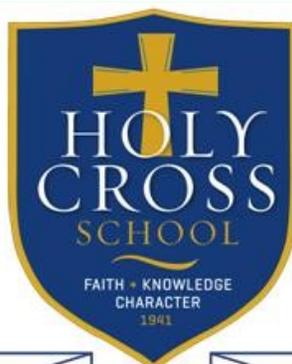


**KINDERGARTEN  
PARENTS,**

**Does your child...**

- have a summer birthday?
- get frustrated completing assignments?
- struggle with self-control or maturity?
- have difficulty maintaining focus?
- need improvement with fine motor skills?



**TRANSITIONAL FIRST GRADE  
THE GIFT OF TIME**

If you have concerns about your child's  
First Grade readiness, please contact:

Mrs. Alison Mitchell

*Director of Curriculum*

732-842-0348, ext. 1188

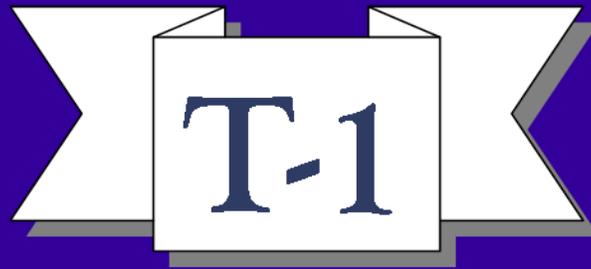
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Schedule your appointment today!

**THEN YOUR CHILD MAY  
BENEFIT FROM OUR  
T - 1 CURRICULUM**

- Individualized instruction
- Development of listening skills
- Refinement of fine motor skills
- Building on reading skills
- Reinforcement of math skills
- Fostering confidence

# Transitional First Grade at Holy Cross School



## **We've heard your questions!**

- T-1 is a full-day program for a full school year, beginning in September 2019.
- T-1 is for students who have completed a full year of Kindergarten at Holy Cross or any other school.
- The T-1 class will be a full grade level with its own teacher, classroom, curriculum, specials, class parents, yearbook page, etc.
- At the end of the T-1 year, students will matriculate to First Grade, fully prepared.
- If you are considering having your child repeat Kindergarten, T-1 may be a better alternative!

Please contact Mrs. Alison Mitchell, Director of Curriculum, to discuss your child's potential placement in T-1.  
732-842-0348, ext. 1188, or [amitchell@holycrossrumson.org](mailto:amitchell@holycrossrumson.org)

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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL INTRODUCES TRANSITIONAL FIRST GRADE

RUMSON – Transitional First Grade is known as “the gift of time” among educators. It is a year between Kindergarten and First Grade, which gives students an extra year if they are not quite ready for the challenges of First Grade. It can also be beneficial to children who attended a half-day Kindergarten program.

Holy Cross School teachers and administrators have seen a trend in recent years, in which children enter preschool just in time for the age cut-off. They thrive in preschool, enjoy Kindergarten, but still aren’t quite ready for First Grade. Some children, especially those with summer or early fall birthdays, may need more time to develop. They may have a little more difficulty sitting still or completing a three- or four-part assignment. They may struggle socially, athletically and emotionally more than their current classmates. They may just need “the gift of time.”

The primary goal of Transitional First Grade, or T-1, is to address the individual needs of each child. In September 2019, Holy Cross School will have a specific T-1 classroom, teacher and curriculum. There will be a small student-teacher ratio, designed to help students achieve their individual goals for First Grade. The classroom will focus on differentiated instruction to meet each child’s academic level.

Mrs. Alison Mitchell, Director of Curriculum, explains, “We are excited to launch our innovative T-1 classroom. We are happy to help children who have completed Kindergarten but are not quite ready for First Grade.”

For more information, or to schedule a personal interview to discuss your child’s needs, please call Holy Cross School at 732-842-0348, ext. 1188, or email Mrs. Mitchell at [amitchell@holycrossrumson.org](mailto:amitchell@holycrossrumson.org).

## PHOTOS



Mrs. Beverly McDonald reads to her Kindergarten class.



Mrs. Robin Arnheiter demonstrates a math concept to her First Grade class.