

April 2017 Newsletter



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we begin the spiritual journey of Holy Week, let us walk with Christ and be ever mindful of the responsibility His resurrection commands of us. It is a time for Catholics to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings we receive throughout life in the name of Our Lord and Savior.

Pope John Paul II said, "Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base."

Pope Francis said, "Christ is hope and comfort to the Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution. And he is present as a force of hope through his Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice. "

May the love that fills our hearts and homes be shared with all those less fortunate at this cherished time for all Christians. The Holy Cross Academy Catholic Community wishes you and your family a Blessed Easter.

Go Lancers!

Dennis M. Guida

April and May Calendars are attached to the Newsletter.

Please be sure to check the calendars. There are many events coming up for Juniors and Seniors including a senior parent meeting, AP Exams, Prom, and many senior class activities.

Partners in Faith, High School Newsletter and the Monthly Calendar are attached to this email for your viewing.

Important Reminders:

ATTENTION PARENTS

Holy Cross is using a new system for our alerts and email when communicating with parents and guardians. The new system will be used for email, phone and text alerts. The system is part of the Blackboard system which hosts our new website. As always, if you have any changes to your email address and/or phone numbers, please contact [Lisa Leibrand](#) via email or phone (856-461-5400, Ext 3012)

NEWS FROM DEVELOPMENT/ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Giving Tuesday/COTF Update

The full effects of Giving Tuesday are continuing to be realized as we move forward with classroom renovations. Room 120 is slowly transforming into our first "Classroom of the Future" with renovations that began at the end of January. Our target project completion date is still early spring and we hope to be showing off our new classroom soon. Thank you to the overwhelming support of our alumni and classroom renovation volunteers, our dream is quickly becoming a reality. It's hard to believe that just a little over five months ago we came together as a Holy Cross community to make this all happen. Without your support, projects like this are simply not possible. If you would like to volunteer to help work on the classroom, please email Tim Durkin at timothy.durkin@holycrossacademy.org.

27th Annual Sister Joan Golf Tournament



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The 27th Annual Sister Joan Companick Golf Outing hosted by the Holy Cross Alumni Association will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at Ramblewood Country Club. We are still offering sponsorship opportunities starting as low as \$100. Foursome registration is open and filling up quickly! Please visit www.holycrossacademy.org/alumnigolf for more information or contact Tim Durkin, 856.461.5400 ext. 3006, timothy.durkin@holycrossacademy.org.

Please view our online [Alumni Calendar](#).

ACADEMICS

From the Desk of Robert DiMedio, Associate Principal of Curriculum and Instruction

Parents,

Please be mindful of the upcoming dates:

April 6 is Parent-Teacher Conferences from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Please respect the teachers' dinner hour from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

April 7 is a full day teacher professional development. There is no school.

April 13 is Holy Thursday and there will be an Early Dismissal at 12:25 PM.

April 14 is Good Friday. There is no school and Easter Break will begin.

April 24 Classes will resume.

April 28 is the Bishop's Holiday. There will be no school. School offices will be closed.

There will be a mandatory meeting for senior parents/guardians on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

All aspects of the upcoming events for senior exams, the prom, AAA Banquet, Senior Farewell Liturgy, Baccalaureate, Senior Night and Graduation will be discussed. Caps and gowns will be distributed along with graduation announcements. We ask that at least one senior parent/guardian attend. Caps and gowns will not be distributed to students under any circumstances.

Thank you and have a blessed month.

NEWS FROM ADMISSIONS

Spring Open House!

Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

HSPT Overview, College Credit Program, Q&A and Tours

Free Admission to Holy Cross production of *Shrek the Musical!*

Contact Kim Chiarelli, Director of Admissions at

856-461-5400, Extension 3007 or via email at kim.chiarelli@holycrossacademy.org

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

[Click here for the Guidance Website](#)

AP Testing - The College Board AP Exams will be administered in May to students taking an AP course this year. All students taking the AP exams were given an AP Bulletin listing the dates and times of their tests. Students taking an AM test will return to class when testing is finished and students taking a PM test will attend morning classes prior to testing. Students must bring their lunches on the day of testing.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

College Acceptance Reminder for Seniors

Please submit copies of all college acceptance and scholarship letters to Guidance so that your senior may be recognized at the end of the year.

FAFSA Form Reminder

Please remember to complete your FAFSA application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Most colleges will not

award scholarship money without a FAFSA form on file.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

From the Art Department - Mr. Joseph Dvorak

Congratulation to the following students whose work has been selected to go on to the *Smithville Mansion Art Show* in April:

Chase Mullarkey - *Lino Cut*
Mae Kane - *Lino Cut*
Seoul Favors-Moertl - *Photography*
Julia Shine - *Painting*
Zach Weller - *Photography*

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

ALL STUDENTS who wish to participate in any sports must submit the following forms to the nurse:

- Participation Form (signed by student & guardian)
- Updated health history (signed by student & guardian)
- 2 Emergency cards

These forms are required for EACH AND EVERY sport, even if the student has played sports previously.

We also require a physical done by a doctor within the last 365 days & a concussion/steroid/sudden cardiac death form once a school year.

All forms can be downloaded on the [HC website](#) or obtained from the main office, nurse's office or trainer's office.

NEWS FROM ACTIVITIES

Please be sure to check the Activities Website often for up-to-date information about events, trips, pictures, yearbooks, rings, special events, etc. [Click here to go to the Activities Website](#). Scroll down

and click the menu on the left for all information.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

The Junior/Senior Prom is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Doubletree Hotel, 515 Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Paid reservations may be made beginning on April 3, 2017. Students may choose a table when they make their paid reservation. The cost is \$95.00 per person.

A photographer will be at the prom to take formal portraits. You may pre-pay for prom portraits on the **Lors website**. Just click "Prom Photos" then "Pre-Order Formal Portraits" and follow the prompts for Holy Cross Academy.

Regular order forms will be in the Activities Office as soon as we receive them.

MR. HOLY CROSS

The Annual Mr. Holy Cross Pageant will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Tickets will be on sale at the door, \$5.00 per person. If paying by check, please make check payable to Holy Cross Academy. Come out and enjoy an evening of "*talent*", "*glamour*", and "*fun*" with all of our Mr. HC contestants.

All proceeds will go to the NJASC Charity, "Bianca's Kids". Please [click here](#) for more information about this charity.

NHS FLOWER SALE

The annual NHS Flower sale will run through Monday, April 10, 2017. Please be sure to order your spring flowers and support the good charitable works of the NHS. **Order forms are available on our website. Please click here for more information.**

ATTENTION JUNIORS - CLASS of 2018

Senior Trip -Senior Trip 2018 is underway. First deposits of \$500.00 are due on May 5, 2017. **There will be a mandatory meeting for at least one junior parent/guardian about the 2018 Senior Trip to Disney World on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria.**

(Rescheduled from March 29, due to 2017 Senior Trip postponement).

An informational letter will be distributed about the trip and payment plan. First payments will be due

on May 5, 2017.

Graduation Yard Signs

Graduation yard signs are available for the Class of 2017. Signs will be maroon with white lettering. The last day to order is April 7, 2017. Use the order form below to order (just hover over, right click and save to your computer). Any questions, please contact kathryn.cusack@holycrossacademy.org.

Honor Your Class of 2017
Holy Cross Academy Graduate
***Order your GRADUATION YARD SIGN today!**

Family Name _____

Email Address _____

Graduate's First Name _____
(name to be printed on sign)

Cost \$27.00 **Cash** ____ **Check#** _____
(Made out to HC Academy)

Please return to Main Office, % Kathryn Cusack, by
Friday April 7, 2017.

The sign will be Maroon background and White lettering

Junior Class Rings for Current Sophomores Class of 2019

The Balfour representative will be at Holy Cross for an informational assembly during the Flex Periods on Monday April 3, 2017. A catalog will be distributed to each sophomore. The representative will be back on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 to take your orders. A deposit is required.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks for the 2016-2017 are now on sale for all students. Order yours today. You may also order online. [Please click here to download an order form.](#)

You may also purchase online at www.jostens.com. Just choose Holy Cross Academy in Delran and click on Yearbooks.

There are a limited number of yearbooks available. Order now and don't be disappointed.

Parking Permits for the 2016-2017 School Year

As of December 5, 2016, New Jersey has passed a new law regarding school security. As part of bill A3348, it is MANDATORY that all student drivers and faculty maintain a parking decal or tag if they plan on parking on campus. This will allow unauthorized vehicles to be easily identified.

Parking permits are available in the Activities Office. **Any senior or junior who is or will be driving to school and parking on campus must have a parking permit.** The vehicle registration, insurance card and driver's license must be brought to the Activities Office along with the paper application and \$50.00 fee.

As we are now in the second semester, the cost for the parking permit has been pro-rated to \$25.00.

Failure to purchase a parking permit could result in a loss of parking privileges and possible towing. **We will be checking for permits. Student vehicles without a permit will be subject to loss of parking privileges and/or towing.**

[Please click here for a 2016-2017 Parking Permit Application.](#)

Dress Down Day – Tuesday, April 11, 2017. \$3.00 donation will be collected during first block. All proceeds will benefit *Good Counsel Homes, Palmyra, NJ.*

PTA NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!

Ladies Night Out Designer Bag Raffle

Friday, April 28, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

(doors open at 6:30 PM)

@ The Madison, Riverside, NJ

Great food, designer bags, and a fun-filled evening of prizes!

Seating is limited. Hurry and get your ticket orders in today!!

Price: \$40.00 per person, includes three-course dinner & 5 raffle tickets. Door prizes, 50/50. Additional raffle tickets will be sold.

Click here for Designer Bag Raffle ticket order form.

We are on Facebook!

Please friend us at [Holy Cross HS Delran](#) for all live PTA updates, reminders and news!

THANK YOU!

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Cross' Corner will be selling Flynn & O'Hara Maroon and Gray Opaque Tights in sizes S/M and L/XL for \$10.00 each. Stop in and purchase a pair.

***Cross' Corner* will be open on the following dates:**

- April 1** **Comedy Night from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**
- April 6** **Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00-4:00 PM and 5:00-8:00 PM**
- April 8** **Spring Open House from 12:30 PM-2:00 PM**
- April 30** **Scholarship Brunch from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM**

Cross' Corner accepts donations of gently used clean uniforms for re-sale in the bookstore. Please drop off your donations at the Main Office, Activities Office or the Bookstore. Incoming students/parents/guardians are grateful for the availability of affordable uniforms. Thank you!

High School YEARS

Working Together for Lifelong Success

Short Clips

Positive body image

Does your teen feel that his body doesn't "measure up"? Kids this age are often self-conscious about their appearance. Encourage your child to see himself as more than his body shape. He could focus on how strong and healthy his body is, the things he can do, and what's unique and interesting about him.

World aware

Help your high schooler stay on top of local, national, and world events. Try reading a daily newspaper or watching the nightly news together. Or ask your teenager about news she's read online. You'll give her a larger view of the world—and may spur her to get involved in issues she cares about.

Excellent explanations

Clearly explaining things is a communication skill that will serve your teen well in school and at work. He might practice by giving his grandparents step-by-step directions for downloading and opening phone apps. Or he could describe the best bicycle route for a new neighbor to take to the park.

Worth quoting

"The two most important days in your

Summer job search

As the school year winds down, encourage your teen to gear up for her summer job hunt. It can take time to find openings, complete applications, and go through the interview process. Share these ways to get started.

Work at it

Suggest that your high schooler treat the search itself like a job. She might set aside an hour each day for job hunting. Have her look online, as well as make calls to relatives, friends' parents, neighbors, coaches, and former employers and coworkers to see if they know of any prospects. She could also go store to store in shopping centers to see who's hiring or to fill out applications at department store kiosks.

Seek seasonal spots

Many types of businesses staff up for the summer. Possibilities include swimming pools, amusement parks, miniature golf courses, hotels, resorts, and tourist attractions. If your teen enjoys being with younger children, she might



ask neighborhood parents if they need summer babysitters. Or she can try for museum or park program positions. She'll earn money while teaching and learning new skills.

Boost chances

Preparation goes a long way toward impressing potential employers. To stand out from other applicants, your teenager should get to interviews early, dress neatly, and be ready to describe her strengths and weaknesses. In addition, suggest that she take a list of references (with correct phone numbers and email addresses). *Note:* She'll need to get permission from references ahead of time. 🍀

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Dennis M. Guida, President/Principal

Thoughtful Moments

St. Zita of Lucca

Born to poor, pious parents in Monsagati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Patinelli family at age twelve. Her hard work, piety, and generosity made the other servants envious, but her kindness eventually won them over. According to one legend, she left baking the bread to tend to someone in need, and the servants told the Patinellis. When they went to investigate, they found angels in the kitchen, baking the bread for her.

To imitate Christ

Jesus often reached out to people no one else would talk to. We all know people who are left out—at church, at work, even among our own relatives. When we do reach out to them, we imitate Christ.



Lead your family to right worship

Worship is showing the adoration and reverence for God that he is due. Because of who he is, it is right to worship him. It is our natural response to knowing God. When the family centers around right worship, we are filled with the grace we need to live happy, holy lives.

R - Regular. An activity practiced regularly becomes a habit. Developing consistent family worship into routines builds into each member the habit of listening to God and responding to him in love.

I - Intentional. Spontaneous worship can be joyful, but deliberate devotion creates a sacred space in family life. Establishing a pattern, planned and protected, will make family worship a standard part of your home.

G - Gathered. Catholic families are loving communities created by God.

Gather daily for meals and devotion, prayer and laughter. As a family, attend Sunday Mass each week, seek absolution in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at least monthly, and pray daily for God's guidance to live his vision of love better.

H - Heartfelt. Accepting and loving everyone in the home without

reserve is how God loves us. Right worship means teaching children about God's love by lavishing them with our own.

T - Thorough. The best response to God's majesty to us is to give gratitude, respect, and adoration with our whole hearts.



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