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FROM THE principal

DEAR ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS,

As we all look forward to the warmer days of spring, I would like to share with you some of the amazing accomplishments of our students. We are so proud of the diversity of these accomplishments and the recognition our students have received from all over the state and country.

This year our swim and dive team had their largest number of participants compete at the state meet in Louisville. **Gus Staubitz** made history this winter by being the first Holy Cross diver to win the regional meet and then go on to win the state championship in diving. Our girls basketball team advanced to the All "A" Classic in Frankfort, and both the girls and boys teams advanced to the regional tournament held at NKU. The members of the Y-club had their most successful conference ever in December, finishing third at the KYA conference in Louisville. Holy Cross was one of the smallest schools to participate but had one of the largest contingents present at the competition. Fourteen members of the Y-Club also traveled to Boston to compete at Harvard University's competition in January. Lastly, the Drama Club put on an amazing and entertaining production of *Godspell* at the Carnegie theatre.

Our students are excelling in the classroom as well. We have a large number of students who are currently taking one or more of the nine AP or dual credit courses that we offer. Students enrolled in these courses are able to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. Special congratulations to **Matt Hock**, a National Merit Finalist, and **Elijah Batson** who was recognized as a National Merit Commended Student. Our ACT 30 Club has continued to grow. We have fourteen students that have already reached that mark this year!

We enjoyed seeing and catching up with many of you at our Alumni Night which was held during a boys and girls double header basketball game, we honored the five year anniversary of our All "A" State Champion volleyball and boys basketball teams and had a blast at our annual Denim and Diamonds Scholarship Dinner. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Our alumni, parents and friends play a crucial role in the success of our students. Your generous support of Holy Cross helps us to provide a wonderful place for our students to develop and demonstrate their wide range of talents. Holy Cross allows all students the opportunity to succeed. Thank you for the many ways in which you help to provide opportunities for our students to shine!

With great appreciation,



A Spotlight on Y-Club



The Holy Cross Y-Club is an extracurricular club in which students participate in mock government conferences. The program was revived five years ago by Ms. Miller. The club attended only one conference during the first year, the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA), with five students. Since then the club has grown tremendously and has won several awards. This year 64 students attended KYA where they participated in a simulation of Kentucky state government.

The conference is completely run by high school students who participate in the three branches of government. During this year's conference, **Wesley Schmidt** ran for the executive

cabinet. Out of 16 candidates, Wesley placed 3rd making him the President of the Senate for next year's conference. **Isaac Schultz** and **Matt Hock** were both made supporting officers, Cabinet Secretary and Committee Chair respectively. Students also wrote three different bills. One bill was ranked so highly that those who led it, **Katherine Frantz**, **Ehmet Thornton-Ayres**, and **Dominic Hassert**, were chosen to present it on the house floor of the capitol building in Frankfort. Another bill led by **C.J. Holmes**, **David Roberdeaux**, and **Rachel Krumweide** passed both the House and the Senate, but was vetoed by the Governor. **Kati Nolan** and **Christian Bales** participated in the judicial program as advocates in an appellate level case. **Kati Nolan** was awarded the Outstanding Advocate Award ranking as the highest advocate in the program among 41 other advocates. Because she won this award, she was also chosen to participate in an "all stars" type final round on the last day of the conference. Katie won her case even though she had a new partner from a different school.

In January the Holy Cross Y-Club traveled to Boston to attend the Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN), a mock United Nations assembly. This was the first year Holy Cross attended HMUN. Schools from 35 different countries attend the prestigious conference. Holy Cross was the only school from Kentucky in attendance.

Twelve students were fortunate enough to enjoy this exciting and enriching experience. The group arrived in Boston a day early to get acquainted with the city's historical culture. They viewed the USS Constitution and visited many historic landmarks including the Bunker Hill Monument, site of the Boston Massacre. The group also enjoyed Boston's culinary scene. The students had a great time but spent most of the trip preparing for the conference.

There were numerous committees within the conference focusing on important world issues including the World Health Organization, World Conference of Women, and the Humanitarian and Cultural Committee. Holy Cross was chosen to represent the country of Costa Rica. Each student worked within their committees to write and produce ideas that contributed to the creation of working papers, draft resolutions and amendments building up to a final resolution. Everyone worked very hard and made the most out of their experience!

The club will also participate in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) at the end of March representing Morocco and Mauritania. The club hopes to attend the Harvard Model Congress in San Francisco next year. Ms. Miller, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Knox and Mr. Reed serve as advisors for this group and dedicate countless hours to making these conferences such a success. Congratulations to all who participated!

GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAM PERFORMS WITH EXCELLENCE

The Governor's Cup is a way to promote, reward and recognize outstanding academic achievement on the district, regional and state level. The competition is normally in February at the end of the Academic Team season.

The competition consists of several parts: Written Assessments, Composition and Quick Recall.

Written Assessments are multiple choice tests given to individual students in the areas of math, science, social studies, language arts, and arts and humanities.

Composition is on-demand writing based on a topic that is presented to the students at the time of the competition period.

Quick Recall has the same format as the Academic Team. It is similar in concept to the former television show "It's Academic" and "College Bowl." Two teams of four players each answer questions based on Kentucky's school curricula. Players use a buzzer system and try to beat the clock, and the opposing team, to the correct answer. Questions are from the same subject areas as the written tests.

Students are selected by the faculty to compete in Written Assessments and



Christian Bales

Composition. Students in Quick Recall are members of the Academic Team.

The 2017 Holy Cross Governor's Cup team performed excellently in the recent event. **Christian Bales** finished 1st in composition. **Katie Holtz** finished 1st in science. **Adam Heist** finished 3rd in social studies. **Molly Bilz** finished 4th in language arts. **Elijah Batson** finished 4th in the arts & humanities for the third year in a row. As a team, Holy Cross finished 2nd in Quick Recall and was runner-up overall.

Congratulations to the students and to their moderator Mrs. Amanda Reed.

Godspell shows students talent

The Drama Club, under the direction of Mrs. Jodie Meyn, put on an amazing and well-received performance of *Godspell* at The Carnegie in February.

Godspell is the timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love based on the gospel according to St. Matthew. A community comes together to help Jesus tell parables using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and an eclectic blend of fan-favorite songs.

Lead roles were played by **Wesley Schmidt** (Jesus) and **Jake VonHandorf** (Juda/John the Baptist). Other cast members included freshmen: **Amber Konerman**, **Evah Lemma**, **Megan Ackley**; sophomores: **Summer Campbell**, **Natalie Sendelbach**, **Chase Holmes**, **Kelly Even**, **Jacqueline Bray**, **Cori Stitt**, **Hannah Frank**; juniors: **Braden Vicars**, **Katherine Frantz**, **Isaac Schultz**, **Anna Bergman**, **Katie Holtz**, **Julia Schmitz**, **Isabel Wartenberg**; and seniors: **Tessa Wagner**, **Hanne Driscoll**, and **Molly Bilz**. The crew included **Jared Lipp** and **Samantha Monson**.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT PLANS MAY PRODUCTION



Wednesday - May 10, 2017 - 8:00pm
Thursday - May 11, 2017 - 8:00pm
Friday - May 12, 2017 - 8:00pm

The Drama Club under the direction of moderator, Jodie Meyn, will present *Murder at the Malt Shop* at Thomas More College in May. It's a family friendly production that takes place during the 50s at Sprouts Malt Shop. The admission is FREE!

The show is filled with quirky characters and one is guilty of murder. They all have a motive when the reprehensible and unreasonable Jerry Atrick falls over dead after an unexpected blackout. Its up to Sheriff Colin Allcars to find out who is responsible for the foul play. Was it the trouble-making greaser, Noah Count? Or the bubbly and annoying know-it-all cheerleader, Bobbie Pinz? Surely not her sidekick, Shirley Knott! Could it have been the waitress, Dee Lighted, who takes your order but brings you whatever she feels like? How about the sultry starlet or the dim-witted jock? This zany mystery delivers exactly what you're craving: a juicy whodunit served with loads of puns and topped with a heap of nostalgic 50s references!

STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Mathew Hock was named a National Merit Semifinalist and **Elijah Batson** was named a Commended Student.

Roughly 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools across the country took the PSAT/NMSQT qualifying test. Of those juniors, the 50,000 highest scorers are identified. 16,000, or about 1% overall, are designated as Semifinalists on a state representational basis, and have the opportunity to continue in the merit scholarship competition for some 7,400 scholarships worth more than \$32 million. The other 34,000 high performers were named Commended Students.



New Music Director Brings New Life to Music Department



Mr. Tony Wagner is in his first year directing the Holy Cross Music Department. He is bringing new life and vitality to the entire music program by increasing the numbers of performers, performances, music and equipment.

After the high school Christmas mass, the Music Ensemble performed a number of popular Christmas songs for the faculty and students. They sang such favorites as Jingle Bells, We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Silent Night. They sang 8 songs in all and often interacted with the student body.

Accompanying the Ensemble was a student instrument group featuring electric guitars, bass, percussion and violin. Mr. Wagner played the piano.

The performers put in many hours during and after school in preparation of the concert. They sang and played their instruments with great enthusiasm and confidence. The student body responded with appreciation after each song and rewarded their classmates with a standing ovation after the final song.

Junior, **Ethan Thomas** said, "The concert was good; it was different and fun."

MUSIC ENSEMBLE CHOIR:

- Anna Bergman**
- Hanne Driscoll**
- Kelly Even**
- Katherine Frantz**
- Katie Holtz**
- Evah-Marie Lemma**
- Tessa Wagner**
- Isabel Wartenberg**
- Will Crowley**
- C.J Holmes**
- Wesley Schmidt**
- Jake VonHandorf**
- Samantha Monson**
- Christian Bales**
- Mathew Hock**
- Colin Newman**

MUSIC ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS:

- Elijah Batson** (Percussion)
- Sam Braden** (Saxophone)
- Ethan Dierig** (Bass)
- Matthew Frank** (Electric Guitar)
- Amber Konerman** (Violin)
- Ben Ryan** (Acoustic/Electric Guitar)
- Brennan Schaffer** (Electric Guitar)
- Isaac Schultz**
- Suzie Martin**
- Julia Schmitz**
- Tessa Wagner**

Remember When

by JIM FELDMAN '71

A Blast From The Past



A little over a year ago, I was picking up prize donations for a HCHS event at the York Street Café in Newport. While explaining why I was there to the hostess, a near-by woman overheard our conversation. She spoke up and said that she used to teach at Holy Cross many years ago.

I asked her name. When she told me that it was Joyce Cunningham, I immediately recognized her although it had been more than 50 years and blurted out, "You taught 5th grade English to my class and you were the teacher who told us that Kennedy had just been shot." (I was shocked at how young she looked). Although Roseanne Ginney was our regular teacher, Miss Cunningham taught us every afternoon for an hour after lunch.

After realizing that I had reconnected with my long ago teacher, I reminded her how popular she was with most of her students. You see, Miss Cunningham was part of the pre-Vatican II faculty at Holy Cross. Most of the other teachers were, with all due respect, older nuns who still wore the wimples and floor length habits.

Joyce Cunningham was young, very attractive, had a good personality and, according to **Nancy Urlage '69**, who had her full time one year, a very good teacher. She was also a former Playboy Bunny.

It turns out that Joyce's brother owns the York Street Café. I asked if she remembered any of her former students and she vividly recalled **Fred Klare**, **Steve Fritsch** and the Miller twins, who eventually graduated in 1969. I asked if she remembered my brother from that class and she hesitated, thought a minute and replied with a smile "I only remember the bad ones." (Sorry Steve).

We talked further and she said that she never had any children. Her students were like her children to her, she confessed. I told her about this column, got her phone number, and recently called her to fill us in on her life after Holy Cross. She e-mailed me the following:

You can't imagine how surprised and delighted I was to get a call from Jim Feldman. We ran into each other in my brother's restaurant, The York St. Café. (A little advertisement!) He wanted to know what I've been doing since Holy Cross. That's a long time, but I'll try to keep it short.

Three years later I quit teaching and moved to Florida. You know, sunshine, beach etc. Got a job at a lovely Polynesian Restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale, The Mai Kai. Worked there 2 years. Then got a job at the Playboy Club in Miami. Yes, Ms. Cunningham was a Bunny. Worst job ever, costume hurt, feet hurt, and not much money! Plus I had to pay a toll on the highway between Lauderdale and Miami both ways. That lasted a year. Went back to the Mai Kai.

Met my first husband in March of 1966 got married in August and moved back to Cincinnati. Moved to Hawaii and lived there for 1 year and then moved back to Cincinnati. We bought a bar in Mt. Adams "Chapter 13" and "Zips" in Mt. Lookout. Built a home in 1972. Divorced in 1975. Moved back to Florida in Delray Beach, owned my own bar until 1989 and then worked at the Polo Club in Boca Raton as a beverage manager in 1999.

Met my second husband in 1982 got married in 1992 and divorced in 2001. I moved back to Cincinnati, moved in with my dad and bought his house in Bridgetown. I worked at the Argosy Casino for 2 years as a bartender. Then for the past 15 years worked at the Queen City Club as a receptionist plus did murder mysteries with Who Dunnitt Players.

After Dad passed away I decided to go back to my favorite spot, FLORIDA. I'm now 76 and once again teaching children at Kumon Learning Center. It is a nationally known program for children who are either struggling or excelling in English and Math. I love my students like I loved you kids AND I DID LOVE YOU KIDS!!! I'm also doing a lot of theater and presently in rehearsal for "Once Upon a Mattress." I'm also doing some fun murder mysteries, and just filmed a commercial. I might be old but "Ain't Dead Yet." Hope everyone is happy and healthy. Keep in touch.

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STAUBITZ WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP LEADING SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM TO SUCCESS



Northern Kentucky had enjoyed a run of six state champions in a row in boys diving from 2010 to 2015 before that streak was snapped last year. The area reclaimed the title after Holy Cross senior **Gus Staubit** won the one meter diving championship in convincing fashion during the KHSAA state meet.

Gus became the first person in Holy Cross history to win an individual state title by capturing the diving championship on Saturday, February 25. Gus held a large lead after the first round of dives on Friday, only to increase that lead through the final round on Saturday. He put an exclamation point on the title with a 41 point final dive. Gus's scored 432.90, an All-American consideration mark.

Teammate **Owen Finke** finished in 9th place. **Emma Lehmkuhl** finished in 15th place for the girls. Diving coach Allyson Heger was named Outstanding Diving Coach and Gus was named Diver of the Year.

Swimming had its best individual run at regionals this year returning six individuals to either the consolation heat or finals heat. Those swimmers are:

Megan Nielander – 4th in 50 free and 7th in 100 free (both team records); **Mike Ackley** – 13th in 50 free (team record) and 11th in 100 back; **Matthew Allen** – 10th in 200 free (team record) and 12th in 500 free; **Mady Broering** – 14th in 200 free and 16th in 500 free; **Madison Lipscomb** – 15th in 200 free; and **Chloe Kresnak** – 16th in 100 free.

The boy's medley relay of **Michael Ackley, Sam Pullen, Matthew Allen, Archer Adams** and **Dom Hassert** was the first Holy Cross relay to compete in the finals heat since 2005. (It was a 400 free relay that Swim Coach **Seth Jansen** '05 swam in high school posting an impressive 1:13.77 for his part.)

Two girls relay teams qualified to swim at state. They are the girls 200 free relay (seeded 39th): **Mady Broering, Grace Kahmann, Madison Lipscomb, Megan Nielander, Kiley Hobbs, Chloe Kresnak, Madison Woods,** and **Sarah Herzog**; and the girls 400 Free relay team (seeded 32nd): **Mady Broering, Grace Kahmann, Madison Lipscomb, Megan Nielander, Sarah Herzog, Kiley Hobbs, Chloe Kresnak,** and **Hannah Wynn**.

These are the first relay teams in team school history that got to swim at state.

Eagle Scout Project Benefits Softball Team

For his Eagle Scout project, Holy Cross senior, **Jake Gerrein** and friends took on the task of constructing a scoreboard at Bowman Field, off of Locust Pike, for the benefit of the Holy Cross softball team. They did a fantastic job on the board which is reminiscent of the old time scoreboards where you have to hang the numbers to show the score. Jake will receive his Eagle Scout award later this spring. Nice job Jake!



Football Team Celebrates 20 Years; Coach Kozerski is Inducted into Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame

This year will mark the beginning of the 20th season of football at Holy Cross. Coach Bruce Kozerski is also being inducted into the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame this year. Bruce's induction ceremony will take place this summer and he plans on taking the team with him.

In order to be inducted into the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame one must have been born and raised in the state of Kentucky, played college football in the state of Kentucky or made a significant impact in the football community in the state of Kentucky. Bruce is being inducted because of his work at Holy Cross. We are proud of Coach Kozerski and are very privileged to have him here!

Bruce has been the head coach for 14 years and lead the football team to the state title in 2011. The football team at Holy Cross is unique because anyone who wants to play can and will play. Football tryouts are open to everyone, prior football experience is not mandatory.



"Coaching and teaching at Holy Cross has been the best experience of my life"

— COACH, BRUCE KOZERSKI

VARSITY AND JV GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS BEAT EXPECTATIONS AND WIN TOURNAMENTS



Holy Cross JV Girls won the Regional Championship on February 11, 2017. Freshman Piper Macke and Jade Simpson were All Tournament Selections.

The Girls basketball program was considered to be in a rebuilding mode as they entered the season without many expectations due to their youth. However, both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams experienced steady improvement over the course of the season which resulted in great success:

- Bourbon County Christmas Invitational Tournament Champions
- 9th Region All-A Regional Tournament Champions
- 35th District Tournament Champions
- Junior Varsity 9th Region Tournament Champions

Senior **Alehia Tucker** was named the 9th region All-A Classic Regional Tournament Most Valuable Player, the Bourbon County Christmas Tournament Most Valuable Player, and after being named to the 35th District Tournament All-Tournament Team for the past two seasons, this season she was named the 35th District Tournament Most Valuable Player. Alehia was named to the Northern Kentucky High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association All Division Team.

Sophomore **Olivia Crigler** was named to her first 9th Region All-A Classic Regional All-Tournament Team. She was also named to the 9th Region All-Tournament Team after scoring a total of forty points in two games. Olivia was named to the Northern Kentucky High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association All Division Team.

Sophomore **Trinity McClendon** was named to the Bourbon County Christmas Tournament All-Tournament Team, the 9th Region All-A Classic Regional All-Tournament Team and the 35th District Tournament All-Tournament Team. She also received the Northern Kentucky High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association Ms. Hustle Award.

Freshman **Jade Simpson** was named to the 9th Region Junior Varsity Tournament All-Tournament Team.

Freshman **Piper Macke** was named the 9th Region Junior Varsity Tournament Most Valuable Player.

8th Grader **Sid Thomas** was named to the 9th Region Tournament All-Tournament Team, 35th District All-Tournament Team and the Bourbon County Christmas Tournament All-Tournament Team.

2017 Varsity Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
March			
Tues 21	@ Walton Verona	5:30	Walton Sports Complex
Wed 22	@ Pendleton Cty	5:30	Pendleton Cty
Thurs 23	@ Bellevue	5:00	Bellevue Vets
Fri 24	Dixie	6:00	Meinken Field
Sat 25	@ CovCath	12:00	CovCath
Tues 28	Scott	5:00	Meinken Field
Wed 29	Boone Cty	5:00	Meinken Field
Thurs 30	@ Lloyd	5:00	Lloyd

April

Sat 1	@ New Richmond (DH)	TBA	New Richmond
Tues 4	All A @ St. Henry	5:00	St. Henry
Thurs 6	Doc Morris Tournament	5:30	Meinken Field
Fri 7	Doc Morris Tournament	5:30/8:00	Meinken Field
Sat 8	Doc Morris Tournament	11am/1/3	Meinken Field
Mon 10	All A Semi-Finals	TBA	Florence Freedom
Tues 11	All A Finals	7:00	Florence Freedom
Wed 12	@ Highlands ©	5:00	Highland Park
Thurs 13	@ Brossart	11:30am	St. Mary's Field
Tues 18	@ Cooper	5:00	Cooper
Wed 19	St. Henry ©	6:00	Meinken Field
Thurs 20	Ludlow (Reds Futures)	7:30	Meinken Field
Fri 21	Bryan Stevenson Tny	TBA	Simon Kenton
Sat 22	Bryan Stevenson Tny (DH)	TBA	Simon Kenton
Mon 24	@ Beechwood (seed)	5:00	Beechwood
Wed 26	Newport ©	6:00	Meinken Field
Thurs 27	@ Campbell Cty	5:00	Campbell Cty
Fri 28	Bellevue	5:00	Meinken Field

May

Mon 1	@ Holmes (Seed)	5:00	Meinken Field
Tues 2	@ Scott	5:00	Scott
Wed 3	Brossart ©	6:00	Meinken Field
Fri 5	@ Dixie	7:15	Dixie
Sat 6	@ Bourbon Cty Tny (DH)	TBA	Bourbon Cty
Mon 8	@ NewCath ©	5:00	Moescher Field
Wed 10	@ Ryle	5:00	Ryle
Thur 11	CovCath (Seed)	5:00	Meinken Field
Fri 12	@ Conner Classic	TBA	Dixie/CovCath
Sat 13	@ Conner Classic	TBA	Dixie/CovCath
Mon 15	Bourbon Co	6:00	Meinken Field
Wed 17	@ Conner	5:00	Conner
Thurs 18	Beechwood ©	6:00	Meinken Field
Fri 19	Lloyd	6:00	Meinken Field
Sat 20	@ Louisville Holy Cross	2:00	Louisville HC
Mon 22	District Tournament	TBA	CovCath
Mon 29	Regional Tournament	TBA	Florence Freedom

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM MAKES BACK-TO-BACK APPEARANCES IN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Holy Cross Indians, under the leadership of Coach Ryan Schrand and his assistant coaches, Stephen Muck, Andre McClendon, and Mike Young, have made back to back regional appearances. The Indians had not made the tournament since 2004, under then coach Dan Trame. This year's team played an extremely tough schedule, which was risky considering the team had lost 7 very talented seniors to graduation in 2016. The 2016 team had a record of 23-9. Coach Schrand was willing to take the bumps and bruises to insure a tournament ready young team. The Indians had only one part-time starter returning, **Derrick Barnes**. However the senior leadership of Barnes, **Will Volpenhein** and **Jaylin Williams** helped the team with steady progression. Sophomore **Ty Houston** made an immediate impact defensively but needed a little time to get comfortable with the pace of varsity play. Houston came on strong and helped the team make it to the district championship. He led in team rebounds and finished 3rd in scoring.

Junior **Nolan Schrand** led the team in scoring averaging 11.2 pts, with a total of 312 for the regular season. Nolan was voted All Region by the Kentucky High School Coach's association. Sophomore **Ty Houston** was named to the District All Tournament team and Senior **Will Volpenhein** was named to the All District Tournament team and All Regional Tournament Team.

Diamond Club Inducts Class of 2017

On Friday night, April 28th, the Holy Cross Indians will introduce its four newest members into its Diamond Club. Being inducted into the Indian's Hall of Fame will be: **Greg Laws** 1997, **Tony O'Donnell** 1997, **Rob Feldman** 2000 and baseball coach, **Lee Meeks**.

Lee Meeks took over the Holy Cross baseball head coaching reigns in 1997. In his five seasons at the helm, his Indian teams made three regional appearances. In 1997, Coach Meeks' team reached the finals only to fall to the Highland Bluebirds 5-3. Again in 1999, the upstart Indians, playing only .500 baseball during the regular season, got hot and advanced all the way to the 9th Region Finals. Their opponent was a Newport Central Catholic that was also finishing its season very strong. The Breds, coached by current head coach, Jeff Schulken, knocked off the Indians to advance to the sectional finals. In 2000, trying to work their way through some injuries to the Indian pitching staff, Coach Meeks was again able to rally his team and land a spot in the 9th Region Tournament. After beating St. Henry in the quarterfinals, the Indians fell victim to the Scott Eagles. After the 1997 season Lee Meeks was honored by his fellow baseball coaches by naming him the 9th Region Coach of the Year.

Rob Feldman has the distinction of being a part of 3 regional tournaments, playing significant roles his junior and senior seasons. As a junior, Rob pitched a total of 61 innings, recorded a 6 and 5 record with an ERA of 2.75. His 84 strikeouts was one of the top marks in the region and placed him near the top of the Holy Cross single season strikeout records. During his senior season, Rob fought through shoulder miseries, but still managed to pitch 50 plus innings, struck out 77 batters and finished with a 4 and 3 pitching record. His ERA was amongst the region's best pitcher at 1.52. Also in his senior season, Rob pitched a perfect game with 17 K's vs. Newport then followed that performance with 5 more perfect innings against Campbell County. The 9th Region Baseball Coaches Association honored Rob with selections to both The Cincinnati Enquirer and Kentucky Post All Star Teams.

Greg Laws, was a three year starter for the Indians. During his sophomore season he pitched a perfect game

against Gallatin County. Greg best season was still to come. That season was 1997 when the Indians made their first appearance in the 9th Region Tournament since 1986. That season Laws was the anchor in the middle a potent Holy Cross offense. He led the Indians in hitting with a .442 batting average; he hit 9 home runs, placing him second in the region, and had a total of 28 extra base hits, including 15 doubles and 4 triples. He led the Indians with 30 RBI's and scored 34 runs. Although the team's regular season shortstop, Greg had a number of saves during the season but none bigger than his save vs. Newport Central Catholic in the semi-finals of the 1997 regional tournament. Greg would be voted onto the 9th Region Coaches Association All Star Team and would be a member of the All Regional Team.

Greg was a gifted baseball player for Holy Cross Indians, but it was his basketball skills that caught the eye of the legendary basketball coach Roland Wierwille of Berea College. Greg would become a standout basketball player the Berea Mountaineers.

Tony O'Donnell, also coached by Diamond Club inductee, Lee Meeks. The 1997 season for Tony O'Donnell will go down as one of the best season for a Holy Cross baseball player of any generation. Going into the 1997 district tournament, O'Donnell led the Indian pitching staff with a 6 and 0 record. In post-season play, Tony added 3 more wins. The Indians took down Covington Catholic 3-1 in the opening round of the districts. O'Donnell added Dixie to his resume defeating the Colonels in the district finals. Tony notched his 3rd post-season win with a dusting of the Conner Cougars in the regional semi-finals to run his season record to 9 wins and no losses. The 9 win mark places him number one on the Holy Cross single season total wins list. His ERA for the season was 1.26.

As if his pitching performances were not enough, Tony hit .420 during the regular season, hit 3 homeruns, had 17 doubles, scored 22 runs and drove in 17 runs.

Tony's great season in 1997, earned him a spot on the 9th Region All Start Team and he was also voted to the All Regional Team.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Watch the Holy Cross website (www.hchscov.com) for information on football and basketball camps to be held this summer.



HOLY CROSS RECEIVES BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL EQUIPMENT FROM ST. E AND REDS COMMUNITY FUND



St. Elizabeth Healthcare and the Reds Community Fund donated \$15,000 worth of baseball and softball equipment to 10 teams from five Northern Kentucky high schools on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Tucker Barnhart, catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, joined representatives from St. Elizabeth and the Reds to distribute the equipment to athletic directors, head coaches and student-athletes from Bellevue, Covington Holmes, Dayton, Holy Cross and Newport high schools in Northern Kentucky. "We're excited to be able to bring much needed equipment to these programs in time for the 2017 high school season," said Charley Frank, executive director of the Reds Community Fund. "Our collaboration with St. Elizabeth is one example of how community leaders across the Tri-State can use athletics to make a difference in the lives of young people." St. Elizabeth matched a \$7,500 contribution from the Reds Community Fund to help the schools through Pitch In For Baseball, a nonprofit organization and industry leader in collecting and repurposing baseball and softball equipment. Each school received an equal share of \$15,000 worth of equipment.

"Giving back to the community and our local high school partners is a priority to us," said Bruno Giacomuzzi, chief operating officer at St. Elizabeth Healthcare's Florence and Ft. Thomas locations. "Our team of athletic trainers, physical therapists and medical staff ensure that our local student-athletes are physically ready for competition. We hope this updated equipment will help these young athletes prepare to achieve their on-field goals this season as well."

Football Players Awarded Honors

Following an excellent season where the team advanced to the state semi-final game, many of the Holy Cross football players received awards for their outstanding play on the field. Northern Kentucky awards and all-star awards voted on by people other than Holy Cross coaches and staff include:

Northern Kentucky Division II All-District

RB – **Xavier Abernathy**, WR/DB – **Jaylin Williams**,
QB – **Dylan Couch**, DE – **Kyle Schirmann**,
OG – **Jojo Cusick**, OT – **Drew McIntosh**,
LB – **Owen Finke**, RB/LB – **Derrick Barnes**,
TE – **Dominic Finnell**, DE – **Jake Gerrein**,
OL – **Theo Maris**, DL – **Rashard Ross**,
WR – **Corey Lyons**, and WR – **Christian Current**

Div II District "Player of the Year"

Derrick Barnes

Northern Kentucky Football Coaches Association

Div. 2A All-Conference

DE – **Xavier Abernathy**, DE – **Kyle Schirmann**,
DB & WR – **Jaylin Williams**, LB & RB – **Derrick Barnes**,
LB – **Owen Finke**, OL – **Drew McIntosh**,
OL – **Theo Maris**, and TE – **Dominick Finnell**

2A Conference "Player of the Year"

Derrick Barnes

Northern Kentucky Top 26 Team

Drew McIntosh and **Derrick Barnes**

All Northern Kentucky

Second Team: TE – **Dominick Finnell**

First Team: OT – **Theo Maris**

First Team: RB & LB – **Derrick Barnes**

First Team All State

LB – **Derrick Barnes**

The following players played in 2016 post season state and national all-star games:

Owen Finke – Battle of the Bluegrass in Louisville, KY;

Kyle Schirmann – Blue Gray National High School All Star Game in Jacksonville, FL;

Derrick Barnes – Kentucky vs Tennessee Border Game in Gatlinburg, TN.

Also the Anthony Munoz Foundation announced that one of their Linemen of the Year award winners is Holy Cross offensive lineman **Drew McIntosh**.

JOIN THE TRIBE DESIGNED TO REWARD YOU

ATTENTION! Alumni, parents, staff, friends and fans!! Holy Cross would like to invite you to join THE TRIBE, an interactive mobile app that can be downloaded to your i-phone, android or tablet. The app is free and allows you to earn points for your attendance at different Holy Cross events. Stay tuned for fun and exciting awards and incentives!



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY PRE-DERBY DINNER

Holy Cross Alumni and Friends are proud to induct **Sr. Sharon Goller, Dan '81** and **Gay Taney Trame '80** and **John and Janice Steioff Qualls '69** into the Holy Cross Alumni and Friends Hall of Fame.

The Pre-Derby Dinner to honor them will be held on Friday, April 28 at the Madison Event Center at 8th and Madison Avenue in Covington Kentucky. (The entrance to the Event Center is on 8th Street and free parking is available across the street.) This year the Pre-Derby event is being changed from a luncheon to a dinner. The fun begins at 6:00pm. A cash bar for beer will be available. Dinner will begin at 6:30 followed by the induction ceremony for our newest members of the Holy Cross Alumni and Friends Hall of Fame.

Come dressed in your favorite derby attire, including hats for the women and derby ties and/or hats for the men. There will be door prizes and our “derby themed” Split the Pot. Remember, this is for alumni and Friends, so all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Get a group together or just come alone and join the rest of us. It will be a great time. Help us welcome the 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees!

Complete the registration form on the inside back cover and mail it in now. The cost is \$20 per person. Make checks payable to Holy Cross High School.

2017 FESTIVAL PLANNING HAS BEGUN

We are very excited to announce that the Rusty Griswold's will headline HC's festival in 2017. The Rusty Griswold's are the ultimate 80's pop and rock experience voted “Best Band of the Year” for 4 consecutive years! They have a huge following and bring a great crowd.

We've also moved the festival dates to Friday 8/25 and Saturday 8/26. We did this to avoid conflicting with another large festival in the area. We are focused on growth this year, increasing attendance, but still keeping the home town feel and traditions of the festival.

We will keep you posted as we get closer to the event, but for planning purposes, wanted to ensure broad communication of date change and announce entertainment.

We GREATLY appreciate your support of the Holy Cross festival and we look forward to seeing you in 2017!!

Another Successful Denim & Diamonds

Denim & Diamonds 2017 took place on Saturday, February 4, at Receptions Banquet Center in Erlanger, KY and was another big success. More than 300 attendees socialized, bid on silent auction items, participated in the various contest and enjoyed the atmosphere of parents, alum and friends of Holy Cross.

Proceeds from the Scholarship Dinner and Auction are used to further endow scholarship funds that have been

established by many Holy Cross families, increase the Holy Cross High School Tuition Assistance Fund, and this year to increase funds for future technology upgrades.

In its 22nd year, the Denim and Diamonds theme of jeans and bling is casual yet dressy, and is unique and fun. Thanks to the families who participated and to Danielle Collins and her committee who again did an amazing job and entertained us with a magical night.



All prospective students are invited to spend a day at Holy Cross High School. Each year dozens of interested students shadow current students at Holy Cross. Each grade school student will be paired with a current student that has similar interests. The day will consist of attending classes, meeting some of our teachers, having lunch with the Holy Cross students and learning about our numerous clubs and activities. Holy Cross continues to be a school with countless opportunities where each child is able to fit in and stand out! For more information or to schedule a visit please call 859-431-1335.



**FLORENCE
FREEDOM
NIGHT**

Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:05pm

**Florence Freedom
UC Health Stadium**

7950 Freedom Way, Florence, KY

All are invited to attend the 2017 Holy Cross Alumni and Friends Night at the Florence Freedom. Discounted tickets are \$8 each. Children three and under are free. For questions or to order tickets contact Terry Niehaus at terry.niehaus@hchscov.com or 859-655-2191.

**TONY SPAULDING
INDUCTED INTO
NORTHERN KENTUCKY
BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
SOCCER HALL OF FAME**

Congratulations to **Tony Spaulding** '91 for being inducted into the Northern Kentucky Boys High School Soccer Hall of Fame this past November. As the starting goalkeeper for Holy Cross boy's soccer team, Holy Cross had a 26-6-2 record with 16 shutouts during the 89-90 seasons. Tony works for the Disabled American Veterans, and is married to his wife Janet, and has three children. He is also an assistant coach for the Simon Kenton girls varsity soccer team.

Tony joins **Tony Pham** '91, **Marcus Resing** '92, Coach Doug Graham, **Mark Wainscott** '97, and **Joe Resing** '95 who have also been inducted into the NKBHSS Hall of Fame.

**More Alumni
Happenings**

The 9th Region Coach's Association have voted **Clay Eifert** '80 as a member of their "Court of Distinction." This particular award has been around for many years and awarded to only one new member annually. The award was presented by **Danny Trame** '81 on March 12th during the 9th Region Coach's Banquet. Congratulations Clay on another well deserved award.

Congratulations **Blake Tiberi** '13, former Holy Cross baseball star, now in the New York Mets organization, appeared in his 1st major league spring exhibition game vs. the Houston Astros. Blake had one at bat and doubled off Brad Peacock. Peacock has spent parts of 5 seasons in the majors, the last 4 with the Astros. Blake has again been called up to the parent club to play against the Atlanta Braves.

Nate Tewes '08 moved to Germany of September 2013. He is still working for Blum, Inc. in Ravensburg, Germany and is enjoying life in Europe.

Nick Tewes '07 works as an assistant county engineer for Kenton County and married his high school sweetheart, **Stephanie McSwiney** '07 on September 5, 2015. They welcomed their first baby, Turner Eugene Tewes, on January 2, 2017.

Tyler Johnson '11 graduated from the University of Kentucky in December 2016 with a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering and has taken a job with the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

NEW ARRIVALS

Sara Kroger Chapman '98 and husband Matt welcomed son Elliott Stephen on October 27, 2016

Brett Wesseling '09 and wife Ashlee welcomed son Simon Thomas on December 22, 2016

Diana DeZarn '01 and Tracy Morris welcomed daughter Thea Marie on December 28, 2016

Nick Bibbins '02 and wife Megan welcomed son Jaxin Lee on January 17, 2017

Dennis DeZarn '97 and Candice Alig welcomed son Otto Mauz on January 23, 2017

ENGAGEMENTS

Hilary Wehrman '10 to Michael Mertle, a 2018 wedding is in the plans.

Michael Morehead '08 to Jessie Due. The couple plans to marry in 2018.

Class of 1956 Kicks Off 40th Reunion At Indian Summer Festival



Standing: Art Schwartz, Dot Hofman Schwarz, Marcy Nie Deitmaring, George Deitmaring; seated: Ron Yeager, Gary Lukey and Shirley Gebhart Lukey, Mary Lee Hergott Yeager, Bob Wesselman and Jan Wesselman.

The Class of 1956 held their 60th reunion on Saturday, September 10th at the Erlanger Lakes Clubhouse. There were twenty attendees. On Friday night before the reunion, five couples were able to attend the Indian Summer Festival. Included were Bob Wesselman from St. Augustine, FL and Art & Dot Hoffman Schwarz from Baltimore MD. The reunion concluded with many of the group attending the 10:30am mass at Holy Cross church on Sunday.

Two Reunions Planned

The Class of 1977 is planning their 40th class reunion for September. More information will follow later and if you have any questions you can contact Terri Ernst Ichinose 859-640-5793 or Denise Megerle Dirkes at 859-261-6150.

The Class of 2012 is planning their 5 year class reunion later this year. For information contact Brittany Trame at 859-431-1560.

Organizing a Reunion?

If you are getting ready to plan a class reunion or a gathering of several classes please contact Holy Cross Alumni Coordinator, Terry Niehaus, for assistance. He can send class list, put the information in the next edition of the *Herald* newsletter, on the Holy Cross website and the HC information page on Facebook. If you would like to have your reunion at the school or would like a tour of the school, Terry can also assist you with that. After your reunion please send in articles and pictures to be published in the newsletter. Terry can be reached at 859-655-2191 or terry.niehaus@hchscov.com.

DO YOU KNOW a Holy Cross graduate who is currently serving in the Military? Please send their name, graduation year, branch of service and rank to Terry Niehaus, Alumni Coordinator at terry.niehaus@hchscov.com or call 859-655-2191.



**Split
the
Pot**

Saturday April 1st
7:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.

**Video
Horse
Races**

Holy Cross High School Gym
36th & Church Street | Covington, KY 41015

**\$15.00 Admission – Includes 5 Drink Tickets for Beer
Soft Drinks, Water and set-ups are complimentary**

**Beat
the
Dealer**

Purchase a Horse in any of the 10 races for \$10.00
to win \$50.00 when your horse wins the race.

**Chuck
A
Luck**

Sponsor a Race for \$50.00

Memoriam Donations to Holy Cross High School



**In Memory of
HARRY BIRCH '64**
Patricia Helms

**In Memory of
AUDREY BOSSE**
Don & Jeanne Able
Class of '55
William & Marilyn Dehlinger
Marilyn Dressman
Jeannine Ives

**In Memory of
DON IVES '54**
Jeannine Ives

**In Memory of
TOM MARQUETTE '70**
Bait & Tina Feldman
Joan Harmeling

**In Memory of
KEVIN TIMMERDING '91**
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Karen Bertman
Mare Cahill
Kathy Craven
James & Elaine Day
George & Marcy Deitmaring
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Robbert Hebbler
Jeannine Ives
Jerry & Diane Kohlhepp
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Ron & Cheryl Lehrter
Richard & Denise Mayer
Barry & Lynda Menkhous
Neighbors of Tom & Diana Timmerding
Joan Wimberg Pacheco
Joann Payne
Johnnie & Stephanie Ring
Michael & Annette Sussli
Elizabeth & George Taliaferro
David & Melodie Thiel
Tom & Diana Timmerding
Scott & Missy Trame
Al & Dot Trame
Randy & Linda Tretter
Jeff & Ann Wissman
John & Ellen Zembrodt

PRAY FOR US

Remember these members of the Holy Cross community who have died recently and their families.

Unice Kloentrup

Wife of Tom Kloentrup '49, mother of Karen Stamatakos '74, Kenny '75, Kim Zembrodt '77, Kris Kloentrup '89

Jackie Cassidy Lape

Daughter of James Cassidy '50 and Frances Hummeldorf Cassidy '51, sister of Patricia Cassidy '70, Mary Battaglia '71

John Arlinghaus

Brother of Asella Brake '29, Maellen Schroeder '33, Loretta Feldman '35, Art '36, Joe '39, Al '41, Tom '48, Carl '50, Louis '51

Harry Birch '64

Brother of David '67 and Sylvia Jackson '70

Maureen Tege Sullivan '54

Wife of Joseph Sullivan '54, brother of Dennis Tege '63

Virginia Worley

Mother of David '61 and Joseph '72

Bob Moellman '67

Brother of Peggy Thomas '65 and Rick Moellman '70 (dec'd)

Marielin Hinchey Fey '47

Wife of Robert Fey '47 (dec'd), sister of Kenneth Hinchey '45 (dec'd)

Mary Janet Wiseman Milburn '68

Tim Gilbert

Husband of Marcia Stratman Gilbert '78

Mary Ellen Oldiges Reeves

Mother of Jeanne Reeves Hicks '86 and Kelly Reeves Vance '88

Rev. Wilfred Fraenzel

Former teacher at Holy Cross HS

Gloria Schmidt

Mother of John '71, Tom '72, Steve '73, Diane Schmidt Wagner '78

Kevin Timmerding '91

Son of Thomas and Diana Wilbers Timmerding '63, brother of Brandon '87 (dec'd), Kerstin '90, Robin Barkhimer '91

Coming Up

Athletic Boosters

Night at the Races

Sat., April 1, 7:00pm

Cafeteria

(See page 17 for details)

Junior Spaghetti Dinner

Sat., April 1, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Cafeteria

Alumni & Friends

Hall of Fame Luncheon

& Induction Ceremony

Fri., April 29, 6:00pm

Madison Event Center

(See page 13 for details)

Drama Club Production of

Murder at the Malt Shop

Wed. – Fri., May 10 – 12, 8:00pm

Thomas More College

(See page 5 for details)

Graduation

Fri., May 26, 7:00pm

Thomas More College

Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

Fri. & Sat., August 11 & 12

Twin Oaks

High School Bingo

Mondays, 6:30pm

Cafeteria

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION/ PRE-DERBY DINNER TICKETS

Name _____

Year of Graduation or Friend _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Tickets _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

Mail with payment (\$20 each) to: Holy Cross High School Alumni Office, 3617 Church St. Covington, KY 41015. If you have any questions, please call the alumni office at 655-2190 or 655-2191.

NEWS TO SHARE?

Share your news with the Holy Cross community. We rely on you for information about happenings, updates and news. Please send general news, announcements of engagements, marriages, births and deaths for inclusion in the *Herald*. Fill out the form below and return it to *Holy Cross Herald*, 3617 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015, email terry.niehaus@hchscov.com, or go to hchscov.com and fill out the online form. All information will be considered for publication.

Name _____

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Phone _____

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Email _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____

Engaged _____ Fiance's Name _____

Wedding Date _____ Spouse's Name _____

Children/Birth Dates _____

New Baby/Birth Date _____ Born to _____

Other News to Share _____

Please include my email in the website directory.



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