



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTION
DECEMBER 2013**



Since Thanksgiving falls at the end of the month this year, December's Parent Connection is being early so that it does not get lost in the shuffle! I wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving and hope that your sons and daughters will use their time off school to get their needed rest as we head into the last few weeks of the first semester. Our schedule continues to be full at Holy Cross. For latest updates, check the website hchscov.com

If you know of someone who does not receive this, please ask them to go on the website (hchscov.com) and add their email address to the list.

Academic Recognition

The following students have scored a 30 or higher on the ACT placing them in the top 4% nationally. They include: Tim Woeste, Stanley Doerger, Noelle Lameier, Lillian Frantz, Marty McDaniel, Evan Reynolds and Donovan Finan. This is a great accomplishment for our students and an affirmation that Holy Cross High School offers a great education. Congratulations to these students and their parents. In addition, a large percentage of our students are doing well on this national test which is so critical for college admission and scholarship consideration. The average ACT score for our senior class last year was 22.3 which is excellent and far exceeds national and state averages.

If for some reason your son or daughter has not been recognized, please have them talk to me.

Congratulations to Georgia Childers who has signed a Letters of Intent with Division I, Northern Kentucky University, where she has chosen to continue her academic and volleyball career.

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. I will also try to send an email out to parents as soon as possible. **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.

Emails through the Website

Holy Cross recently changed website providers and it appears that the faculty emails are not always going to our faculty. If you do not get a response from a teacher right away, please call the office (859-431-1335) to be sure you are being directed to the proper email address. Our provider is working hard to get this situation resolved.

Denim & Diamonds Committee Meeting Changed!

The Denim & Diamond Committee meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 has been changed to **Tuesday, November 19th from 6:30 - 9:00** p.m. so it does not conflict with the Quarter Auction being held on Wednesday. The meeting will be held in the Drees House (3620 Church Street). All are invited to be a part of this Auction/Dinner/Dance committee. This will be a work meeting preparing mailings that will be sent after Christmas. If enough people attend and help, the committee will not have to meet again until January. Some committee members will arrive by 6:00 if you would like to start early. All proceeds benefit endowed scholarships and tuition assistance funds. For more information email katie.wesseling@hchscov.com If you are unable to make it on Tuesday, November 19, but would like to be a part of the committee, please send us your email and we will include you on our future emails.

Quarter Auction Event

The Girls Basketball team will host a Quarter Auction on Wednesday, November 20th in the High School Cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00 which includes 2 paddles – additional paddles can be purchased. Bring a roll of quarters that you will need to bid on vendor items. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Sale

The annual Christmas Sale fundraiser will start on Tuesday, November 19th. Students must turn in all order forms for the Christmas Sale by Tuesday, December 3rd, (late orders will be taken until Friday morning). If all goes according to plan, Christmas sale items will be distributed to your son or daughter by approximately December 16 or sometime that week. Please check the order and if anything needs attention, please contact Mr. Knox at the school office 431-1335 between 8 and 8:45 a.m. Thanks to Mr. Knox, under the direction of Mr. McDonough, for their great effort in organizing this very important fundraiser.

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due on **Wednesday, December 4**. Delivery will take place on or around December 12.

Amazon on the Website

With the introduction of the new website, a link is available for Amazon. If you already shop on line or would like to try it out - Just click on Fundraising Options at the bottom of the home page and it will take you to a page with an Amazon link. As you do your Christmas shopping, all you have to do to support Holy Cross is to use this link and HC will receive a percentage of your purchases. If enough shoppers use this link, Holy Cross can receive up to 7% of purchases! Please spread the word to family, friends and co-workers. This can be a huge fundraiser for Holy Cross- especially at Christmas time!

Christmas Break Condo Auction

The Denim and Diamonds Committee will be accepting bids on an 8day/7night 1 Bedroom condo stay for Friday December 27, 2013 through Friday January 3, 2014 at the Wyndham Beach Street Cottages in Destin Florida. This 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath condo sleeps 4 and is located directly across from the beach on Scenic Gulf Drive. Valued at \$1050. Pictures and info on the condo are located at www.Wyndhamvacationresorts.com .

Bids should be sent to the office in a envelope sealed and marked "Denim and Diamonds Condo Auction". The bid amount (minimum \$400), name and contact information should be placed in the envelope. Bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. Monday December 3, 2013. Winning highest bidder will be notified on Tuesday December 4, 2013. In case of tying high bids, the winner will be drawn from those bids.

All proceeds will go to the Denim and Diamonds Scholarship Fundraiser, which by the way, will be held on Saturday, February 1 at Receptions in Erlanger.

If you have any questions, please contact Denim and Diamonds committee member, Tony Bramer, at 363-7696.

All School Mass

Our all-school Thanksgiving Mass that will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. All-school masses are held once a month.

Thanksgiving

There will be no school on November 27-29. The Holy Cross Faculty and Staff would like to wish each of you a very relaxing Thanksgiving. School will resume on Monday, December 2.

Texas Hold 'Em

Holy Cross High School Boosters will host a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Friday, November 29th in the gym. Please spread the word. A flyer and registration information is available at www.hchscov.com. We need dealers and door workers. If you can help, please contact Tina Feldman at tinarfeldman@yahoo.com or at (859) 291-8588.

December Faculty Meeting

The December Faculty meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 instead of December 9 as school will not be in session on December 9. Dismissal will be at 2:00 PM

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Bishop Foys has mandated that school will not be in session on Monday, December 9 in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Parent Club Service Project

The Parents' Club 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 rspecht04@gmail.com to receive a listing of items that are needed. Deadline for item return is Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

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 November 30.

All School Mass

Our all-school Christmas Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 11th 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.

Parent Club

The Parents' Club will provide snacks for the students and faculty during the week of exams. An email will be sent requesting donations for this activity closer to those dates.

Exam Schedule

The first semester exam schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, December 17th 1st period exam 7:55 – 9:30
(Tuesday is a full day of school)

- Wednesday, December 18th 2nd period exam 8:55 – 10:30
3rd period exam 10:45 – 12:15
(Dismissal will be at 12:15)

- Thursday, December 19th 4th period exam 8:55 – 10:30
5th period exam 10:45-12:15
(Dismissal will be at 12:15)

- Friday, December 20th 6th period exam 8:55 – 10:30
7th period exam 10:45 – 12:15
(Dismissal will be at 12:15)

Denim & Diamonds Committee Meeting

Parents will receive a letter requesting donations for the 2014 Denim & Diamonds event. As you do your holiday shopping, keep this request in mind. We ask that donations be sent in with students beginning January 9 through the 15th. The committee will meet again on Wednesday, January 16th. All are invited to attend.

Report Cards

All teachers must have their grades calculated and entered by January 6th. Parents should receive reports cards in the mail approximately a week later. Reports cards will include the grade for the quarter, as well as, the semester grade. KEES money and course credits are based

on these semester grades so please encourage your son or daughter to be well prepared for exams and to turn in any missing work.

2013-2014 Annual Appeal

You should have received information about the 2013-14 Annual Appeal. 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. 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 was included in the Annual Appeal information you should have received. 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 The Verst Family, who is the Annual Appeal "Chair Family" this year. A major goal for this year's campaign is to air condition the gym!!! Information has been mailed to each household. If you did not receive the Annual Appeal brochure, please contact Katie Wesseling at katie.wesseling@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 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 tinarfeldman@yahoo.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 1st at Receptions Banquet Hall in Erlanger, KY. Look for your invitation that will be mailed after Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE

The always fun event NIGHT AT THE RACES will be held on Friday, February 14th 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! (This event was listed as February 7 in the Alumni Newsletter – Friday, February 14 is the correct date)

UPCOMING

Monday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 8

- 8th grade visitation - Feeder schools and any 8th grader interested in attending Holy Cross may attend the visitation day at Holy Cross. Students not enrolled in feeder schools are welcome to attend – please call high school office for additional information.

Wednesday, January 8

- Open House

Friday, January 10

- Alumni Scholarship Applications due in the office

Monday, January 13

- Faculty Meeting 2:00 Dismissal

Monday, January 20

- NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

Saturday, February 1

- Denim & Diamonds Scholarship Dinner & Auction