



# Crusader Connection

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2024-2025 School Calendar

Dear Parents,

Happy Feast of St. Nick! This morning St. Nick visited St. Henry and left a treat for all of our students. We also talked about St. Nick in Mass this morning and the tradition of generosity that is ingrained in the spirit of this feast day. As our virtue for this month is generosity, this was a great connection for our students!

We have several opportunities for students to grow in this virtue of generosity in the coming weeks. First is the movie night that benefits Toys for Tots tonight. Parents can drop off their students to watch Christmas movies and have fun for a few hours for the cost of 1 new toy. Information went home last week and is on our Facebook. For our eighth graders that are preparing for Confirmation and need service hours, on Saturday, St. Henry Parish is hosting its first Cookie Pack. This is a great opportunity to join the parish community to put together and deliver boxes of cookies to the residents at Erlanger Baptist. The fun starts at 9:00 AM in Wehage Hall (parish office building). If you have questions, reach out to Tammy Stone, [tammy.stone@emshro.com](mailto:tammy.stone@emshro.com) or call 859-250-0119.

Next week, we have our Christmas program on Wednesday. Please see below for more details. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the true spirit of Christmas! Santa's Workshop is also coming up before Christmas Break and we are still in need of volunteers. It is a really fun event and we hope that you will be to come and be a part of it.

On Monday, we will be attending the 8:00am Mass as a school community in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Usually we are off school for Holy Days, but the USCCB had originally indicated that the obligation was going to be moved to Sunday so we based our calendar off of that information. In the last couple of months that changed, and now Monday, December 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation. As our calendar was already set we decided that we would still attend school on this day and go to Mass as a school community.

I also wanted to remind you about the Angelico Project Mass here at St. Henry tonight. There will be Reconciliation, Mass, and a Young Adult social. I hope you will be able to attend! Have a great weekend and a blessed 2nd Sunday of Advent!

God Bless,

*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

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# DECEMBER

*Generosity*

To give freely to others  
without expecting  
anything in return.



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!

## VIRTUE ROCKSTARS! FOR BROTHERLY LOVE

Olivia Danks	Tyson Finch
Graham Houle	Alexa Haglage
Wyatt Golden	Owen Parnitzke
Gracie Stallmeyer	Molly Francis
Colin Schierberg	Jaxon Faris
Hudson Burkhardt	Dalton Williamson
Ada Churchman	Serenity Melson
Landon Melson	Brooklynn Spradling



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Patty Sandwich Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion Curly Fries Green Beans Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads Pineapple, Strawberry Cups Juice Milk	Fiesta Hot Pocket Salsa, Sour Cream Black Beans, Corn Mandarin Oranges Apples Juice Milk	Hot Dog OR Chili Coney Shredded Cheese, Onions Potato Wedges, Veggie Boats Pears, Grapes Chocolate Chip Cookie Juice, Milk	Bosco Stick Tomato Soup Peas & Carrots Pickle Spears Applesauce, Orange Slices Juice Milk
Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion Potato Wedges, Baked Beans Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Confetti Pancakes Sausage Patties Tater Tots Veggie Boats & Dip Pineapple, Strawberry Cups Juice Milk	Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Pears, Grapes Juice Milk	Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Parmesan Cheese Glazed Carrots, Garden Salads Mandarin Oranges, Apples Juice	Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Seasoned Broccoli Garden Salads Applesauce, Orange Slices Juice Milk
BBQ Riblet Sandwich Pickles, Onion Curly Fries Green Beans Peaches, Sidekicks Juice Milk	Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Garden Salads Pineapple, Strawberry Cups Juice Milk	Soft Tacos Shredded Cheese, Lettuce Onion, Salsa, Sour Cream Black Beans, Corn Mandarin Oranges, Apples Juice Milk	Mini Corn Dogs Potato Wedges Veggie Boats & Dip Pears, Grapes Carnival Cookie Juice Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pickle Spears Peas & Carrots, Tomato Soup Oyster Crackers Applesauce, Orange Slices Juice Milk
No School 23	No School 24	Merry Christmas 25	No School 26	No School 27
No School 30	No School 31			

Alternate meal options include PB&J Grab & Go, Yogurt Grab & Go, or Grilled Chicken Box Salad. Fruits & Vegetables offered with all options. Meat options not available on Fridays. Menu subject to change by product availability. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

# After Care Sign Up

## CruNews



### First Annual St. Henry Christmas Cookie Pack

Do you love to bake? If so, then St. Henry needs you for the **First Annual St. Henry Cookie Pack**. This is a fun, family activity for St. Henry parishioners and school families. Everyone is welcome to help. Here's what we need: We need families to bake Christmas cookies and bring them to Wehage Hall on Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 AM. We will then need help packing the cookies in beautiful gift boxes and delivering them to the residents at Baptist Village.

If you are available to bake, but not available to pack the cookies, that's great too! We will need plenty homemade treats. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning during the Christmas season. If you are willing to bake and/or help with this project, please email Tammy Stone,



## Thursday, December 19 & Friday, December 20

**It's Official:** Volunteer Sign-ups are here! It takes an Elf Army to run this special program, please consider taking a couple hours of your day to help the children of St. Henry!

**How can I help, you ask?** Here are some of the opportunities available on the link:

- **Cashier:** love to work with money, this is your opportunity
- **Shopping Room:** does shopping give you joy, helping a child pick out just the right gift for their loved one may just be the spot for you
- **Gift Wrapping/North Pole:** if the kids are done shopping, they visit the North pole where there's gift wrapping, coloring, candy canes and such... if you love the sights and sounds of Christmas, this is the job for you

### Important Reminders

- Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, high school or college students, friends of the parish, etc. ... but anyone over 18 must be Virtus compliant to be an Elf
- There are time slots available in 2-hour increments all throughout Thursday & Friday. The signups include information about which grades and homerooms are coming to shop on their specific dates/times. Feel free to volunteer during your child's slot or any other time. We love volunteers who can work multiple shifts, this takes a village, please consider being generous with your time.
- Gift wrappers are available in the North Pole to help the children get the presents "Tree Ready" and help give some relief to our hard-working parents when the gifts come home

Thank you *Lauren Lantz* for setting up the Sign-Up Genius, please see the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CAFA728A7F94-53762287-santas>

Please contact us at the information below, with any questions or concerns!

Thank you and Go Cru!

Tracy Patrick 513-923-0532 [gradyjamesmom@yahoo.com](mailto:gradyjamesmom@yahoo.com)

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**ST. HENRY SCHOOL  
CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**12/11/2024**



ST. HENRY  
SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUM

LAST NAME A-L  
9:00AM-9:45AM  
LAST NAME M-Z  
1:00PM-1:45PM

RSVP  
HERE!



**OUR 1ST-5TH GRADERS WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME!**  
**PLEASE RSVP TO [BFINCH@STHENRYNKY.COM](mailto:BFINCH@STHENRYNKY.COM), USE THE QR  
CODE/LINK OR CALL THE SCHOOL AT 859-341-2551.**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RSVP**

**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, [watermobihl@yahoo.com](mailto:watermobihl@yahoo.com), Jamie Powers, [jamielpowers00@gmail.com](mailto:jamielpowers00@gmail.com), or call the school office, 859-342-2551.

## Staff Spotlight



### Getting to Know You



**Carter Black**  
**5th Grade**



- Carter grew up in Edgewood with his parents Susan & Rodney, and siblings Kenzie, Rachel & Adam
- He is excited to teach at a school where he can grow in his faith and help others do the same.
- Carter's hobbies: anything football!
- Best piece of advice? Always have your head on swivel!
- His proudest achievement: graduating from college while playing Division I football at Morehead State University

**LIVING**  
*Sainthood Virtue*

**SUPPORT YOUR CRUSADERS**

# EAT PIZZA RAISE DOUGH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17  
4:00 - 9:00

## CRESTVIEW HILLS

2949 DIXIE HWY  
859.341.2555

Mention this Giveback Night when dining in or ordering carryout and up to 20% of sales will be donated to St. Henry Elementary School. Online orders must mention "GBN" in the Order notes.



Valid only on 12.17.24 at Dewey's Pizza Crestview Hills for dine in, carryout and online ordering at [deweypizza.com](https://deweypizza.com). Must mention "GBN" at checkout in Order notes. Not valid with DoorDash delivery.



**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!



**NEWSWORTHY**





# Elks Hoop Shoot

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14**

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Collins Elementary**

**9000 Spuce Drive**

**Florence, Ky 41042**

**(Use Side Entrance)**

**For Boys and Girls Ages 8-13**

**\*\* Each Contestant Attempts 25 Free Throws \*\***

**DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM**

**8/9 Division 10:00 Am**

**10/11 Division - 15 mins after 8/9 completion**

**12/13 Division - 15 mins after 10/11 completion**

**Check in 30 minutes before competition start time**

## **AWARDS FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE**

**1ST PLACE WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT FINALS  
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2025 @ 1:00 PM IN CYNTHIANA, KY.**

The ELKS HOOP SHOOT, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a Free Throw Contest for students 8-13. Contestants age-groups are determined by their age as of April 1st, 2025. Boys and Girls will compete at the same time, but in their own groups.

For more information, contact Tony Mason, Florence Elks Hoop Shoot Chair at 859-816-5430 or at [florence.elks.hoopshoot@gmail.com](mailto:florence.elks.hoopshoot@gmail.com) or [elks.org/hoopshoot](http://elks.org/hoopshoot)



# ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

JOIN THE  
N.KY  
YOUNG  
MARINES

RECRUIT TRAINING  
BEGINS SOON



## JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION

### SATURDAY 11 JANUARY AT 1:30PM

MARSHALL SCHILDMAYER VFW POST 6095  
343 E 47<sup>TH</sup> STREET, LATONIA KY 41015



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WHERE GOOD KIDS BECOME GREAT LEADERS.



## ADVENT

A poster for a Candlelight Mass. The background is dark with a large, glowing candle on the left and a church building at night on the right. The church has a large circular window illuminated from within. The text is white and gold.

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THE  
Angelico  
PROJECT

# Candlelight Mass

ST. HENRY ELSMERE, KY

Friday, December 6  
Confessions 6pm • Mass 7pm  
Young Adult Social after Mass

Join us Friday, December 6, at St. Henry Catholic Church to experience the Mass in a powerful way! Confessions at 6:00 PM; Mass at 7:00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME. Afterwards there will be a

special social for young adults (18+, 20's, 30's & 40's). For information, contact Brad Torline, [btorline@angelicoproject.org](mailto:btorline@angelicoproject.org).

# Bambinelli Blessing

## AND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 5:30–7 P.M.**  
**ST. MARY'S PARK, CATHEDRAL SQUARE**

**BRING THE BABY JESUS FROM YOUR NATIVITY  
FOR A BLESSING FROM BISHOP IFFERT.**

COME TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF  
CELEBRATION, ADVENT AND HEART.

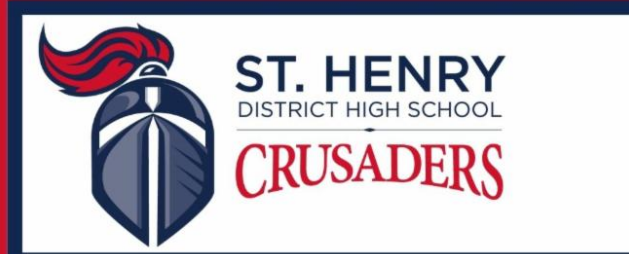
COOKIES, SANDWICHES  
AND HOT CHOCOLATE PROVIDED.

LIVE MUSIC BY  
THE ST. CECILIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ADULT CHOIR  
AND THE ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

**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.

Click here to apply now.

### **Upcoming Opportunities for 8th Grade Students**

#### 1. High School Placement Prep Classes

We're offering High School Placement Test (HSPT) prep classes on:

- December 3 and December 10, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at SHDHS. Led by experienced instructors, these sessions will help students build confidence and review key topics to feel prepared on test day. Register here.

#### 2. High School Placement Test (HSPT)

The HSPT will take place at SHDHS on:

- Saturday, December 14, 9:00 AM – Noon. Students who take the HSPT at SHDHS are eligible for several scholarships, including:
  - Scholarships for the top-scoring male and female students planning to attend SHDHS.
  - Scholarships are awarded to students planning to attend SHDHS who score in the top 10% on the HSPT taken at SHDHS, based on their rankings.

Register here for the HSPT.

#### 3. 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.

Register here to schedule a Shadow Day.

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

# 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<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2024/25 school year. Grades 1-6 will be 5 vs. 5 and the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 code on 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2025/26 school year.

You'll have the chance to lead your team to victory with all-new top-of-the-line equipment and coaching staff led by RJ Riegler

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 [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	Location
1/14/2025 @ 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington
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 & 6:00 PM	Diocesan Curia, Covington

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 8:** PTO Mother/Daughter Event, 2:00 PM
- **December 10:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **December 11:** Children's Christmas Program, 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
- **December 14:** HSPT
- **December 17:** Dine to Donate: Dewey's, 2949 Dixie Highway, 4:00-9:00 PM
- **December 19-20:** Santa's Workshop
- **December 23-January 1:** Christmas Break
- **January 2:** School Resumes

### ST. HENRY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### 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  
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stbarbaraky.org

## St. Henry

3813 Dixie Highway  
Elsmere, KY 41018  
859-727-2035  
sthenrychurch.net

## Cristo Rey

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*Kimberly Wagner, Principal*

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