



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT CONNECTIONS  
OCTOBER 2017**



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 11**
- The fee for the **PSAT** is **\$16.00**. 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](http://www.actstudent.org) **Test dates are:** October 28, December 9, February 10, April 14 and June 9. Find registration deadlines on the website.

**ACT (no writing) Fee: \$46.00**

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

- Kentucky Wesleyan, Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> during Enrichment
- Georgetown College, Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, during Enrichment
- Western Kentucky University, Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, during Enrichment
- Hanover College, Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, during Enrichment
- Marietta College, Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, during Enrichment
- Xavier University, Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, during Enrichment
- Bellarmine University, Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, during Enrichment
- Transylvania University – Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, during Enrichment

Holy Cross's fourth annual **CAREER FAIR**, will be on **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:jayne.dipzinski@hchscov.com). Thanks

Attention SENIORS and SENIOR PARENTS: The **FAFSA** now opens on **Oct. 1, 2017**. 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 2017

- Meeting 1: Tuesday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Work on profile
- Meeting 2: Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Finish up profile

- Meeting 3: Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>  
• Work on Essay
- Meeting 4: Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>  
• Recommendation Letters

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FINAL GSP applications** due to Mrs. Dipzinski

**Final Selections : Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

(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](http://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](mailto: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. We enjoyed beautiful weather, welcomed amazing crowds, and enjoyed great food, drinks and music. This year was one was our most successful festival to date, with all of the proceeds going to help keep down the cost of tuition for all of our families. Congratulations to Bill and Lucile White who were the winners of the \$10,000 grand raffle. A special thank you goes out 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 big thank you goes out 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.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:wbey@twc.com) or Jamie Marsh at [jmarsh2710@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarsh2710@yahoo.com). Your support would be appreciated.

### **Dress Code**

Beginning **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12:45 pm.

### **Faculty Meeting**

There will be a faculty meeting on **Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is **2:00 p.m.**

### **In-Service Day -October 13**

**Friday, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. Report Card Night will be on **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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. We 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. 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](mailto:rob.wermeling@hchscov.com) for additional information.

### **Blessing of Benefactors Event**

The Blessing of Benefactors Event is being held on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017** at **Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club**. We hope you will join us for a fun-filled night of good food, drinks and entertainment. Our guest speaker will be **Ken Shields**, former **Northern Kentucky University Men's basketball coach**. Ken has dedicated his life to coaching and mentoring the youth of Northern Kentucky. To become a member of the Benefactors Club we ask you to help HCHS by giving a gift of \$1,000 or more. We will also give out some exciting gifts, which is our way of saying thank you for your generosity. 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](tel:859-655-2190) or [dot.trame@hchscov.com](mailto:dot.trame@hchscov.com).

### **Picture Make-Up and Re-Take**

Lifetouch Photographers will be at school in the morning on **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open House**

The first **Open House** of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.** The meet and greet will start at 6:15 p.m. in the gym with the presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please encourage anyone you know who may be thinking about a high school for their son/daughter to attend our Open House.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day**

8<sup>th</sup> grade visitation day will be **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **Future Indian Nights**

Holy Cross High School would like to invite all grade school students to our upcoming Future Indians events. We will have prizes, giveaways and some fun activities for our Future Indians.

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Volleyball**

### **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](mailto:tina.feldman@hchscov.com) or at (859) 291-8588.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Open House**

***Wednesday, November 8***

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day**

***Tuesday, November 14***

**Faculty Meeting**

***Monday, November 13***

**Senior Class Trip**

***Friday, November 17 – Tuesday, November 21***

*Thanksgiving Break*

*Wednesday – Friday, November 22 - 24*

*Thanksgiving Social*  
*Texas Hold'em Tournament*

*Friday, November 24*