



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



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 high school office.

******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.**

Counselor Notes

- ALL Juniors will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on **Wednesday, October 19**. The fee for the **PSAT is \$15.00**. This practice SAT will give students a better idea of what to expect on the SAT. They will get feedback about critical academic skills and be able to prepare for the SAT. It never hurts to practice and prepare for standardized tests!
- Attention **SENIORS** and Senior Parents: **Sign up to re-take the ACT one, two or three more times!** Sign up today at www.actstudent.org **Test dates are:** October 22, December 10, February 11, April 8 and June 10. Find registration deadlines on the website.

ACT (no writing) Fee: \$42.50.

Colleges that will be visiting Holy Cross during next few months:

- Mount Saint Joseph - Monday, September 26th, during Enrichment
- Northern Kentucky University - Monday, October 3rd, during Enrichment
- Miami University – Thursday, October 6th, during Enrichment
- University of Cincinnati – Friday, October 7th, during Enrichment
- Transylvania University – Tuesday, October 11th, during Enrichment
- University of Kentucky – Tuesday, October 18th, during Enrichment
- University of Louisville – Monday, October 24th, during Enrichment
- Marietta College – Tuesday, October 25th, during Enrichment

Holy Cross's third annual **CAREER FAIR**, will be on **Friday, November 4th**. All students will have a chance to tour the booths and learn about multiple different careers! If you are someone you know would like to join the panel of careers, please contact Mrs. Dipzinski at jayne.dipzinski@hchscov.com. Thanks

Attention SENIORS and SENIOR PARENTS: The **FAFSA** now opens on **Oct. 1, 2016**. Students, parents, and borrowers are required to use an **FSA ID**, made up of a username and password, to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your **federal student aid** documents.

To file the FAFSA (after you have your FSA ID), go to: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Governor's Scholar Program

The Governor's Scholars Program is a stimulating, five-week, residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school. Established in 1983, the popular program provides academic and personal growth in a challenging, non-traditional environment that balances a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.

The process for the Governor's Scholar Program will begin the first week of October. There will be several meetings beginning in early October and any interested junior should attend these meetings. A GSP overview will be given and the application process will be reviewed. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Dipzinski.

Timeline for GSP

Fall 2016

- Meeting 1: Monday, Sept 19th
 - Work on profile

- Meeting 2: Monday, Oct. 3rd
 - Finish up profile

- Meeting 3: Monday, Oct. 17th
 - Work on Essay

- Meeting 4: Monday, Nov. 7th
• Recommendation Letters

Monday, November 21st

FINAL GSP applications must be turned in to Holy Cross for review

Final Selections : Thursday, December 1st

(Dates may be subject to change, (weather, assembly... etc)

GENERAL ITEMS

Drug Free Club

Drug Free Clubs of America reaches out to every type of student, offering a logical prevention strategy. After completing a voluntary confidential drug test at school, drug free students receive a photo ID “Club Card”, recognizing them as members. Members use their club cards at school and participating businesses to receive rewards tailor made for Drug Free Clubs of America.

Re-testing of random members occurs periodically throughout the school year. Only parents are notified of results. School personnel do not have access to results. Therefore, parents can enjoy the peace of mind that comes with knowing their child is drug free and has a powerful safety net to protect that choice under pressure. Please visit www.DrugFreeClubs.org to find out more information. If you would like to have your child join the club, contact Mrs. Reardon at Shelley.reardon@hchscov.com. The cost is \$35 per year, \$70 for two years and \$105 for four years.

Indian Summer Festival

Thanks to all for your support of the High School Indian Summer Festival. Despite having to dodge some rain we enjoyed great company, food, drinks and music. Congratulations to Dale and Peg Adams who were the winners of the \$10,000 grand raffle. A special thank you goes to the festival committee and chairpersons for their tireless work and time in planning and running the festival. Thank you to our sponsors who helped to make our festival a success. Also, a thank you goes to the volunteer staff of faculty, parents, students, alumni and friends who did a great job setting up, working shifts and cleaning up the festival. With the exception of the weather the festival could not have gone smoother!

Indian Run/ Walk

The Annual Indian Run/Walk will be sponsored by the Holy Cross High School Cross Country Team this year and will be held at **Pioneer Park on Sunday, October 9th starting at 9:00 a.m.** The proceeds will benefit the Missy Goller Scholarship Fund. 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 the the registration form or pick one up in the high school office. If you have any questions or need additional information please email Wayne Bey at wbey@twc.com or Jamie Marsh at jmarsh2710@yahoo.com. Your support would be appreciated.

Dress Code

Beginning **Monday, October 3rd**, 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 sweatshirts that do not meet dress code, 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.**

Junior Ring Ceremony

The annual **Junior Ring Ceremony** will be held at a special Mass on **Wednesday, October 5th 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 12:50 pm.

Senior Class Retreat

Senior Retreats are October 10-13 and February 6-9. Each retreat will run from Monday afternoon to Thursday around lunchtime. The Diocese has changed the retreat format from the Christian Awakening Retreat, as was explained in the Diocesan Messenger. The Bishop has endorsed a retreat with a focus on prayer and contemplation. In this world of technology and being constantly “plugged in,” this retreat is designed to be an experience of time and techniques to better one’s personal communication with God. Each retreat will be led by a Diocesan Priest as the Retreat Master. We will be in need of snacks for during their free time so if you would like to donate either monetarily or by sending in a snack, it would be greatly appreciated.

Faculty Meeting – **DATE CHANGED**

The faculty meeting scheduled for **Monday, October 10th** has been moved to **Monday, October 17th** to accommodate the senior retreat. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is **2:00 p.m.**

In-Service Day -October 21

Friday, October 21 is an In-service Day. School **will not** be in session.

Athletic Boosters’ Meeting

There will be an Athletic Boosters’ meeting on **Monday, October 17th at 7:00** in the Arlinghaus House. All are invited to attend and be a part of this very vital group.

Report Card Night

The first quarter of the school year will end on October 12th. Report Card Night will be on **Wednesday, October 19th 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 your 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.

Junior Day of Recollection

The Junior Day of Recollection will be held on **Wednesday, October 26th, 2016**. On this day, the juniors will perform community service at various places around the Covington area. Please contact Mr. Wermeling at rob.wermeling@hchscov.com for additional information.

Blessing of Benefactors Event

The *Blessing of Benefactors Event* is being held on **Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club**. If you would like more information about the event or would like to receive an invitation please call or email Dot Trame in the Development/Alumni Office at 859-655-2190 or dot.trame@hchscov.com.

Picture Make-Up and Re-Take

Lifetouch Photographers will be at school in the morning on **Thursday, October 27th** 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 will be available in the office the week before. If the picture is a re-take, the packet from the first sitting must be returned to the photographer on October 27th.

Open House & 8th Grade Visit

The first **Open House** of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:15 p.m.** Please encourage anyone you know who may be thinking about a high school for their son/daughter to attend our Open House.

8th grade visitation day will be **Tuesday, November 15th**. Students attending our feeder grade schools will be transported to Holy Cross High School on school busses. Out of district students are welcome to attend and may sign up at Open House or call the high school office at 859 431-1335.

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 or at (859) 291-8588.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House

Wednesday, November 2

Faculty Meeting

Monday, November 10

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday – Friday, November 23 - 25

Thanksgiving Social

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Friday, November 25