



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT CONNECTION  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 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.

**Career Day**

Juniors and seniors attended an assembly at school on **Tuesday, November 3<sup>th</sup>** to explore over 22 different careers and were able to open their eyes to new possibilities.

**A look ahead to college visits:**

November 18<sup>th</sup> - University of Cincinnati

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**College Information Night:** for Parents and Students

Holy Cross is HOSTING a College Information Night on:

**When:** Wednesday, December 16, 2016

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** High School Cafeteria

Experts in the areas of Financial Aid/Scholarships, Advising, Admissions, and ACT Prep will be on campus to share their knowledge and answer any questions!

**Mount Saint Joseph University:** Jennifer Gross & Joyce Sprague – **Financial Aid**

**Gateway Community College:** John Brown – **Assistant Director of Admissions & Recruitment**

**Thomas More College - Justin Vogel - Admissions Representative**

**Torch Prep – Tom Hansen – ACT Prep**

THIS is YOUR chance to ask ALL the questions you have. The experts are HERE to help and are ready and willing to make the college process easier for each of you!

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Dipzinski (Guidance Counselor) at [jayne.dipzinski@hchscov.com](mailto:jayne.dipzinski@hchscov.com)

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

### **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.

### **Email Alerts**

It has come to our attention that many people are 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.

### **Scrip Orders**

Scrip orders are due on **Wednesday, December 3**. Delivery will take place on or around December 9. This is the last chance to order Scrip before Christmas. Order forms are available at [www.hchscov.com](http://www.hchscov.com) or in the school office. For more information contact [tina.feldman@hchscov.com](mailto:tina.feldman@hchscov.com) or at 859 291-8588.

### **Amazon on the Website**

Holy Cross High School can receive up to 7% of your purchases from **Amazon.com, with no additional cost to you.** All you have to do every time you want to shop at amazon.com, is go to the HCHS website, [www.hchscov.com](http://www.hchscov.com) and go to the bottom of the home page and click on the Amazon box, and it will take you to a page with an Amazon link to click on. If you already shop online at amazon.com or would like to try it out, please go through the HCHS website every time you shop at amazon.com. As you do your shopping, all you have to do to support HCHS is to use this link and HCHS will receive a percentage of your purchases. If enough shoppers use this link, HCHS can receive a percentage of your purchases. If enough shoppers use this link, HCHS can receive up to 7% of purchases! Please spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. This can be a huge fundraiser for HCHS, especially at Christmas time!

### **All School Mass**

Our all-school Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 24** at 11:00 a.m. All-school masses are held once a month.

### **Thanksgiving**

There will be no school **on November 25-27**. The Holy Cross Faculty and Staff would like to wish each of you a very relaxing Thanksgiving. School will resume on Monday, November 30.

### **Texas Hold 'Em**

Holy Cross High School Boosters will host a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament & Thanksgiving Social on **Friday, November 27th** in the gym. It will feature Silent & Live Auctions and an optional Texas Hold'em Tournament. Please spread the word. A flyer and registration information is available at [www.hchscov.com](http://www.hchscov.com). We need dealers and door workers. If you can help, please contact Tina Feldman at [tina.feldman@hchscov.com](mailto:tina.feldman@hchscov.com) or at (859) 291-8588.

## **December Faculty Meeting – DATE CHANGE**

The December Faculty meeting will be held on **Monday, December 7** instead of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be at 2:00 p.m.

## **Parent Club Service Project**

Holy Cross High School is currently working on a service project to help Holy Cross families who are in need as we approach Christmas. If you are interested in participating, please email [tholtz@fuse.net](mailto:tholtz@fuse.net).

## **Athletic Participation Fees Due**

Holy Cross Athletics Participation Fee is \$100 per athlete per school-year. Any athlete who is participating in a winter sport and did not participate in a fall sport (and therefore has not yet paid an athletic fee) must submit the \$100.00 Participation Fee. Athletic Fees must be submitted to Ms. Julian by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## **All School Mass**

Our all-school Christmas Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. All-school Masses are held once a month.

## **Reconciliation**

All students will be given the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.

## **EXAM SCHEDULE**

The first semester exam schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>                                      1<sup>st</sup> period exam    7:55 – 9:30  
**(Thursday is a full day of school)**
  
- Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>                                     2<sup>nd</sup> period exam    8:55 – 10:30  
3<sup>rd</sup> period exam    10:45 – 12:15  
**(Dismissal will be at 12:15)**
  
- Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>                                    4<sup>th</sup> period exam    8:55 – 10:30  
5<sup>th</sup> period exam    10:45 - 12:15  
**(Dismissal will be at 12:15)**
  
- Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>                                   6<sup>th</sup> period exam    8:55 – 10:30  
7<sup>th</sup> period exam    10:45 – 12:15  
**(Dismissal will be at 12:15)**

### **2015-16 ANNUAL APPEAL**

You will be receiving your information for the 2015-16 Annual Appeal in early December. For more than 20 years, this appeal has breathed life into our school beginning with the renovation of the cafeteria back in 1987 and continuing with the classroom 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. This year's theme is again "Giving the Gift of Education". Last year we had nearly 150 students with documented financial need and the total financial need for all families was in excess of \$550,000. We were only able to meet approximately 65% of that need.

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 Tom & Katie O'Donnell '71 Wesseling who are serving as this year's Annual Appeal Chair Persons. Information will be mailed to each household. If you do not receive the Annual Appeal brochure, please contact the Alumni & Development Office at [hc.alumni@hchscov.com](mailto:hc.alumni@hchscov.com).

### **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 completed 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.

### **OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS**

#### **Denim & Diamonds**

The scholarship endowment fund dinner dance and auction will be held on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** at Receptions Banquet Hall in Erlanger, KY. Look for your invitation that will be mailed after Christmas.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The always fun event **renamed** "**THE PAT TANEY NIGHT AT THE RACES**" will be held on **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Holy Cross Gymnasium. This event supports our 18 athletic programs and is the best place to meet Holy Cross Family and Friends. Mark it on your calendar now!

### **UPCOMING**

#### **Monday, January 4**

- School resumes as we begin the second semester.
- Any senior who needs a transcript should sign up in the office.

**Monday, January 11**

- Faculty Meeting 2:00 Dismissal

**Wednesday, January 13**

- Open House

**Friday, January 15**

- Alumni Scholarship Applications due in the office

**Monday, January 18**

- NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

**Saturday, February 6**

- Denim & Diamonds Scholarship Dinner & Auction