



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



The *Parent Connections* email will assist in maintaining a regular means of communication from the school about upcoming events and issues of concern.

This communication is going only to those parents who have shared their email address with the school. If you know of someone who does not receive this, please ask them to go to the website hchscov.com and follow the directions to sign up for the email list.

GENERAL ITEMS

Guidance Counselor Notes:

- The next ACT is September 12th, but the registration window has **closed**. REGISTER for the **October 24th ACT by September 18th**. www.actstudent.org
- **Seniors**, NOW is the time to explore various colleges to get a feel for the campus that may suit you best. Seniors get 3 excused absences for college visits. (1st-3rd quarters) College visit parental permission slips are available online and in the high school office. Completed forms are due to be turned in to the high school office at least 3 to 4 days prior the planned visit.
- Students, **don't wait until senior year to boost your GPA**. Colleges look at ALL four years when considering your application!

Dress Code

During the week of August 31st – September 4th, students will bring home an **updated version of the Holy Cross Dress Code**. It will include the dress code guidelines for everyday school wear, the guidelines for tag days, as well as the consequences for choosing not to follow the dress code. Please review this handout with your student and **return the top sheet signed to the office by September 8th**.

- Contact Angela Beane at 859 431-1335 or angela.beane@hchscov.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Dropping off Students

When dropping off students PLEASE pull forward on Church Street as far as traffic will allow or pull to the curb if there is an open space. We are asking for your help in preventing traffic from backing up around the surrounding streets. Students should exit your car in a timely manner and not wait until you are in line to retrieve backpacks from the trunk. All students must use the crosswalks. Please be aware of not only high school but also grade school students crossing the street in the morning and afternoon. **Student safety is our main concern.**

Social Networking Presentation

On **Friday , September 4th** there will be a Social Networking Assembly for students. Mr. Steve Smith from Cincinnati Bell and Rob Sanders, Commonwealth's Attorney, will be the presenters. The assembly will alert the students to the problems associated with social networking. It is helpful for the students to be exposed to people other than parents and teachers to reinforce the positive and more importantly the negative impact that online decisions can make in their lives forever.

Indian Summer Festival

The Holy Cross High School Indian Summer Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 11 & 12 on the school grounds. In preparation for this event, **there will be no school on Friday, Sept. 11.** This is one of the largest school-wide fundraisers and the proceeds from the festival are used to minimize tuition increases and also help fund our financial aid program. It is also a great opportunity for you to meet other parents and alumni.

Adult Festival Workers Still Needed

Tina Feldman is still signing up workers for the Festival on Sept. 11 & 12. Thanks to all who have volunteered already. However, we are still in need of over 100 additional workers. Shifts are from 5:45 -9pm and from 8:45 – midnight on Friday night and 5:15 – 8:30 p.m and from 8:30 to midnight on Saturday night. **We especially need a lot of people who are willing to walk around the festival grounds selling raffle tickets.** If you have not yet signed up, please print the form from the website www.hchscov.com and either e-mail it to tina.feldman@hchscov.com , fax it to (859) 291-8588, or turn it in to the high school office as soon as possible. Volunteers who have signed up to work are requested to report to Room 4 in the main building, at least 15 minutes prior to your shift. Student festival workers should sign up at school.

If you are unable to volunteer your time working at the festival, please be sure to sell your chances (there are more in the office if you need them), donate an item for the Bid and Buy Booth, glassware for the Dime Toss Booth, wine or liquor for the Liquor Ring Toss Booth, 2 liter pops for Kiddie Land, cans of Pringles potato chips for Kiddie Land, or make a monetary donation and/or sponsorship in support of this event. All donations can be dropped off in the school office. Contact John Zurborg, jzurborg@skilcraft.com for additional information.

Festival Raffle Chances

Please do your best to sell the festival raffle chances that were sent home with your student to each household. This year's raffle prize is \$10,000 or a 2-year lease on a Chevy Cruze. The price per ticket is \$10.00

As incentive for our students:

- Every student who sells 5 chances is entered in to a drawing for \$50.00. There will be 5 drawings. The top seller wins their choice of either an Xbox or ipad.

Tuition Payment Selection Sheet

A Tuition Payment Selection Sheet must be turned into the office by every family, specifying how they will fulfill their tuition obligation. If you have not set up a payment plan, complete the form that can be downloaded from the homepage of our website hchscov.com and email it (If you save the document to your computer and then open it from your documents you will be able to complete the form, save it and then email it to nancy.steenken@hchscov.com as an attachment), fax it to (859) 655-2184, mail it to 3617 Church Street, Cov., KY 41015 or drop it off at the school office as soon as possible.

Since the Finance Office has moved across the street from the Main Office if you have questions please call Nancy Steenken at 859 815-6061 or Jane Vogelpohl at 859 815-6009.

Absentee Notes

School policy states that a parent must call the office (431-1335) on any day that your son or daughter is absent. For the safety of our students, it is also a school regulation that parents must send in a written note stating the reason for their child's absence on the day they return. Even though the parent may have spoken to someone in the office on the day of the absence, it is still necessary to send the note on the day of his/her return.

Address, Phone Numbers, E-mail Updates

Please notify the high school office with change of address, home telephone number, cell phone number, parent work numbers and email address.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are NOT mailed home. We take advantage of Edline and post progress reports on Edline on a regular basis. For the 1st quarter, progress reports will be posted online by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 16th. If you do not have computer access at home or would prefer to have a hard copy of your son or daughter's progress report, please call the high school office and a copy of all progress reports will be given to your son or daughter to be delivered home to you.

If you have any questions concerning progress reports or Edline, please contact the high school office at 859 431-1335.

Senior Reminder

All seniors are reminded that **Senior Pictures** must be taken by Prestige by **Sunday, October 4th**. **Diploma forms** were mailed to each senior on Friday, August 28. Please send the completed form to the high school office by **Monday, September 14th**. A representative from Graduate Services will meet with all seniors during 1st period **on Tuesday, October 6th to measure for caps and gowns** and distribute order forms for additional graduation items. If the form has been misplaced please have your senior see Mrs. Borchers in the high school office.

Labor Day

Holy Cross High School will **not** be in session on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day.

In-Service Day

Holy Cross High School will **not** be in session on **Friday, September 11th**. This is an in-service day for teachers.

Faculty Meeting

There will be a faculty meeting on **Monday, September 14th**. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is **2:00 p.m.**

Athletic Boosters Meeting

The Boosters will meet on **Monday, September 21st** in the Arlinghaus Haus (corner of Church St. and Southern Ave.). Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Diocesan Senior Mass

The Diocesan Senior Mass celebrated by Bishop Roger Foys, will be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday, **September 16th at 1:00 pm.** All seniors will attend this Mass. Students will be transported on Holy Cross High School busses.

Drama Department

An exciting season is in store for the drama department! The first production of the year will be **Dracula In Love** which will be performed on **October 22 , 23 & 24 at 7:30 p.m** and **October 25 at 2:00 p.m.** All performances will be at Monmouth Theatre. Please call Mrs. Dirkes at 859 991-2444 for additional information.

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 go to the website hchscov.com or email judy.borchers@hchscov.com for additional information.

Homecoming

The Homecoming Dance will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd at St. Pat's** in Taylor Mill from **8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Homecoming is a Student Council sponsored event open to all students with or without a date. Announcements will be made at school regarding ticket prices.

Fall/Winter/Spring Sports

All athletes must have a current physical on hand before tryouts/practices begin. Students are not permitted to participate in any manner without a current physical and insurance. Once placed on a team, a participation fee of \$100.00 is required if it has not been paid for 2015-16 school year.

Open House

The first **Open House** of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 4th 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. **The 8th Grade Visitation Day will be held on Tuesday, November 17th.** Please contact the high school office at 859 431-1335 for additional information.

Youth 2000

Join hundreds of young Catholics aged 13 to 30 from across the diocese Oct. 9-11 at Notre Dame Academy for live music, fun, worship, and dynamic preaching by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Early registrants save \$10; full details at www.nkyouth.com. This is not an overnight. Parents must provide chaperones for minors (age 13-17). A VIRTUS-certified adult (age 21 or older) can chaperone up to seven minors. Two adults may register as co-chaperones, splitting hours and the fee. If you have questions, check the website or call 859 466-1283.

“I went to YOUTH 2000 last year because my parents made me. This year I went because I wanted to. It was an amazing experience I’ll never forget!” -- Bethany, age 15

Virtus Information

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

UPCOMING

October 6

- *Senior Meeting to order caps and gown and invitations*

October 7

- *Junior Mass and Ring Ceremony -1:00 pm*

October 11

- *Missy Goller Scholarship Fund Indian Walk/Run*

October 12

- *Faculty Meeting – Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.*

October 14

- *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.*

October 16

- *Faculty In-Service – No school*

October 21

- *Report Card Night from 5 – 7pm*

October 28

- *ACT Aspire Test – Sophomores*

October 29

- *Blessing of Benefactors Dinner at Twin Oaks*

October 30

- *Seminary Ball*