



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT CONNECTION  
JANUARY 2015**



We would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and **Blessed New Year**. We hope you all are able to spend time with family and friends and that your sons and daughters get well rested and ready to begin the second half of the school year. **For latest school updates, check out the website** – <http://www.hchscov.com>

If you know of someone who does not receive this, please ask them to go on the website <http://www.hchscov.com> and add their email address to the list.

**Amazon on the Website**

With the introduction of the new website, a link is available for Amazon. If you already shop on line or would like to try it out - Just click on Fundraising Options at the bottom of the home page and it will take you to a page with an Amazon link. All you have to do to support Holy Cross is to use this link and HC will receive a percentage of your purchases. If enough shoppers use this link, Holy Cross can receive up to 7% of purchases! Please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers. This can be a huge fundraiser for Holy Cross.

**Academic Recognition**

We would like to recognize and congratulate senior, **Kenny Wilshire**, whose recent **ACT score of a 30 or higher** places him in the top 4% of students in the nation who took the test.

**Counselor's Notes**

**Northern Kentucky FAME Chapter** is dedicated to bridging the skills gap in Northern Kentucky. ZF Steering Systems LLC, L'OREAL, MUBEA, LINAMAR, Wagstaff, Hahn Automation, Stober Drives and Messier-Bugatti are committed industries, working together with the Kentucky Labor Cabinet-Economic and Development Division, TRI-ED Corporation and a local college to close this gap.

**We are seeking High School Seniors with STEM and Leadership skills to apply for interviews with our Chapter's Northern Kentucky Businesses to participate in a 2 year (5 semester program), where, the student will go to work three days a week and go to school 2 days a week (The program goes through the summer as real life situation).** At the end of the program, the student will receive an **Associates in Applied Science**. This program will teach the technical aspect, however, the program is different in that, there is a deep focus on behaviors that will make the student successful in the business environment. **The student will be debt free at the end of the program, and have a choice to continue to work with us and/or continue their education to receive their Bachelor's degree.**

This program can lead to multiple career paths. The businesses named above are committed to sponsor students in the KY FAME Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) Program.

I've attached brochures that have been designed by the Kentucky Labor Cabinet Economic Development Department and one ZF Steering Systems designed for our own recruiting.

Also, we intend to have an **Open House on December 17<sup>th</sup>** at Gateway Technical and Community College for the purpose of educating principals, counselors, parents and students on KY FAME in Northern Kentucky.

## ZF Steering Systems

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What is KY FAME? **KYFAME**  
OVERVIEW

### "An Earn and Learn Program"

- A special Associate Degree program providing a multi-disciplinary technical foundation coupled with continuous real world working experience with a leading manufacturer.
- Technical subjects include electricity, fluid power, mechanics, and fabrication, in addition to general education topics.
- Student will attend classes for 2 full days per week, with 8 to 10 contact hours of instruction each day.
- Work experience includes 24 hours of paid work per week, starting at a competitive wage at a world class manufacturing company.
- The instructional program continues through the summer session. There is no "summer break".
- **At the conclusion of the program students will:**
  1. Have an Associate in Applied Science degree
  2. Completed 63-67 credit hours
  3. 2 years of working experience with a major company
  4. Additional professional industry/manufacturing experiences which are very attractive to employers
  5. Be debt free of school tuition
- **Options at the conclusion of the program include:**
  - Continuing on a technical education path with the company (if the company elects to retain the student).
  - Continuing to a 4 year university in engineering, or business, or a program of the student's choice.
- While not guaranteed, the intent is to hire those who successfully complete the full program.



We are looking for students who are graduating High School and have participated in ...



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY  
**PLTW**

We invite students to apply for an interview in the December/January time frame to the KY FAME Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) Program. Selected candidates will be sponsored by us and begin classes Fall 2015.



KYFAME

Kentucky Federation For Advanced  
Manufacturing Education

[WWW.KYFAME.COM](http://WWW.KYFAME.COM)

## **FAFSA WORKSHOP**

Campbell County High School's Counseling Department is partnering with Gateway Community and Technical College to host a **FAFSA Filing Workshop for parents/families/students in January and we wanted to open the door to local students and their families!**

The FAFSA Workshop will be held here at **CCHS on January 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** This will be an open workshop in the two of our computer labs. Financial Aid Representatives from Gateway will be floating between the two labs, helping families complete the FAFSA. Prior to those days, families will be asked to bring all of the necessary materials for FAFSA (tax documents, etc.). Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

### **School Resumes**

School will resume on Monday, January 5.

### **Email Alerts**

Some are still having difficulty signing up and deleting themselves from our email data base. It is necessary to confirm the confirmation email that is sent when a person registers. When you sign-up or delete yourself from the list you will receive a confirmation notice – you must reply to the message to complete your registration or deletion from the list.

### **Parents Club Update**

Thanks to all of the Parents who donated items for the Christmas project. We were able to help several Holy Cross families who are experiencing some hard times. The families extend their sincere appreciation to all of you.

### **Faculty Meeting**

The January faculty meeting will take place on **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm

### **Open House**

The second Open House for prospective students and their parents will be held on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Please spread the word to students you may be aware of who are making decisions regarding their high school education.

### **Christmas Sale**

Thanks again to Mr. Knox and Mrs. Dirkes for their great effort in organizing the Wreath Sale. For our first try, things went relatively smoothly and we are looking forward to growing this fundraiser in years to come. Proceeds totaled over \$8,000.

**Report Cards**

Report cards for the first semester will be mailed out and should be received by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Freshman Alumni Scholarship Application Deadline**

The deadline for the Holy Cross Alumni Freshman Scholarship is **Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be obtained at the district grade schools or in the high school office.

**Martin Luther King Day**

There will be no school on **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**All School Mass**

The January all-school Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. All-school masses are held once a month.

**Scrip Orders**

Scrip orders are due on **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Order forms are available at <http://www.hchscov.com> Delivery will take place on or around January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Appeal**

You should be receiving your information about the 2014-15 Annual Appeal in early December. For more than 20 years, this appeal has breathed life into our school beginning with the renovation, improved technology, air conditioned classrooms, bathroom renovation, the ability to offer tuition assistance programs, the institution of the Academic Enhancement Program and an Educational Endowment Fund. Your children are the direct recipients of all that the Annual Appeal continues to do. Please join the alumni, parents, past parents and friends who have supported this endeavor in the past. A pledge envelope will be included in the Annual Appeal information you receive. I hope you will see fit to donate to our lifeline of support. We believe that our school lays an important spiritual and academic foundation and with that, endless possibilities. A special thanks to The Saalfeld Family, Bob & Kathy '68, Brad '93, Matthew '95, Eric '96 and Trent '98, who is this year's Annual Appeal "Chair Family". Information will be mailed to each household. If you do not receive the Annual Appeal brochure, please contact the Alumni and Development Office at [hc.alumni@hchscov.com](mailto:hc.alumni@hchscov.com).

**Prayer Service**

There will be a Diocesan Day for Prayer and Penance for Life on **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** for all schools in the Diocese. Bishop Foys has mandated this service with the intent that all diocesan schools are united in a common prayer for life. This coincides with the March for Life that is being held in Washington D.C.

### **Denim & Diamonds Donations**

The Denim & Diamonds committee is working very hard on the upcoming event to be held on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at Receptions in Erlanger. **A letter will be sent out requesting donations for this very important event. Collection days will be held on January 9- 15 from 7:20 – 8:00 each morning in front of the main office.** Donations in the form of gifts, gift cards, in kind services or monetary donations will be graciously accepted. All students who donate a gift will receive **a tag day on Friday, January 23**. Students who donate an item will also be eligible for a drawing for \$50 to be awarded on Thursday, January 15.

### **Denim & Diamonds Event**

Reservations for the Denim & Diamonds Scholarship Endowment Auction and Dinner that will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> are now being accepted. Contact Karen Schultz at (859) 760-1541 or email her at [karenschultz1214@gmail.com](mailto:karenschultz1214@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Tag Day**

There will be a tag day on **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** to benefit the Denim & Diamonds event.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of **January 26 – 30**. Holy Cross will be represented at the Diocesan Mass celebrated on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral.

### **Snow Alerts**

In the rare incidence of school delays or cancellations due to weather related issues, Holy Cross High School will initiate an automated phone call to school families as soon as a decision has been made. Automated phone calls are used for various reminders about school related activities. If you have not received these phone calls and would like to be added to the list, please contact the office at 431-1335 or email Mrs. Judy Borchers at [judy.borchers@hchscov.com](mailto:judy.borchers@hchscov.com). **Please note that weather related delays and cancellations will not be posted on the website.** Local television and radio stations will also carry the information.

### **Virtus Info for Volunteers, Coaches & Employees**

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 [tina.feldman@hchscov.com](mailto:tina.feldman@hchscov.com) or at (859) 291-8588.

### **Beauty and the Beast**

The musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, will be performed **February 26 – March 1, 2015** at Carnegie Center for the Arts in Covington. Showtime on Thursday through Saturday will be at 7:30. Sunday's performance will begin at 3:00 pm. For more information call 859-991-2444.

## **OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **Upcoming**

Wednesday, February 4 – Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Applications available

Saturday, February 7 – Denim & Diamonds

Thursday, February 12 – Mulch Kick Off

Friday, February 13 – Booster Armchair Races – Admission is \$15 at the door.

Wednesday, February 18 – Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Deadline