



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTIONS
OCTOBER 2015**



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

- The **ACT Aspire** test that was scheduled to be given to **sophomores** on **Wednesday, October 28 has been cancelled**. Additional testing information will follow at a later date. Please contact Mrs. Dipzinski at jayne.dipzinski@hchscov.com with any questions or concerns.
- ALL **Juniors** will have the opportunity to take the **PSAT** on **Wednesday, October 14**. The fee for the **PSAT is \$15.00**. 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 **Test dates are:** October 24, December 12, February 6, April 9 and June 11. Find registration deadlines on the website.

ACT (no writing) Fee: \$39.50.

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

Mount Saint Joseph: Monday, September 28

EKU - Tuesday, October 6

Kentucky Wesleyan College - Wednesday, October 7

Transylvania - Friday, October 9

Marian University - Monday, October 19

Western Kentucky University - Tuesday, October 20

Ohio Northern University - Wednesday, October 21

Miami University - Friday, November 13

Mark your calendars for a **FREE** event for students and families to get

ALL of your college questions answered!

NaviGo College Prep Night will be held on October 1, 2015 from 6-8pm on the Thomas More Campus.

- Sessions that will be covered are: **College Sports** (navigate the world of NAIA & NCAA recruiting)
- **Mining for Scholarships** (learn how to sort through the hundreds of academic & athletic scholarships available)
- **ACT: Making the Grade:** (gain tips on improving you score with **TorchPrep**)

REGISTER TODAY AT:

thomasmore.edu/collegeprep

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 or Mrs. Dipzinski.

Timeline for GSP

Fall 2015

Meeting 1: Monday, Sept 21st

- Work on profile

Meeting 2: Monday, Oct. 5th

- Finish up profile

Meeting 3: Monday, Oct. 19th

- Work on Essay

Meeting 4: Monday, Nov. 9th

- Recommendation Letters

Monday, November 20th

FINAL GSP applications must be turned in to Holy Cross for review

Final Selections : Wednesday, December 2nd

(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 to find out more information. If you would like to have your child join the club, contact Mrs. Reardon at 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. Despite having to dodge some rain we enjoyed great company, food, drinks and music. Congratulations to Virginia McGlone – Class of 37' who was the winner of the \$10,000 grand raffle. A special thank you goes 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 thank you goes 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. With the exception of the weather the festival could not have gone smoother!

Indian Run Walk

The Missy Goller Scholarship Fund Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, October 11th 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 Thursday, 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 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. Please call the high school office or email Mrs. Beane at angie.beane@hchscov.com.

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 7th 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 12. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is 2:00 p.m. Faculty meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month.

In-Service Day -October 16

Friday, October 16 is an In-service Day. School **will not** be in session.

Athletic Boosters' Meeting

There will be an Athletic Boosters' meeting on Monday, October 19th 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 13th. Report Card Night will be on **Wednesday, October 21st 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.

Junior Day of Recollection

The Junior Day of Recollection will be held on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2015**. 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 for additional information.

Senior Class Retreat

The first of three senior retreats will be held on the weekend of **October 23 – 25**. 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 859 431-1335 or by email at terese.meeks@hchscov.com for further information.

School Play

Holy Cross Drama Department presents *Dracula in Love, October 22-25, 2015 at The Monmouth Theatre, 636 Monmouth Theatre, Newport, KY* . Raven and Lulu are two young women seeking refuge who become unexpected guests at Dracula's annual Halloween party. Igor the hunchback and their host, Dracula, seem friendly but chills and laughter escalate as monstrous guests arrive. It becomes clear that Zack the Zombie, Frankenstein, and the mummified Egyptian Queen Nefertiti are not in costume but are real...and possibly dangerous. An out-of-season Ghost of Christmas Past even makes an appearance and takes Dracula on a journey of discovery. Will Dracula's affection for one of the girls keep her safe, or is she destined to be bitten and lead a vampire's life of darkness? This frighteningly funny spoof proves that love can touch even a vampire's heart...and that monsters really know how to party!

Performances are 7:30pm Thursday thru Saturday with an afternoon performance at 2pm on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general admission. Reservations are preferred since seating is limited. You may reserve your tickets by calling 859-991-2444.

Blessing of Benefactors Event

The *Blessing of Benefactors Event* is being held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club. 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 or dot.trame@hchscov.com.

Picture Make-Up and Re-Take

Lifetouch Photographers will be at school in the morning on **Tuesday, November 3rd** 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 3rd.

Class Retreat/Day of Recollection

Throughout the school year, each class will have some type of Retreat or Day of Recollection. 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 1**. Please contact Denise Dirkes at 859 991-2444 or denise.dirkes@hchscov.com.

Open House & 8th Grade Visit

The first **Open House** of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 4th at 6:15 p.m.** 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 17th**. 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.

St. Agnes – Oktoberfest

St. Agnes Parish will be sponsoring an Oktoberfest Festival 2015 on Friday, October 2 from 6:00 pm to Midnight & Saturday, October 3 from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight. Great food, drink and fun for all!

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 tina.feldman@hchscov.com or at (859) 291-8588.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Retreat for 2nd group of students *November 20-22*

Open House *Wednesday, November 4*

Faculty Meeting *Monday, November 9*

Thanksgiving Break *Wednesday – Friday, November 25 - 27*

Thanksgiving Social
Texas Hold'em Tournament *Friday, November 27*