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Counselor's Notes

Junior Parents: This is a reminder that "now" is the time to start exploring colleges, with your junior student. Many colleges have "Get Acquainted Days," or "Open House Days," on Saturday mornings/afternoons. This will help your child get a "feel" for a college campus and talk to various college employees about majors, programs and even collegiate sports that are available. It's never too early to explore what is out there and what the world has to offer!

Junior Students will have the opportunity to take a "free" ACT at Holy Cross High School on **Tuesday, February 28th.**

If your child is interested in taking the ACT, the **national dates for the ACT** are **Feb. 11th, April 8th, and June 10th.** To sign up, visit www.actstudent.org

GENERAL ITEMS

HCHS Magnified Giving Pancake Breakfast

Holy Cross High School's Magnified Giving Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday, January 11 from 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$3.00 for 3 pancakes, fruit and beverage (coffee, milk or juice), extra pancakes are \$1.00 each.

Magnified Giving is a tri-state group of young philanthropists. Students from 86 area high schools are involved in clubs supported by their individual schools. Last year our HCHS club raised over \$2,000 for charity.

Thanks in advance for your support of our event. We hope you will join us for pancakes as well, we do takeout orders.

Denim & Diamonds Event Scheduled

If you are planning a class reunion or just a get together with friends, consider having your get together at the 2017 Denim & Diamonds event. The evening includes dinner, live and silent auctions, music and an environment to socialize with friends and enjoy the evening! The annual Denim & Diamonds Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Receptions Banquet Center in Erlanger, Ky.

The proceeds from this event are earmarked for the Scholarship Endowment Funds and financial aid at Holy Cross High School. The committee is currently seeking donations and sponsors. You can donate any item, service, concert or sporting event tickets, timeshares, gift certificates or money in any amount. There will be both a silent and live auction throughout the evening. Sponsorships are also available for this event. The Denim & Diamonds Committee is always expanding and you are welcome to become a part of it. This is a great way to get involved and meet other parents, friends and alumni.

For solicitation letters, sponsorship or more information, contact Danielle Collins at 859-547-7386, Theresa Boehmer at 859-663-7073 or Karen Nolan at 859-630-2801 or you can send an email to dems.diamonds@hchscov.com.

Denim & Diamonds Donations

The Denim & Diamonds committee is working very hard on the upcoming event to be held on **Saturday, February 4th** 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- 13 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 20th**. Students who donate an item will also be eligible for a drawing for \$50 to be awarded on Friday, January 13. If you are interested in being a **Sponsor** this year, please contact Danielle Collins@ 859-547-7386.

Open House

The second **Open House** of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, February 1 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.

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due on **Monday, January 9th**. Order forms are available after Christmas break at <http://www.hchscov.com> Delivery will take place on or around January 11th.

Freshman Alumni Scholarship Application Deadline

The deadline for the Holy Cross Alumni Freshman Scholarship is **Friday, January 13th, 2017**. Applications have been sent to the district grade schools and are available in the high school office or on the website www.hchscov.com.

Martin Luther King Day

There will be no school on **Monday, January 16th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Prayer Service

There will be a Diocesan Day for Prayer and Penance for Life on **Friday, January 27th 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.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of **January 30 - February 3**. Holy Cross will be represented at the Diocesan Mass celebrated on February 1st at the Cathedral.

Faculty Meetings

The January and February faculty meetings will take place on **Monday, January 9th** and **February 13**. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm

All School Mass

The January all-school Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, January 18th** at 11:00 a.m. All-school masses are held once a month.

School Musical

The musical, *Godspell*, will be performed **February 16 – 19, 2017** 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 the high school office at 859 431-1335.

2016-17 Annual Appeal

Annual Appeal information was mailed out at the end of October. 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 again we are looking at giving the gift of education to our students. 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. Information has been mailed to each household. If you have not received the Annual Appeal brochure, please contact the Development/Alumni at 859-655-2190 or dot.trame@hchscov.com.

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 (859) 431-1335 or email Mrs. Judy Borchers at judy.borchers@hchscov.com. Local television and radio stations will also carry the information.

Please note that weather related delays and cancellations will not be posted on the website.

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 or at (859) 291-8588.

Upcoming

Wednesday, February 1 – **Open House** for perspective students and their parents.

Friday, February 3 – **Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Applications available**

Saturday, February 4 – **Denim & Diamonds**

Tuesday – Thursday, February 7 – 9 – **Senior Retreat** (Seniors leave after school on Monday)

Thursday & Friday, February 9 & 10 – **Mulch Sale Kick Off**

Thursday – Sunday, February 16 - 19 – **Godspell** at the Carnegie

Monday, February 20 – **No school/President’s Day**

Wednesday, February 22 – **Freshman Day of Recollection**

Friday, February 24 – **Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Deadline**

Tuesday, February 28 – **ACT** will be distributed to **ALL juniors** at HCHS