



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTIONS
OCTOBER 2013



We have been receiving a lot of positive feedback about our efforts to communicate more with parents through this e-bulletin. All teachers are now required to use Edline in some capacity. All parents should have had access to Progress Reports through the Edline system. If you were not able to view the Progress Reports, please contact the Mr. Kues at rob.kues@hchscov.com

******If you know of a parent who is not receiving this monthly Parent Connection, have them visit our website, click on the Parent Info box and add their email address to the list.**

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to acknowledge and recognize the accomplishments of our students throughout the year. This month we would like to recognize Noelle Lameier, who scored a 30 or above on her ACT to become the latest member of the ACT Over 30 Club!

Drug Free Club of America

As you know Holy Cross High School is a charter member of the Drug Free Clubs of America. This program is a tool that will provide parents a comfort knowing your child is drug free, provide your child a proven tool to use to say NO, and to generate positive peer pressure when it comes to the issue of the use of alcohol and drugs. As a school we are integrating the Drug Free Club of America program and a form has been sent home to ask you and your child to join the program.

All students must send in the form expressing their desire to join the Drug Free Club or notifying school that you and your child have decided not to join. I want all of the students and parents to respond for two reasons. One, so that I can be assured that each parent was made aware of the opportunity and that this will continue or start a discussion between you and your child about the issue of alcohol and drugs. The second reason is to be able to give an approximate number of students to Drug Free Club so that they can prepare for their visit to the school.

We are extremely excited about this program it has been approved by the Diocese of Covington and is being implemented at other Catholic high schools in the Diocese. **The form that needs to be signed and sent to school is included at the end of this communication. Please print it off and return it to school by Tuesday, October 1.** To learn more about the Drug Free Club of America program please visit www.drugfreeamerica.com.

GENERAL ITEMS

Indian Summer Festival

Congratulations to Mr. John Zurborg and his committee on the great success of the 2013 Indian Summer Festival. As great as last year's festival was, this year's was even better! John has done a great job of breathing new life into the always successful festival. Mary Lueke, '45, a member of the Holy Cross Alumni and Friends Service Hall of Fame, won the \$10,000 grand raffle. Thanks to all who made the Indian Summer Festival such a success. Special thanks to John Zurborg, who served as chairperson; co-chairs, Ms. Lepping, Mr. Knox, Mr. McDonough and Mr. Reed and the volunteer staff of faculty, students and parents who did a great job on this year's festival. Thanks also to Tina Feldman for scheduling the workers.

Indian Run Walk

The Missy Goller Scholarship Fund Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, September 29 at Pioneer Park. Entry fee is \$20 for adults; \$15 for students and faculty. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 entrants. Please see the website hchscov.com for registration information.

Dress Code

Beginning Tuesday, October 1st, shorts and Capri-style pants may no longer be worn. All students must wear uniform-style pants (girls may obviously wear uniform skirts). Please make sure that as cooler weather approaches, acceptable sweatshirts and jackets are worn. We are already seeing an increase in the number of illegal sweatshirts being worn at school. Only HC logo sweatshirts or plain sweatshirts may be worn in white, black, red, or gray.

Detentions will be given for dress code violations.

Senior Reminder

All seniors are reminded that Senior Pictures must be taken by Prestige by Thursday, Oct. 24. A representative from Graduate Services will meet with all seniors during 1st period on Tuesday, October 1st to measure for caps and gowns and distribute order forms for additional graduation items. When ordering, please remember that all seniors will automatically receive 50 name cards, 15 announcements, cap, gown & tassel.

Junior Mass & Ring Ceremony

The annual Junior Ring Ceremony will be held at a special Mass on Wednesday, October 2nd at 1:00 pm in Church. Parents are invited to attend this Mass and the reception immediately following in the cafeteria. We ask that parents planning to attend the Mass arrive by 12:45 pm.

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 8 – 11:30 pm at St. Pat's in Taylor Mill. Homecoming is a Student Council sponsored event open to all students with or without a date. ***This is a semi-formal event.*** Tickets will go on sale on Monday, September 30. Cost is \$8 for single and \$15 for a couple.

In-Service Day -October 7

Monday, October 7 is an In-service Day. School will not be in session.

PARENTS CLUB

The Holy Cross Parents Club will host a number of events this year. Communication is done through the school communication (email) system. If you know of someone who is not receiving these notices, please ask them to go to the website and add their information to the Parent email system. This must be done by the individual – the school does not have access to this information. The next meeting of the school year for the Parents Club will be on Thursday, October 10 in the Arlinghaus Haus. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to attend this meeting to meet other parents and help with plans for the remainder of the year. Please contact Donna Sinclair (donna6348@gmail.com) or Katie Wesseling (katie.wesseling@hchscov.com) with questions or ideas. The Parents Club hosts Dinners for the teachers on Report Cards nights, snacks for the students and faculty on exam days and socials for the parents to provide an opportunity to meet other HC parents. We hope you will become active members of this great organization!

Faculty Meeting

There will be a faculty meeting on Monday, October 14. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is 2:00 p.m. Faculty meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month.

Athletic Boosters' Meeting

There will be an Athletic Boosters' meeting on Monday, October 14th at 7:00 in the Arlinghaus Haus. All are invited to attend and be a part of this very vital group.

PSAT test for Juniors

The PSAT is taken by all juniors and some selected sophomores. This standardized test provides practice for the SAT and is used for entrance in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Only students in grade 11 are eligible for National Merit consideration. A perfect score on the PSAT is 240. Scores are usually returned in mid-December. The PSAT is also one factor in the selection of nominees for the Governor's Scholar Program. The PSAT exam is Wednesday October 16th. **Students planning to take the PSAT must register in the office and pay the \$14 registration fee by Monday, Oct. 14th.**

Sports Nite, Etc.

Holy Cross High School's ninth Sports Nite event will take place on Saturday, October 19 at Paul Brown Stadium beginning at 7:00 PM. Christian Laettner and Derron Feldhaus will be the featured speakers. The evening also includes cocktail hour, dinner, and live and silent auctions. Tickets are on sale now. Proceeds will be used to support our academic and sports programs. If you have any prizes that you would like to donate for the silent or live auctions please contact Tina Feldman at (859) 291-8588. Visit the Sports Nite website www.holycrosssportsnite.com or call 859-291-8588 for tickets or more information.

HCHS will sponsor a Youth Basketball Camp hosted by Christian Laettner, former NBA and Duke University Basketball Player, on Saturday, October 19, 2013, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon for grades 2-5 and from 1:30-4:30 pm for grades 6-12, for both boys and girls, at St. Pius School Gym, Edgewood, Ky. Camp fee is \$75 at the door and \$50 with pre-registration and pre-payment by October 11th, and includes instruction with Christian Laettner and a camp t-shirt.

There will also be a Coaches Luncheon from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, at St. Pius, Edgewood, Ky., which includes a question and answer session with Christian Laettner for \$25. For more information or to register online visit our website at www.holycrosssportsnite.com or call 859-431-1335.

Picture Make-Up and Re-Take

Lifetouch Photographers will be at school in the morning on **Monday, October 21st** to take pictures of those students who were absent when they were taken originally and for any student whose parents were not satisfied with the first picture. Forms are available in the office. If the picture is a re-take, the packet from the first sitting must be returned before re-takes can be taken.

Report Card Night

The first quarter of the school year will end on October 16th. Report Card Night will be on Wednesday, October 23rd from 5 – 7 p.m. First quarter report cards will be available for pick-up in front of the main office and teachers will be available in their classrooms for SHORT conferences. I encourage you to come and meet you son/daughter's teachers. Please be aware that conferences for this evening are to be limited to **5 MINUTES OR LESS**. If a longer conference is in order, please schedule it with the teacher at a mutually agreeable time. If you are unable to attend on Report Card Night, report cards will be mailed on Thursday.

Class Retreat/Day of Recollection

Throughout the school year, each class will have some type of Retreat or Day of Recollection. Mrs. Meeks, Religion Department Chair, does a great job of planning and overseeing these opportunities for reflection and class unity.

Senior Class Retreat

The first of three senior retreats will be held on the weekend of **October 25 – 27**. A complete list of those attending the various retreats will be available on the website, hchscov.com as soon as it is finalized. There are opportunities for parents to help out by donating/delivering food for the senior retreat or by donating money for the same cause. Contact Mrs. Meeks at school 431-1335 or by email at terese.meeks@hchscov.com for further information.

Alumni and Friends Memorial Mass

The Alumni and Friends Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, October 29^h at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. All are invited to attend this special liturgy where we remember and honor those alumni, family and friends who are now deceased. A short reception follows.

Junior Day of Recollection

The Junior Day of Recollection will be held on Wednesday, October 30th, 2013. On this day, the juniors will perform community service at various places around the Covington area.

Open House

The first Open House of the school year will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Please encourage anyone you know who may be thinking about a high school for their son/daughter to attend our Open House. We have yard signs that we would like to

distribute throughout the area. If you would be willing to post a yard sign in your front yard, please contact Katie.wesseling@hchscov.com and she will make arrangements for pick up or sending the sign home with your son or daughter. Thanks for your help in getting the word out about Holy Cross and our Open House.

After Prom Committee Chairperson(s) Needed

Thanks to Laurie Herald who has been the After-Prom chairperson for a number of years. As Laurie's children have now graduated, the After Prom is in need of a chairperson or persons. If you are interested, please email or call Laurie for details - laurie.herald@insightbb.com or by phone: 291-4626 The After-Prom committee has usually started its work with various fundraisers that begin in the fall.

Buddy Cards

The Parents Club is selling Buddy Cards for \$10. If interested send a check payable to Holy Cross to the office and your Buddy Card will be sent home with your student.

Youth 2000

The 9th Annual Diocesan Eucharistic Retreat, Youth 2000 will be held at St. Henry High School on Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday Oct. 13. The retreat is open to Catholics ages 13 – 30. More information can be found on the website hchscov.com or at www.nkyouth.com

Virtus Information

All volunteers, coaches and employees at HCHS must be Virtus compliant and current with the monthly online bulletins. If you have not already done the online bulletin this month, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact our Virtus Coordinator, Tina Feldman at tinarfeldman@yahoo.com or at (859) 291-8588.

2013-14 Annual Appeal

The Holy Cross High School Annual Appeal "kicked-off" in mid- September. Please support this appeal that has been a financial lifeline for Holy Cross. Information will be mailed to each household within the week.

Calendar Change

Reminder that Monday, December 9th school will not be in session in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. The faculty meeting that was scheduled for that day will be moved to Monday, December 2nd with early dismissal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House *Wednesday, November 6*

Faculty Meeting *Monday, November 11*

Senior Retreat for 2nd group of students *November 22 -24*

Texas Hold'em Tournament *Friday, November 29*

Drug Free Club of America at Holy Cross High School

You as parents and students have the ability to join the Drug Free Club at Holy Cross on a year to year basis or sign up for multiple years at this time. For the incoming freshman the Drug Free Club is offering an opportunity to sign up for all four years now and you would get the fourth year for free (four years for the price of three). Please, review the options below and check the box that indicates the level that you would like to join at this time and return the form to the Holy Cross High School.

All students must return this form to school so that we can ensure that all parents were made aware of this opportunity and so that we can inform the Drug Free Club of the number of students we will have joining the program so that they can prepare for the upcoming year.

Payment can be done online through the Drug Free Club of America website or by mailing your check to Holy Cross High School, 3617 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015:

Attention: Mrs. Shelly Reardon
Drug Free Club

If for some reason you would like your child to join the Drug Free Club but cannot pay the full amount of membership please contact Mrs. Reardon.

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- We would like to join the Drug Free Club at Holy Cross for all four years at this time (\$105)
- We would like to join the Drug Free Club at Holy Cross for three years at this time (\$105)
- We would like to join the Drug Free Club at Holy Cross for two years at this time (\$70)
- We would like to join the Drug Free Club at Holy Cross for this year (\$35)
- We would not like to join the Drug Free Club at Holy Cross at this time

Student (Printed)

Parent of Guardian (Printed)

Student (Signature)

Parent or Guardian (Signature)

Enclosed is the check for _____ to join the Drug Free Club

I have paid by credit card at the Drug Free America website

PLEASE SEE FLYERS FOR SPORTS NITE

AND

HOLY CROSS INDIAN RUN/WALK ON THE WEBSITE

HCHSCOV.COM