



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTIONS
OCTOBER 2014



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 Mr. Kues at rob.kues@hchscov.com

******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.**

GENERAL ITEMS

Indian Summer Festival

Congratulations to Mr. John Zurborg and his committee on the great success of the 2014 Indian Summer Festival. John has done a great job of breathing new life into the always successful festival. Megan Ryan won the \$10,000 grand raffle. Thanks to all who made the Indian Summer Festival such a success. Special thanks to John Zurborg and Mr. Reed who served as chairpersons and their volunteer staff of faculty, students and parents who did a great job on this year's festival. Thanks also to Tina Feldman for scheduling the workers.

Indian Run Walk

The Missy Goller Scholarship Fund Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, October 5th 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 see the website hchscov.com or email Judy Borchers at judy.borchers@hchscov.com for registration information.

Dress Code

Beginning Wednesday, October 1st, 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 illegal sweatshirts 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.

Senior Scholarship Opportunities – Tuition Funding Sources (TFS)

TFS provides **FREE** access to one of the largest scholarships databases, including information on financial aid programs and career assessment tools. Once you create a personal profile, the **TFS** database can help you save time searching for scholarships by filtering results that match your desired education and career goals.

SIGN UP TODAY: tuitionfundingsources.com

College Information Night: for Parent and Students

Holy Cross is HOSTING a College Information Night:

Wednesday, November 19 at 6:45pm

Three different colleges will be present and will be representing 4 different areas within a college or university.

Mount Saint Joseph University: Jennifer Gross & Joyce Sprague – Financial Aid

Northern Kentucky University: Casey Thompson - Advising Specialist, College of Arts & Sciences

University of Cincinnati: Megan Minton – Senior Admissions Officer

Mount Saint Joseph University: Stacy Mueller – Director of Project EXCEL

THIS is YOUR chance to ask ALL the questions you have. The experts are HERE to help and are ready and willing to make the college process easier for each of you!

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Dipzinski (Guidance Counselor) at jayne.dipzinski@hchscov.com

A look ahead for the October College Visits

Mount Saint Joseph University will be on campus on Friday, Oct 3.

Western Kentucky University will be on campus on Monday, Oct 6.

Gateway Community College will be on campus on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Xavier University will be on campus on Monday, Oct. 20.

NKU will be on campus on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

ATTENTION SENIORS: please check college websites for **EARLY admission deadlines.**

PSAT test for Juniors

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. Only students in grade 11 are eligible for National Merit consideration. A perfect score on the PSAT is 240. Scores are usually returned in mid-December. The PSAT is also one factor in the selection of nominees for the Governor's Scholar Program. The PSAT exam is Wednesday October 15th. Students planning to take the PSAT must register in the office and pay the \$15 registration fee by Tuesday, Oct. 14.

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 Mr. Holtz.

Junior Ring Ceremony

The annual Junior Ring Ceremony will be held at a special Mass on Wednesday, October 1st 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.

Faculty Meeting

There will be a faculty meeting on Monday, October 6. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is 2:00 p.m. Faculty meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month.

Picture Make-Up and Re-Take

Lifetouch Photographers will be at school in the morning on **Tuesday, October 28th** 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 before re-takes can be taken.

In-Service Day -October 13

Monday, October 13 is an In-service Day. School will not be in session.

Athletic Boosters' Meeting

There will be an Athletic Boosters' meeting on Monday, October 20th at 7:00 in the Arlinghaus Haus. 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 15th. Report Card Night will be on **Wednesday, October 22nd 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 you 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.

Senior Class Retreat

The first of three senior retreats will be held on the weekend of **October 24 – 26**. A complete list of those attending the various retreats will be available on the website, hchscov.com as soon as it is finalized. There are opportunities for parents to help out by donating/delivering food for the senior retreat or by donating money for the same cause. Contact Mrs. Meeks at school 431-1335 or by email at terese.meeks@hchscov.com for further information.

Junior Day of Recollection

The Junior Day of Recollection will be held on **Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014**. On this day, the juniors will perform community service at various places around the Covington area.

Class Retreat/Day of Reflection

Throughout the school year, each class will have some type of Retreat or Day of Reflection. Mrs. Meeks, Religion Department Chair, does a great job of planning and overseeing these opportunities for reflection and class unity.

Craft Market

Vendors are needed for the Holy Cross High School Craft Show on **Sunday, November 2, 2014**. Please contact Denise Dirkes at 859 991-2444 or denise.dirkes@hchscov.com. Flier attached.

Open House & 8th Grade Visit

The first Open House of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 5th 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.

8th grade visitation day will be Tuesday, November 18th. 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.

We have yard signs that we would like to distribute throughout the area. If you would be willing to post a yard sign in your front yard, please contact, craig.lipscomb@hchscov.com and he will make arrangements for pick up or sending sign home with your son or daughter. Thanks for your help in getting the word out about Holy Cross and our Open House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Senior Retreat for 2nd group of students</u>	November 2 1– 23
<u>Open House</u>	Wednesday, November 5
<u>Faculty Meeting</u>	Monday, November 10
<u>Texas Hold'em Tournament</u>	Friday, November 28

PLEASE SEE FLYERS FOR:

MISSY GOLLER RUN ON THE WEBSITE

OPEN HOUSE

AND

CRAFT MARKET

HCHSCOV.COM