



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTION
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Counselor's Notes

Attention Senior Parents: This is a reminder to fill out the FAFSA for your child, if he/she plans to attend college.

If you **need assistance** with filling out the FAFSA, please sign up for one of the "free" filing days at Thomas More College. Your child does not have to be attending Thomas More in order to go to this event. It's open to the public. To RSVP, please go to www.thomasmore.edu/fafsasaturday .

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, March 15th.**

If your child is interested in taking the ACT, the **national dates for the ACT** are **Feb. 6th, April 9th and June 11th.** To sign up, visit www.actstudent.org

GENERAL ITEMS

Email Alerts

We are still experiencing difficulty with parent emails. The company that handles this is currently working on trying to resolve the problem. Regarding signing up and deleting 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.

Christmas Sale and Craft Market

Thanks again to Mrs. Dirkes , Mrs. Bowman, and Mr. Knox for their great effort in organizing the Craft Market and Wreath and Tumbler Sale. Proceeds totaled over **\$ 16,000.**

Denim & Diamonds Donations

The Denim & Diamonds committee is working very hard on the upcoming event to be held on **Saturday, February 6th** at Receptions in Erlanger. **A letter will be sent out requesting donations for this very important event. Collection days will be held on January 11- 15 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 Thursday, January 21st**. Students who donate an item will also be eligible for a drawing for \$50 to be awarded on Friday, January 15.

Denim & Diamonds Event

Reservations for the Denim & Diamonds Scholarship Endowment Auction and Dinner that will be held on Saturday, February 6th are now being accepted. Contact Danielle Collins at (859) 547-7386 or email her at 2016denimanddiamonds@gmail.com for more information.

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due on **Thursday, January 14th**. Order forms are available at <http://www.hchscov.com> Delivery will take place on or around January 19th.

Freshman Alumni Scholarship Application Deadline

The deadline for the Holy Cross Alumni Freshman Scholarship is **Friday, January 15th**. 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 18th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Prayer Service

There will be a Diocesan Day for Prayer and Penance for Life on **Friday, January 22nd 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 **February 1 – 5**. Holy Cross will be represented at the Diocesan Mass celebrated on February 3rd at the Cathedral.

Faculty Meeting

The February faculty meeting will take place on **Monday, February 8th**. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm

All School Mass

The February all-school Mass will be celebrated on **Ash Wednesday, February 10th** at 11:00 a.m. All-school masses are held once a month.

Sound of Music

The musical, *Sound of Music*, will be performed **March 3 – 6, 2016** 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 859-991-2444.

2015-16 ANNUAL APPEAL

You should have received information for the 2015-16 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. This year's theme is again "Giving the Gift of Education". 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. A special thanks to Tom & Katie O'Donnell '71 Wesseling who are serving as this year's Annual Appeal Chair Persons. Information will be mailed to each household. If you do not receive the Annual Appeal brochure, please contact the Alumni & Development Office at hc.alumni@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 3 – **Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Applications available**

Thursday & Friday, February 4 & 5 – **Mulch Sale Kick Off**

Saturday, February 6 – **Denim & Diamonds**

Friday, February 12 – **Pat Taney Night at the Races** -7:00 to 12:00 a.m. – Admission is \$15
at the door.

Wednesday, February 17 – **Sophomore Alumni Scholarship Deadline**