



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTION
AUGUST 2013**



It is almost time for the 2013-14 school year to begin! The Parent Connection email will assist in maintaining a regular means of communication from the school about upcoming events and issues of concern. It seems that the information given at school does not always make its way home with high school-aged students. To keep you current on what is happening at school, I will be sending a monthly e-bulletin.

This communication is emailed only to those parents who have shared their email address with the school. If you know of someone (especially incoming freshmen or someone who is new to Holy Cross) who does not receive this, please ask them to go to the website: hchscov.com and follow the directions to sign up for the email list.

Fall Sports

All fall sports programs have begun practicing and are listed on the Holy Cross website. If you are new to Holy Cross or a freshman who has not received information and are interested in joining a sports team, contact the school office at 431-1335 or the coach listed on the website immediately.

Tuition Payment Selection Sheet

A Tuition Payment Selection Sheet must be turned into the office by every family specifying how they will fulfill their tuition obligation. If you have not set up a payment plan, download the Tuition Payment Selection Sheet from the website (hchscov.com) complete and email it (If you save the document to your computer and then open it from your documents you will be able to complete the form, save it and then email it to nancy.steenken@hchscov.com as an attachment), fax it to (859)655-2184, mail it to 3617 Church Street, Cov., KY 41015 or drop it off at the school office between 9 and 2 any day next week. If you have questions, call the office (431-1335).

August 4 – Holy Cross Family and Friends Reunion

Please join us for the HC “Family Reunion” on Sunday, August 4 from 1 – 3 pm at Holy Cross High School. We would like to welcome the new families to Holy Cross while connecting with others we may not have seen for a while. Activities will be planned. Bring your food and drink for a picnic. There will also be food and drink available for purchase. School families, alumni, family and friends are all invited to this FREE event.

Fall Sports Team Pictures

Team pictures for all fall sports teams will be taken on Sunday, August 4 at Eva G. Farris Complex (football) or at Holy Cross (all other sports) (info will be distributed by coaches), in conjunction with the HC Family & Friends Reunion. Team members must be at the designated location in uniform, 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Picture forms and information will be distributed by team coaches next week. **An all fall sports picture will be taken at 1:00 in front of the church. We ask that football athletes be at Eva G. Farris, in uniform by 12:00, all other athletes should be at Holy Cross High School, in uniform by 1:00.** The schedule is as follows:

Football:	12:00 @field	Boy's Cross Country	2:00 @ HC
All Fall Sports Picture	1:00 @ HC	Boy's Soccer	2:15 @ HC
Boy's Golf	1:15 @ HC	Girl's Soccer	2:30 @ HC
Girl's Golf	1:30 @ HC	Cheer	2:45 HC
Girl's Cross Country	1:45 @ HC		

Fall Sports Parent Meetings

Fall Coaches will hold a brief parents meeting on Sunday, August 4, 15 minutes before their team pictures are scheduled. This will also be an opportunity to sign up to work games, confirm schedules and meet the coaches. Meetings will be limited to 15 minutes.

Holy Cross Indian Summer Festival and Taste of Latonia

The HC Indian Summer Festival and Taste of Latonia will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7 on the school grounds. Adult workers are needed for this event. There will be sign ups at the HC Family Reunion on Sunday, August 4 or you can volunteer by contacting tinarfeldman@yahoo.com or at 859-392-8999.

August 7 – Freshman Student Orientation

Freshman orientation for all incoming freshmen will be held on Wednesday, August 7. The day will begin at **8:30 AM** in the parking lot of the high school and conclude at **1:15 PM**. The day will offer a chance to meet new classmates, learn about the different extra-curricular opportunities, take a tour of the school, and ask any questions you might have about the upcoming school year. Lunch will be provided at no cost. Students should dress appropriately. Shorts and t-shirts in good taste are acceptable. The day is sponsored by Student Council.

August 7 – Freshman Parent Orientation

Freshman **Parent** Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 7 beginning at **7:00 PM** in the cafeteria. Important policy and school procedure information as well as information on specific services that are available to you and your student will be shared. Principal Mike Holtz will also speak about what you as a parent can expect as your child begins high school.

Boosters' Golf Outing

The Boosters' Golf Outing is a crucial fundraiser for the athletic program at Holy Cross. This year's event will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 9, 10 at Twin Oaks Golf Course. Tee times for either Friday or Saturday are still available. Call Pat Lenihan at 859-291-7565. More information is available on the website hchscov.com

First Day of School

Friday, August 16th is the first day of school for all students. A regular school day schedule is in effect beginning at 7:55 and ending at 2:50. School dress code states that only black or khaki-colored shorts may be worn and that they must be no more than 4 inches above the knee. **Students may not wear cargo shorts (shorts with pockets on the sides) to school.** No form fitting shorts or shirts are permitted. Uniform shirts must be worn.

All-School Blessing and Mass

An all-school blessing will take place on the first day of school. The August all-school Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 21st. All-school masses are held once a month.

Athletic Booster Meeting

The first Booster Club meeting of the school year will be held on Monday, August 19th at 7:00 in the Arlinghaus Haus (on the corner). All parents are invited to participate in this very vital organization that supports the athletic programs at Holy Cross High School.

Parents' Club Meeting

The Advisory Board for the Parents' Club will meet on Thursday, August 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the Arlinghaus Haus, located on the corner of Church Street and Southern Ave. (across from Catholic Charities). All parents are invited to this organizational meeting as plans for the 2013-14 school year are finalized. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact Donna Sinclair at donna6348@gmail.com or Katie Wesseling at katie.wesseling@hchscov.com

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 29. Picture information will be distributed to the students the week prior to that date. Students will be in uniform on the day of pictures.

Faculty Meeting

There will not be a faculty meeting in August.

Boosters' Legacy Major Raffle

Holy Cross Legacy Major Raffle tickets are currently on sale. For only \$5 per chance you can enter to win for the year! Prizes are awarded at the "Night at the Races" in February. To get on board, send a check for \$5 per chance or 5 for \$25 made payable to Holy Cross Boosters to the office in an envelope marked "Legacy Major Raffle" or mail it to Holy Cross High School, 3617 Church St., Covington, KY 41015. Thanks for your support.

GENERAL ITEMS

Absentee Notes

School policy states that a parent must call the office (431-1335) on any day that your son or daughter is absent. For the safety of our students, it is also a school regulation that parents must send in a written note stating the reason for their child's absence on the day they return. Even though the parent may have spoken to someone in the office on the day of the absence, it is still necessary to send a note on the day of his/her return.

Address, Phone Numbers Updates

Please notify the high school office with change of address, home telephone number, cell phone number, and parent work numbers.

Drug Free Club of America

Holy Cross is proud to be a charter member of the Drug Free Clubs of America. A letter was mailed to every family with detailed information about the Drug Free Club along with a form that must be completed and returned to school. The purpose of the form is to ensure that the information has been received by each family. A family form may be returned but it must include each student's name and the decision for each. If you have not returned the form please return it as soon as possible. A copy of the letter and form can be accessed from the front page of the website hchscov.com

GPS for Students

Holy Cross will introduce the Guided Program for Success (“GPS”) at the beginning of the school year. “GPS” is a new program that is designed for students who need help to improve their classroom performance. The goal of the program is to provide students who may be struggling, a form of support to keep them from falling behind in the classroom. Students will be placed in this guided enrichment period to help them navigate in the direction of success.

The main focus of GPS will be mastering course material, completing assignments in a timely manner, and improving study and organizational skills. Placement criteria will be based on past performance, progress reports and quarterly grades. Goals for each student will be set based on evaluation of student performance and teacher feedback.

Students in the GPS program will be required to report to their assigned instruction area during the normal Enrichment Period each day. While a student is assigned to the GPS program, they will forego club or team meetings held during the Enrichment Period and focus on success in the classroom.

The GPS program will not be direct instruction, but during this time, students will receive guidance from teachers and peer tutors in addition to added supervision to ensure that assignments are being completed in a timely manner.

The progress of the students will be reviewed every two weeks to determine if it is necessary for the student to remain in the GPS program or if they can return to their regular enrichment period.

School Directory

The Parents Club publishes a school directory annually for those parents who would like to participate. If you have not turned in a directory form for the 2013-14 school year, please do so immediately. The form can be found on the Holy Cross website hchscov.com – click on Parents and then forms for the 2013-14 Directory Form and return it to school or email it to katie.wesseling@hchscov.com as soon as possible.

Buddy Cards

The Parents’ Club continues to sell LaRosa’s Buddy cards. They can be obtained by contacting katie.wesseling@hchscov.com or they can be purchased in the school office. LaRosa’s Buddy Cards sell for \$10 and can be used 14 times for “buy a large pizza, get a large cheese pizza Free”. The offer can be used for dine in or pick up.

Upcoming

September 2 - Labor Day – No school

September 6 – In-Service Day – No school

September 6 & 7 - Indian Summer Festival –on school grounds

October 19 – Holy Cross Sports Nite at Paul Brown Stadium