



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT CONNECTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 2016**



The *Parent Connections* email will assist in maintaining a regular means of communication from the school about upcoming events and issues of concern.

This communication is going only to those parents who have shared their email address with the school. If you know of someone who does not receive this, please ask them to go to the website [hchscov.com](http://hchscov.com) and follow the directions to sign up for the email list.

**CALENDAR CHANGE**

Students will be **dismissed at noon on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. The entire faculty and staff will be in a mandatory training immediately following dismissal. Since all faculty and staff will be in the training the high school building will be locked after dismissal. **All students must arrange to be picked up at the noon dismissal.** All other buildings will also be locked.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

**Guidance Counselor Notes:**

- The next ACT is September 10<sup>th</sup>, but the registration window has **closed**. REGISTER for the **October 22<sup>nd</sup> ACT by September 16<sup>th</sup>**. [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- **Seniors**, NOW is the time to explore various colleges to get a feel for the campus that may suit you best. Seniors get 3 excused absences for college visits. (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> quarters) College visit parental permission slips are available online and in the high school office. Completed forms are due to be turned in to the high school office at least 3 to 4 days prior the planned visit.
- Students, **don't wait until senior year to boost your GPA**. Colleges look at ALL four years when considering your application!

\*\* UPDATE on the FAFSA! The new FAFSA filing date is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Seniors can now fill out the FAFSA anytime after October 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

**Colleges that will be visiting Holy Cross in September:**

Friday, September 2 :  
Cincinnati State

Thursday, September 8: Centre College

Tuesday, September 13: Western Kentucky University

Thursday, September 15: Hanover College

Monday, September 19: Bellarmine

Monday, September 26: Mount Saint Joseph University

### **Dropping off Students**

When dropping off students PLEASE pull forward on Church Street as far as traffic will allow or pull to the curb if there is an open space. We are asking for your help in preventing traffic from backing up around the surrounding streets. Students should exit your car in a timely manner and not wait until you are in line to retrieve backpacks from the trunk. All students must use the crosswalks. Please be aware of not only high school but also grade school students crossing the street in the morning and afternoon. **Student safety is our main concern.**

### **Indian Summer Festival**

The Holy Cross High School Indian Summer Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 9 & 10 on the school grounds. In preparation for this event, **there will be no school on Friday, Sept. 9.** This is one of the largest school-wide fundraisers and the proceeds from the festival are used to minimize tuition increases and also help fund our financial aid program. It is also a great opportunity for you to meet other parents and alumni.

### **Adult Festival Workers Still Needed**

Tina Feldman is still signing up workers for the Festival on Sept. 9 & 10. Thanks to all who have volunteered already. However, we are still in need of over 100 additional workers. Shifts are from 5:45 -9 p.m. and from 8:45 – midnight on Friday night and 5:15 – 8:30 p.m. and from 8:30 to midnight on Saturday night. **We especially need a lot of people who are willing to walk around the festival grounds selling raffle tickets.** If you have not yet signed up, please print the form from the website [www.hchscov.com](http://www.hchscov.com) and either e-mail it to [tina.feldman@hchscov.com](mailto:tina.feldman@hchscov.com) , fax it to (859) 291-8588, or turn it in to the high school office as soon as possible. Volunteers who have signed up to work are requested to report to Room 4 in the main building, at least 15 minutes prior to your shift. Student festival workers should sign up at school with Mr. Reed.

If you are unable to volunteer your time working at the festival, please be sure to sell your chances (there are more in the office if you need them), donate an item for the Bid and Buy Booth, glassware for the Dime Toss Booth, wine or liquor for the Liquor Ring Toss Booth, 2 liter pops for Kiddie Land, cans of Pringles potato chips for Kiddie Land, or make a monetary donation and/or sponsorship in support of this event. All donations can be dropped off in the school office. Contact John Zurborg, [jzurborg@skilcraft.com](mailto:jzurborg@skilcraft.com) for additional information.

### **Festival Raffle Chances**

Please do your best to sell the festival raffle chances that were sent home with your student to each household. This year's raffle prize is \$10,000 or a 2-year lease on a Chevy Malibu. The price per ticket is \$10.00. They can also be purchased at [www.holycrossfest.com](http://www.holycrossfest.com).

As incentive for our students:

- Every student who sells 5 tickets will earn an out of uniform day and is entered in to a drawing for one of 5 - \$50.00 cash prizes. Students earn an additional chance for every ticket they sell beyond 5. Students who sell 20 tickets will earn an

entire week out of uniform. The top seller wins their choice of either an Apple Smart watch or an Ipad.

- **Bonus incentive** – the two 5<sup>th</sup> period classes who average the highest number of ticket sales will win a free 5<sup>th</sup> period (date to be chosen by classroom teacher) that will include a pizza lunch, dessert, and recess! Students must sell a minimum of 3 tickets to participate.

### **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, complete the form that can be downloaded from the homepage of our website [hchscov.com](http://hchscov.com) 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](mailto:nancy.steenken@hchscov.com) as an attachment), fax it to (859) 815-6066, mail it to 3617 Church Street, Cov., KY 41015 or drop it off at the school office as soon as possible.

Since the Finance Office has moved across the street from the Main Office if you have questions please call Nancy Steenken at 859 815-6061 or Jane Vogelpohl at 859 815-6009.

### **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 the note on the day of his/her return.

### **Address, Phone Numbers, E-mail Updates**

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

### **Progress Reports**

**Progress reports are NOT mailed home.** We take advantage of Edline and post progress reports on Edline on a regular basis. For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, progress reports will be posted online by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. If you do not have computer access at home or would prefer to have a hard copy of your son or daughter's progress report, please call the high school office and a copy of all progress reports will be given to your son or daughter to be delivered home to you.

If you have any questions concerning progress reports or Edline, please contact the high school office at 859 431-1335.

### Senior Reminder

All seniors are reminded that:

- **Senior Pictures** must be taken by Prestige by **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Diploma forms** were mailed to each senior. Please send the completed form to the high school office by **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. A representative from Graduate Services will meet with all seniors during 1<sup>st</sup> period **on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to measure for caps and gowns** and distribute order forms for additional graduation items.

### Labor Day

Holy Cross High School will **not** be in session on **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Labor Day.

### In-Service Day

Holy Cross High School will **not** be in session on **Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is an in-service day for teachers.

### Faculty Meeting

There will be a faculty meeting on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is **2:00 p.m.**

### Athletic Boosters Meeting

The Boosters will meet on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Arlinghaus Haus (corner of Church St. and Southern Ave.). Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Diocesan Senior Mass

The Diocesan Senior Mass celebrated by Bishop Roger Foys, will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday, **September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.** All seniors will attend this Mass. Students will be transported on Holy Cross High School busses.

### Indian Run Walk

Join us for **The Indian Run/Walk** sponsored by **the Holy Cross High School Cross Country Team** to benefit the **Missy Goller Scholarship Fund**. The Run/Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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 go to the website [hchscov.com](http://hchscov.com) or email Wayne

Bey at [wbey@twc.com](mailto:wbey@twc.com) or Jamie Marsh at [jmarsh2710@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarsh2710@yahoo.com) or call the high school office at 859 431-1335 for additional information. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Homecoming**

The Homecoming Dance will be held on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Pat's** in Taylor Mill from **7:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Homecoming is a Student Council sponsored event open to all students with or without a date. Announcements will be made at school regarding ticket prices.

The **dress for the dance is semi-formal** meaning shirt and tie for boys and appropriate dresses for girls. Girls' dresses must be of an appropriate length and must not show the midsection at all, including dresses with a mesh overlay. **If there is a question about appropriateness, please contact Ms. Miller.**

### **Fall/Winter/Spring Sports**

All athletes must have a current physical on hand before tryouts/practices begin. Students are not permitted to participate in any manner without a current physical and insurance. Once placed on a team, a participation fee of \$100.00 is required if it has not been paid for 2016-17 school year.

### **Open House**

The first **Open House** of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 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. **The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day will be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact the high school office at **859 431-1335** for additional information.

### **Youth 2000**

Join hundreds of young Catholics aged 13 to 30 from across the diocese Oct. 7-9 at Notre Dame Academy for live music, fun, worship, and dynamic preaching by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Early registrants say \$10; full details at [www.nkyouth.com](http://www.nkyouth.com). This is not an overnight. Parents must provide chaperones for minors (age 13-17). A VIRTUS-certified adult (age 21 or older) can chaperone up to seven minors. Two adults may register as co-chaperones, splitting hours and the fee. If you have questions, check the website or call 859 466-1283.

"I went to YOUTH 2000 last year because my parents made me. This year I went because I wanted to. It was an amazing experience I'll never forget!" -- Bethany, age 15

### **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 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.

## UPCOMING

### *October 5*

- Junior Mass and Ring Ceremony -1:00 pm

### *October 9*

- Indian Walk/Run

### *October 10*

- Faculty Meeting – Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

### *October 12*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends

### *October 17*

- Athletic Boosters Meeting 7:00 p.m. Arlinghaus House

### *October 19*

- 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.
- **Report Card Night – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

### *October 21*

- Faculty In-Service – No school

### *October 25*

- Senior meeting during 1<sup>st</sup> period with a representative from Graduate Service to measure for cap and gowns.

### *October 26*

- Junior Day of Recollection

### *October 27*

- Blessing of Benefactors Dinner at Twin Oaks

### *October 29*

- Haunted House at Holy Cross High School