

IT'S TIME



What is the promise of our Catholic schools for the future learners and leaders of Holy Cross Academy? Perhaps it is time for our entire Catholic community to see once again the fundamental value of Catholic education through a new lens of understanding.



Catholic schools are about making connections. The connection is of body, mind, spirit - and most of all the heart. Our schools are the one place that the connection of God, self, and others is able to intersect freely, becoming the normative pattern for a way of life for our children that is meaningful within our contemporary world.

This connection is about building relationships. It is about creating the balance needed for our young people in order to expand their enthusiasm for living in this real world. Jesus taught what is needed; 'love God and love your neighbor, as yourself,' expanding our capacity to love.



Our Catholic schools empower our children to live dynamically and imaginatively, exploring life and embracing the spiritual reality of their lives, being able to serve as just and loving stewards of our world. Catholic schools are about creating life-giving relationships with so many others they will meet and connect with in their life journey.

Just imagine our children being the architects of a culture of relationships, where lives are changed and where children grow up liking themselves and believing in themselves as confident learners and leaders, empowered by their own confidence, self-worth, and self-esteem. It is our children who will be creating a community of persons and a community of souls, reflecting the Community of God.



This is the promise of **our** Catholic schools and I believe it is time to look again at the sustaining power and uniqueness of Catholic education.