



# HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL EDUCATE-A-KID

Our parish has a vibrant history of supporting Catholic education at Holy Cross School and ensuring no parish student is ever turned away from the opportunity to receive a quality education in our loving and welcoming faith-filled school. To care for our families who desire this opportunity but cannot afford the tuition in whole or in part, our parish family generously provides support through our Educate-A-Kid program. By offering to Educate-A-Kid, you join a long standing legacy of parishioners and clergy dedicated to seeing that Holy Cross School remain vibrant, accessible, and diverse. We are looking for continued support of this exceptional program and backing of our Crusader community. Read the Educate-A-Kid section at the bottom of page 5 or visit our website at [holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://holycrossdewitt.org/give) to make a contribution. Contributions can be made online or via check made out to “Holy Cross School” memo Educate-A-Kid. Some companies match contributions. If you are interested in learning how to match your contribution through your employer, please contact our finance office at 315-446-0473.

**OUR MISSION** “We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society.”

## Stay connected with your parish family!

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox. Visit [www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



## Mass Times

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on TV or online. We'll share resources at [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org)**

**You can find daily Mass with Bishop Lucia at [youtube.com/syrdio](https://youtube.com/syrdio) &**

**Sunday Mass at 6:30 & 9:30am on channel 9**

## Upcoming Events:

**Please check the Holy Cross Web site [www.holycrossdewitt.org](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org) for up to date information.**



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>–The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am James Ascanio/ Leiker Family  
 10:30am Christian Hall/ Maureen Hall & Family  
 5:00pm Lucy Applegate/ The Nepil Family

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Alyce McNamara/ Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Barbara Papayanakos/ Caputo Family  
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am People of Holy Cross  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion  
 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Penance

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Charles E. Farner Jr./ Prince Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Kristen Gerthoffer Woodmansee/  
 (Brenda Cosiulla)  
 9:00am- 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am For the Work of the Diocesan Pastoral Council  
 4:00pm Christian Hall/ Michael Read  
 3:00 - 3:30pm Penance

**Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>-The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am In Honor of Trish Lowney/  
 JoAnn & Dennis Looney (living intention)  
 10:30am Collins & Morrisroe Families/ Family Members  
 5:00pm Joan Schroder/ Family & Ellyn

**This weekend's 2nd collections are:  
 Catholic University of America &  
 Holy Land**

**This Weekend's Reflection****First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7****Psalm 103****Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9****Gospel: Matthew 10:21-35**

Today in our readings we hear a lot of talk about wrath and anger. These two emotions are seen in our first reading as well as our gospel. We are called this weekend to focus on our own lives and how we treat both ourselves and



others around us. In the opening of the reading from Sirach today we hear that wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs tight to them. Do we ever get caught up in these things or hold grudges against people? In our gospel today we hear of a man who settles his accounts with his servants. The two servants beg the king for mercy and in time he will pay back his debt. The first servant is forgiven and the one who owes a much smaller debt is put in prison until he can repay the debt. What we can learn from this gospel is both patience and forgiveness. While we must learn to forgive, this is going to take time, both on our part as well as the person we are forgiving. How fast are we to condemn others when they have wronged us before we may see their side of the story? Are we open to listening to what they have to say or are our ears closed off so much that we are oblivious when they want to speak with us? Our psalm refrain this weekend reminds us how we are to be kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Are we like that to those we encounter? Do we do as Christ tells Peter today and forgive not only seven times, but seventy-seven times? It is not always easy to forgive, but we are called to forgive those who have wronged us, even if it takes time; we must be able to learn and accept forgiveness. Who in your life today needs forgiveness? Have you been harboring any negative emotions against anyone? How can you take the steps necessary to forgive those around you?

Fr Matt Rawson

**PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH**

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

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**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT****\$19,704.88 Average weekly need**

Collection of September 6 will be in next weekend's bulletin.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT  
 OF YOUR PARISH!**

**What about Mass Offerings?**

We encourage you to continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updates communications, resources, support, & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. To help support this mission, become an online giver by visiting [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give) or mail in your envelopes to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).



Thank you

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/  
Mt 18:21-35
- MON 9/14** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/  
Jn 3:13-17
- TUE 9/15** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20  
[17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- WED 9/16** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- THR 9/17** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- FRI 9/18** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
- SAT 9/19** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
- SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/  
Mt 20:1-16a

### Private Prayer Hours

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer and Devotion between 9am and 3pm - Monday to Friday.

**When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.**

These hours may change so check the website.

### Monday Night Prayer

Each Monday Night we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



### "Pray the Rosary Every Day"

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children. She urged the children to "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war (WWI)." Mornings after daily Mass and on weekends a group gathers at Holy Cross' Outdoor Shrine to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. It is informal, and open to anyone who would like to pray.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Arnold, Frank Blizzard, Leana Mae Bonnell, David Carr, Terry Chylinski, Vince Cichello, Armand Cincotta, Linda Cote', Ricco Gauf, Katie Glisson, Richard Griffin, Yvonne Grocott, Virginia Grosso, Mason Hallenbeck, Adriana Hampel, Daniel C. Healy, Elaine Hill, Macey Horbauch, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon & Joe Kieffer, Susan Keller, Jane Koszulka, Kathy Kotz, John Laura, Rory Lennon, Penny Locke, Edward Loftus, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dominick M., Austin & Tres Mahan, Mary McArdle, Gail Moloney, Angela Martin, Mary Mayle, Monica Miranda, Tracey Montague, Faith Muller, Marilyn Oparil, Al Paparo, Deanna Peters, Joanne Pistello, Patricia Pool, Mona Rawles, Micah Schwiezer, Brian Semerao, Dawn Simmonds, Kay Simon, Joseph Smith, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, Eleanor Sullivan, Shelly Tortora, Steve Wafer, and Kristin Woodmansee.

**If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email Peg@holycrossdewitt.org. We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise. Thank you.**

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.

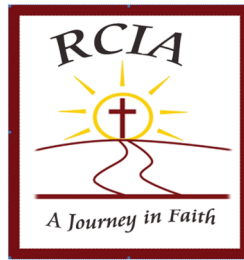
Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

### Confessions Wednesday Evenings -Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday between 7 & 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.



When someone was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist... The faith journey of each individual is unique, and the ability to walk with a person as they explore their relationship with God is a great privilege. After an appropriate pastoral formation adapted to the needs of the person seeking to participate in the sacraments, Confirmation and Eucharist are celebrated together when the person is ready. At that time, they are received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.



If you are searching for answers and a deeper relationship with God, please contact our parish office at 315-446-0473 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Formation For Ministry**

Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? Are you currently involved in parish ministry & want to learn more about how God is calling you to serve? Formation for Ministry can help you develop human, intellectual, spiritual & pastoral qualities that allow you to know, live, & share your Catholic faith. Our two year program provides comprehensive formation that includes courses, workshops, seminars, retreats, and field work. The program also serves as the first two years of formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2020-2021 academic year. For more information visit [formationforministrysyr.org](http://formationforministrysyr.org) or call 315-470-1491.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

**Sign up today!**

“My Heart started beating today!” During this first amazing month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his/her size at conception. The child is totally dependent upon their mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting their newly formed relationship-mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby’s tiny heart begins to beat. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the baby’s mother to give her child the most precious gift of all.. the gift of life.



**Spiritual Adoption Prayer**

“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of (give the baby a name), the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen.” —Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen  
Pray this prayer every day for nine months—the whole time the baby is in the mother’s womb— asking the Holy Family to save the baby’s life. You may never meet the baby you spiritually adopted while you are on earth, but you surely will in Heaven!  
Pray a Hail Mary daily for the mother also.

Baby’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gardening Angels Update**



Your Gardening Angels have weeded, pulled-up bushes, graded for grass planting in the front gardens. They’ve removed the overgrown trees along the north side of the Church. They have put down mulch around the gardens & islands. The September plan is for the Angels to replant the Daffodils & Narcissus for blooming in

Springtime. In October the Angels will separate the Iris plants for a June bloom. God’s House is looking great now & for next year. Contact Sue Sovik by phone 315 445-8980 to join the Angels now, & next year.

“(We) have planted, (we) have watered, but God has given the growth. He who plants & he who waters are one, & each will receive his own wages according to his labor. For we are God’s co-workers, you are God’s field, God’s building.” (1Corinthians 3:6, 8-9).

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

**Book:** Youth: Saint Helena and the True Cross (9/14)

**Audio:** Understanding the Crusades

**Audio:** Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows (9/15)

**Audio:** 15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering

**Family Movie:** Hildegard’s Gift (9/17)

**Online Safe Environment Training Updates**

The Office of Safe Environment continues to offer online initial (PGC) and re-certification (EPDR) training opportunities to those who are interested and able to attend training online during this time.

The complete schedule of available training sessions and registration links can now be found on the diocesan Safe Environment page: <https://syracusediocese.org/safe-environment/>

**PGC (Initial) Training:**

Tuesday, September 29th 6pm - 8pm (Registration closes on

Tuesday, September 22nd at Noon)

Tuesday, October 6th 9:00am - 11:00am (Registration closes on

Tuesday, September 29th at Noon)

**EPDR (Re-certification) Training:**

Monday, September 14th 6pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on

Tuesday, September 8th at Noon) LIMITED SPACE

Friday, September 18th 9am - 10:30am (Registration closes on

Friday, September 11th at Noon)

Wednesday, September 30th 6:00pm - 7:30pm (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 23rd at Noon)

Wednesday, October 7th 9:00am - 10:30am (Registration closes on Wednesday, September 30th at Noon)

Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Sessions are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. (The training schedule is updated regularly with additional dates and times.) Registration for training sessions will close 5 (five) business days before the date of the training session to ensure that training materials reach participants' homes ahead of their training date and time.

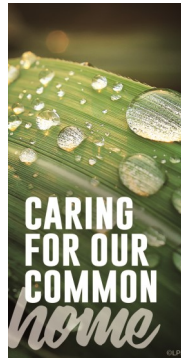
If you have any questions or concerns, contact Joelle Zarnowski, Program Coordinator, at 315.470.1421 or [safeenvironment@syrдио.org](mailto:safeenvironment@syrдио.org).

**Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Renewing the Earth: An Invitation to Reflection and Action on Environment in Light of Catholic Social Teaching, US Catholic Bishops 1991:**

“Our mistreatment of the natural world diminishes our own dignity & sacredness, not only because we are destroying resources that future generations of humans need, but because we are engaging in actions that contradict what it means to be human. Our tradition calls us to protect the life & dignity of the human person, & it is increasingly clear that this task cannot be separated from the care & defense of all creation.”



**Laudato Si Circle meetings: Saturday Sept. 19th, 5-6pm**

Join a small group outside & behind Holy Cross School to discuss the papal encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home. For more information, please contact: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org) or call the parish office for more information: (315)446-0473.

**Season of Creation: Sept 1st through Oct 4th**

The global celebration of the Season of Creation theme is Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope. The month of September is set aside as a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing and rejoicing together. This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

**Season of Creation 2020 Prayer:**

*During this season of creation, we ask for courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Third Tuesday Sandwiches: Sept. 15th - 8:15am**

We invite you to participate in sandwich making on the third Tuesday of each month. We prepare over 100 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter. Stop in downstairs after daily Mass on Tuesday--masks & social distancing protocols will be observed. Drop by to join us!



**Coffee and Conversation  
Tuesday, September 15**

Men and Women are invited to join us for Coffee & Conversation on **Tuesday, Sept. 15 - 12:00pm** in Yeazel Hall. **Reservations needed** - call Jo 446-3328. Bring your bagged lunch & drink. We will be following social distancing and wearing of your mask. **Please do not bring goodies to share.**



**Knitting Group  
Will Start On Sept. 17**

We will meet on **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> -1PM downstairs in Yeazel Hall**. New knitters are always welcome. Please do not bring food to share and wear your mask. **Reservations required;** call Jo 315-446-3328 to reserve.



**Our Monthly Movie** will be shown on Tuesday, September 29 at 1:00pm. **Please bring your own drinks and to wear your mask.** Watch for more details in an upcoming bulletin. **Reservations required;** call Jo 315-446-3328. We will be socially distanced.

**EDUCATE - A - KID**

Holy Cross parish has a glorious history of never turning a parish student away who seeks a Catholic Education.

Some of our parents cannot afford the tuition in whole or part. If you are able to help Educate-A-Kid, please help us provide a Catholic Education for a boy or girl. Tuition is \$5,500.00.

We have a Holy Cross School Incorporation that also allows matching funds from many companies. Call the Parish Office for more information. It is “Friends of Holy Cross School, Inc.” – Federal Tax ID is 26-3789417.

Please complete this form if you can help.

God bless you and I know He will for bringing a child closer to Him.

I wish to help a family afford a Catholic education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Scholarship - Yes, I am interested (\$5,500)

\_\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship - Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Have you considered having a Mass requested for the intention of someone in your family or a friend?

We have two options available to you. The first is to have a Mass requested for either a daily Mass or a weekend Mass - donation is \$10. The second is the Mass League. Your loved one will be remembered at the 7:45am Mass on the First Friday of the month for one year - \$25. Both can be requested at the Parish Office.

The Parish Office will be open Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm except during the noon hour (12pm to 1pm). You may call and leave a message anytime (315) 446-0473.

### Bulletin & Scheduling Information

- If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin please send the item in to the parish office before the deadline on Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. Deadlines will change when there is a holiday. Preference is given to Holy Cross events and are approved by Fr. Kurgan. If there is extra room, other announcements will appear. Send your announcements by E-mail to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org). All announcements are subject to editing.
- Anyone who would like to hold an event or activity at Holy Cross should contact Peg at the parish office. Yeazel Hall and classrooms are open to parishioners for meetings & special events. Any others may submit a request. Priority is given to parish events, parishioners & diocesan events. For non-parish groups, proof of insurance may be required. All requests must be approved by Fr. Kurgan prior to getting placed on the Holy Cross calendar.

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is a gathering of young adults in their 20s and 30s looking to connect and learn more about the Catholic faith. Beginning September 23, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is launching a four-week series in four cities, Binghamton, Cortland, Syracuse, and Utica where we will discuss topics relevant to young adults. Registration to attend Theology on Tap is recommended. Visit our website for more information and to register: <https://www.syracusediocese.org/tot>

### A Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to make a difference for others and feel that difference within yourself? Francis House is a home for people who are terminally ill. Our volunteers support our residents by helping in the kitchen, with phones, maintenance and light cleaning. Our house is safe. We sanitize every four hours and keep our volunteers in a protective environment. There are volunteer shifts available ranging from 8:30am to 12 noon, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you would like to give a few hours a month to help, please **contact Rea Carver – 315-475-5422**.

### Music Director/ Organist

St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Parish, the cornerstone of Syracuse's Tipp Hill Neighborhood, is seeking a part time talented, self motivated, enthusiastic Music Director and Organist. St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's Parish is a very strong community of Catholic faith which has 150 years of experience. Many families have been in this parish for generations, we are like a family. For a complete Job description please log on to our website St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's Parish. Our contact the Rectory at 315-475-2175.

**Be sure to check the bulletin board, located by the main entrance, for more information about upcoming events in our area.**

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements  
Classes required for 1st child's Baptism  
†To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office. †

**Marriage** ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

**Penance** ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm  
By appointment

### HOLY CROSS PARISH

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### Holy Cross Parish Staff ~ Name, Title and Phone Extension

Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15  
Rev. Matthew E. Rawson, Parochial Vicar, ext. 16  
Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist  
Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13  
James Buttner, Seminarian  
Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38  
Brette Cooper, Maintenance  
Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass  
Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33  
Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24  
Maureen McManus, Sacristan  
Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19  
Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22  
Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21  
Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12  
Matt Stano, Maintenance

### PARISH INFORMATION

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org)
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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School Office – Phone: 315 446-4890, FAX: 315 446-4799

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### Staff ~ Name and Title

Robert McCrone, School Principal  
Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse