2024/25 school year. Grades 1-6 will be 5 vs. 5 and the 7th & 8th grade will be 7 vs. 7.

Through fun and engaging activities, you'll learn the fundamentals of the game while developing essential skills like passing, catching, and teamwork. With a focus on sportsmanship and fair play, this program provides a dynamic platform for personal growth and athletic development.

All experience levels are welcome to join the fun.

Scan the QR codeon the right to register for the upcoming Spring 2025 season.



CHEERLEADING

Join our spirited Crusader Youth League Cheer squad and showcase your skills at our exciting games and events!

This program is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the 2025/26 school year.

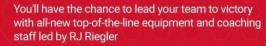
Whether you're a seasoned cheerleader or brand new to the sport, we welcome athletes of all experience levels to come out and be a part of our dynamic team.



Scan the QR code on the left to pre-register for the upcoming Fall 2025 season.

TACKLE FOOTBALL

Our Tackle Football program is open to 6^{th} , 7^{th} , and 8^{th} graders in the 2025/26 school year.



Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the sport, all experience levels are welcome to join the fun.

Scan the QR code on the left to pre-register for your spot on the team for the upcoming Fall 2025 season





It's hard to think about Spring Flag football with snow in the forecast....But spring flag registration is open as well as interest forms for 2025 Fall Middle School Tackle and Cheerleading. Visit: https://www.crusaderyouthleague.com/ for information and signups.

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 <u>VIRTUS.org</u> > 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 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	Location
1/14/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
1/15/2025 @ 6:00 PM	Bishop Brossart HS, Alexandria
1/30/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
2/13/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
2/26/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:000 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
3/11/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
3/26/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 23-January 1: Christmas Break
- December 23: St. Henry Church Decorating, 3:30 PM
- January 1: New Year's Day Bingo, 11:00 AM
- January 2: School Resumes
- January 3: Lady Crusader Invitational Begins
- January 7: Dine to Donate: Erlanger Skyline all day long
- January 7: Boosters Meeting, 7:00 PM
- January 14: Dine to Donate: Panera, Crestview Hills, 4:00-8:00 PM
- January 14: PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- January 20: No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 24: 8th Grade Fun Friday, 2:45-3:45 PM
- January 26: SHCS Open House, 12:00-2:00 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.

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