



**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT CONNECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 2014**



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

Social Networking Presentation

On Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m., there will be an informational meeting for parents regarding the Social Networking Assembly scheduled for students on Friday, September 12th. Mr. Steve Smith from Cincinnati Bell will be the presenter and our licensed counselor Rodney Valantra will also be introduced at this meeting. All parents are welcome and urged to attend.

Indian Summer Festival

The Holy Cross High School Indian Summer Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 5 & 6 on the school grounds. In preparation for this event, **there will be no school on Friday, Sept. 5.** 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. 5 & 6. 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. 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, 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 Cadillac ATS. 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.

Baked Goods for the Festival

There is a need for baked goods for the festival. Baked items can be dropped off in the cafeteria on Friday or Saturday, Sept. 5 or 6.

Guidance Counselor Notes:

- **PLAN** test will be given to **sophomores** on **Wednesday, September 24**. Get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast and make sure to bring the appropriate calculators (TI-83 or TI-84 are permitted), as well as No. 2 pencils with easers. The school will not provide extra calculators.
- **Juniors** will have the opportunity to take the **PSAT** on **Wednesday, October 15**. 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! **PSAT** is also used for **State and National recognition** and honors such as **National Merit and Governors Scholar**.
- **NKU** will be hosting a college fair at the Bank of Kentucky Center on **Tuesday, September 23** from 6pm-8pm. There will be **over 100 colleges and universities** at the fair. It's never too early to start planning for the future! This is a great opportunity to connect with numerous colleges and college representatives. Learn more at www.nkucollegefair.nku.edu.
- 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/start. **Test dates are:** September 13, October 25, December 13, February 7, April 18 and June 13. Find registration deadlines on the website. ACT (no writing) Fee: \$38.00.
- Colleges that will be visiting Holy Cross during September:
 - Washington University** - Friday, September 12
 - EKU** - Monday, September 15
 - University of Louisville** - Monday, September 22

Points of Emphasis

A reminder to parents concerning the points of emphasis for the 2014-15 school year.

- First and foremost, it is important that the students are in school on all school days.
- Unexcused absences and unnecessary tardiness will be penalized. Detentions will be issued for excessive tardiness. Please check the school's absentee policy.
- Piercings - Girls may have earrings; boys may not. No one is to have nose, tongue, etc. piercings
- Dress code – Your student should have brought home the current Holy Cross High School Dress Code handout as well as the Enforcement and Consequences handout. Please return signed forms verifying that you have received and read the information. Contact Angela Beane at 859 431-1335 or angela.beane@hchscov.com if you have any questions or concerns.

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. If you have questions, call the office (431-1335).

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.

Items that should have been received:

School calendars, festival raffle tickets, student planners (which contain a copy of the Student Handbook), dress code, and applications for the free and reduced lunch plan. **Please remind your son or daughter to bring them home.**

Tag Day #1

The first tag day of the school year will be on Friday, August 29 to benefit the Holy Cross festival. Mrs. Bowman will make an announcement at school regarding this tag day.

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 17th. 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 feel to contact Mr. Kues at 859-815-6005 or rob.kues@hchscov.com

Senior Reminder

All seniors are reminded that **Senior Pictures** must be taken by Prestige by **Sunday, October 5th**. **Diploma forms** were mailed to each senior on Friday, August 22. Please send the completed form to the high school office by **Monday, September 15th**. A representative from Graduate Services will meet with all seniors during 1st period **on Tuesday, October 7th 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 1** in observance of Labor Day.

In-Service Day

Holy Cross High School will **not** be in session on **Friday, September 5**. This is an in-service day for teachers.

Faculty Meeting

There will be a faculty meeting on **Monday, September 8**. Dismissal on faculty meeting days is **2:00 p.m.**

Athletic Boosters Meeting

The Boosters will meet on **Monday, September 22** 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 10 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 One Act Plays performed on **September 25 & 26 at 7:00 p.m** and **September 27 & 28 at 2:00 p.m.** All performances will be at Monmouth Theatre. Please call Mrs. Dirkes at 859 991-2444 for additional information.

Buddy Cards

The Parents Club is selling **Buddy Cards for \$10.** If interested send a check payable to Holy Cross to the office and your Buddy Card will be sent home with your student.

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

Homecoming

The Homecoming Dance will be held on **Saturday, September 27th 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 2014-15 school year.

Open House

The first **Open House** of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00 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 **second Open House** is schedule for **Wednesday, January 14th**. The **8th Grade Visitation Day** will be held on **Tuesday, November 18th**. Please contact the high school office at 859 431-1335 for additional information.

Youth 2000

The **10th Annual Diocesan** Eucharistic Retreat, **Youth 2000** will be held at **Villa Madonna High School** on **Friday, Oct. 10 through Sunday Oct. 12**. The retreat is open to Catholics ages 13 – 30. More information can be found at www.nkyouth.com

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

UPCOMING

October 1

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

October 7

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

October 5

- *Missy Goller Scholarship Fund Indian Walk/Run*

October 13

- *Faculty In-Service – No school*

October 15

- *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 22

- *Report Card Night from 5 – 7pm*