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New Uniforms in Effect Next Fall

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As of September of 2013 all students at Holy Cross will be taking part in the new dress code, Khaki pants with HC embroidered on the leg, a choice of two school shoes, green polos in the fall and spring and white button down shirts and ties in between.

"It's finally going in the right direction, I am just sorry for the kids who followed the dress code but unfortunately, the good outweighs the bad." said Mrs. Tulino.

Mr. Batzer, the Dean of Discipline, addressed the new change by explaining that we need to look neater saying, "Many kids are looking sloppy and it gives Holy Cross a bad image." He later added "I am all for it, I think it's a huge improvement." He also verified seniors will lose their privilege to wear the green golf shirts all year around. "It's not a punishment, and we can't make everyone happy," explained Mr. Batzer. Some teachers in the building seem to agree completely with Mr. Batzer.

On the other hand, students seem to feel differently about this decision. When sophomore Marcus Mari was asked how he feels about the change he stated, "It's unfair if you ask me, I think they should stay with the same dress code we have had for years." Some juniors like Nick Milata also feel it's unfair, "I'm going to be a senior next year and we should be able to wear our green shirts all year long."

When asked how they felt about the dress code that will take effect in September teachers such as Mrs. Tulino felt that it was an outstanding decision.

Many voices were heard and many people stated how they felt about the



Photo by Angelos Georgiadis

dress code as time has gone on but the final decision was made and for better or worse there will be a new dress code in the start of the next school year.

School Uniform Ordering Information

Our shoe company is White Cross Shoes. A a minimum \$30 deposit (check, money order or cash) is required. Credit cards are acceptable for full payment (\$62.50 per pair + \$2.90 tax + \$7.95 shipping). Shoes can also be purchased at the New Hyde Park Store (1818 Jericho Tpke.)

Our uniform pants company is Flynn and O'Hara. A \$25 deposit (check, money order or cash) is required. Credit cards are acceptable for full payment (\$37.50 per pair + \$9.50 shipping). Uniform pants can also be purchased at the Atlas Park store in Glendale (Cooper Avenue).

Representatives from the respective companies will be here at Holy Cross on Monday, April 22 to measure students for the new uniforms

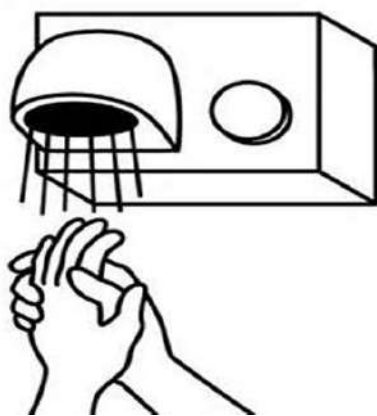
The Case For Hand Dryers At Holy Cross

Dylan Chow '15

At Holy Cross most students either lightly rinse their hands or choose not to wash them at all when they go to the bathroom because there is nothing to dry their hands with. This poses a serious threat to the health of the school's students and faculty, but by implementing hand dryers in Holy Cross's bathrooms this problem can be reduced.

It's understandable that Holy Cross doesn't put paper towels in the bathrooms because of the annoyance of clogged drains from misbehaving students, but leaving nothing is a bit absurd. Most students would prefer not to dry their hands on their pants, because it's often ineffective and leaves pants wet. Consequently many students often skip washing their hands to avoid the hassle, dangerously exposing themselves to possibly fatal diseases.

Originally being sterile, urine attaches with bacteria when it hits atmospheric



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air. So when someone doesn't properly wash urine or fecal matter off their hands with soap, the bacteria in the substances can cause diarrheal illnesses such as shigellosis, hepatitis A and salmonellosis. With the constant shaking of the hands and physical contact between students in Holy Cross, the lack of proper hand washing can spread sickness like wild fire. The introduction of some hand-dryers can

prevent such an outbreak.

Hand dryers would give students the chance to dry their hands without wetting their pants and faculty the ability to not worry about clogged drains. With a place to dry their hands, more students might be influenced to wash their hands properly with soap and water. Since most dryers range from \$160 to \$300, enough units can easily be bought if there is a school wide fundraiser such as the Walkathon or dress down days.

The most important thing for a high school is the safety of the people inside of it. Therefore it is the utmost importance that the people inside of Holy Cross take action towards preventing sicknesses that can disrupt the wellbeing if the school. Another day without a hand dryer could possibly be another day when disease can spread throughout the halls of Holy Cross.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Patrick O'Donnell '15

Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Holy Cross, directed by Mrs. Kenny, ran from January 22 to February 15.

This year the money through this fundraiser will be directed to organizations such as Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Kelly Cares, Italian American Cancer Coalition, Islip Breast cancer Coalition and others.

Seniors Kevin Walsh and Casey Surdi designed this year's shirt which students were able to purchase during their lunch hour. There was a dress down day dedicated to breast cancer awareness on February 15. The senior class sponsored a pink cotton candy sale the same day. All the money earned was donated to breast cancer research.

The breast cancer awareness program is a great fundraiser here at Holy Cross and, according to Mrs. Kenny, we had a great turnout this year.

No Rest for the Holy?

Frank Barongi '13

A Pope has not retired the Papacy in over 600 years, until now. Pope Benedict XVI said that he has grown too "Physically and mentally" tired to fulfill his duties as Pope. The sudden news shocked the Catholic world and many questions have begun to be asked. Many people believe that he was wrong for stepping down and breaking the 600 year tradition of remaining pope until death.

Conservative Catholics still feel the need to hold on to beliefs that are slowing down the progression of the Church. The only way to keep the Church popular and influential is to keep the Church updated to the needs of society as a whole. Sometimes breaking tradition is needed to adapt to the rapidly changing world. The Pope understands this and has rightly broken the tradition of remaining Pope until death.

The Pope has aged quite a bit since 2005. He has had numerous instances where his life was either at risk or harmed. In 2009, the Pope broke his wrist on an Alpine vacation. Two years later, he fell while on a trip to Mexico and hit his head on a sink.

When Pope Benedict was Cardinal Ratzinger, he had a pace maker installed to regulate his heart rhythms. Two years ago, the batteries were replaced. While none of these had a direct effect on his resignation, the constant visits to the hospital and doctor has worn him down to the point where he cannot fulfill his duties as Pope.

600 years ago doctors were not able to feed people through feeding tubes or keep people alive on respirators. They simply got sick and if they were not able to be cured, they died. Today,

people can be kept alive for years even if they cannot function. Pope Benedict watched Pope John Paul II suffer in his final years as pope and basically saw a vacant seat in the Papacy. Pope Benedict does not want that to happen to him.

The "Montreal Gazette" put forth an article explaining why the Pope was wrong to step down. Like many others, the Gazette explained that "being the pope is not a job where one can retire due to old age, or decide to quit because you are too old or sick. It isn't a job — the pope is the successor of St. Peter." Yes, the Pope is a successor of St. Peter, the first Pope, but other Popes have retired since St. Peter's Papacy. The Church is now a better place for that reason.

Pope Benedict's decision to resign is very serious. God has a plan for the world. If that plan is for Pope Bene

dict to step down, then God has to be trusted in this time of transition. Pope Benedict knows that his decision will only allow the Church to continue to be a influential and leading force in our changing world. Pope Benedict's actions over the past week are both responsible and commendable.



Photo courtesy of Vatican.com

Time for a Midnight Run

Chris Laudando '15

Holy Cross has hosted another Midnight Run, a program in which teachers and volunteer students collect and sort donated clothes and other supplies, and then go into Manhattan at night and give them to the homeless. The Midnight Run is held by over 150 schools and organizations across New York City, Long Island, and upstate New York. The program is so large that it runs yearlong, with over 1000 relief missions per year. This year's midnight run, held on January 18, was very successful.

The Midnight Run began in 1984 with a Presbyterian church in Dobbs Ferry. A few church members volunteered at a local soup kitchen where they learned of the hardships the homeless face. They became inspired to help and

began delivering supplies to the homeless of Manhattan every Thursday and Friday night. For the next five years the Midnight Run was operated out of that church, until a large donation by a Westchester corporation enabled the establishment of a main headquarters in Dobbs Ferry.

The Midnight Run operates in much the same way it has for years. Donations of clothes, packaged and non-perishable food, toiletries, and blankets are accepted by the Midnight Run organization or a local participator. The donations are then sorted, and on the scheduled night they are packed into a bus or van. It is performed at night to avoid any publicity and to ensure that the maximum number of people is reached.

Holy Cross's relief mission for Midnight Run was held on January 18 and was very successful. This admirable effort by the Holy Cross community has become a tradition. Each year the Midnight Run continues to grow, with more volunteers and donations. This year the volunteers worked days in advance during their study halls and after school to sort clothes. On the day of the Midnight Run, volunteers stayed and prepared sandwiches to deliver to the homeless, demonstrating the spirit of service that characterizes the Holy Cross Man.

For more information on the midnight run, contact Mr. D'Angelo in the campus ministry office.

Senior Prom 2013

at
Bridgeview Yacht Club & Warehouse 5
on May 9, 2013
\$380 per couple

If you need a payment plan see
Mrs. Tulino or Mr. Burns.



The only prom that goes till 3 am!

Reminders

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| March 14- | π Day Contest |
| March 18-22 | Holy Cross Heritage Week |
| March 24- | Palm Sunday |
| March 27-
April 8 | Easter/Easter Recess |
| April 10- | End of Third Quarter |
| April 18- | Early Dismissal \PTS
Conferences |
| April 24- | NHS Convocation |

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ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEW- "THE Hobbit"

"The Thing"
Running Time:
1 hr, 39 min
Rated: R

MOVIE REVIEW
THE THING:



Theatrical Poster Courtesy of: Google Images

Thomas Gillen '13

After a ten-year absence from Middle Earth, Peter Jackson brings us back in with his new trilogy "the Hobbit." The Hobbit is the prequel to the Lord of the Rings trilogy and follows Bilbo Baggins as he attempts to help a group of dwarves reclaim their kingdom from a vengeful dragon. Along the way, the party comes across trolls, goblins, and all sorts of creatures who want to stop the dwarves from completing their quest. The Hobbit introduces a number of characters that become prime figures in the Lord of the Rings. Bilbo, Gandalf, Elrond, and Gollum are some examples just to name a few. Even though the Hobbit is one book, Peter Jackson is splitting it up into three movies, which gives him time to expand on character back-stories and use information from the ending of the Lord of the Rings and other works of Tolkien.

Overall, I felt the movie lived up to all the hype it received even with the criticism from Jackson's plan to shoot in 48 frames per second. Even though it made the characters more lifelike, there were spots that looked unnatural and blurry. I also felt that the movie went on a little long and some parts of the story were not needed. Even though the Hobbit may not be as magical as the Lord of the Rings, it is definitely one of the best movies of the year and deserves every accolade it receives.

Videogames in MOMA? Or Videogames in MOMA!

Collins Magudo '13

Video games are now recognized as a Modern Art by the Manhattan Museum of Modern Arts (MOMA). As of March 2013, a collection of 14 video games will be inducted into the Museum of Modern Arts and that number is expected to grow in the future.

The games that are featured in this list include Pacman, Tetris, Another World, Myst, Sim City 2000, Vob-ribbon, The Sims, Katamari, Demacy, EVE Online, Dwarf fortress, Portal, fLOW, Passage and Canabalt. Future games that will be inducted in the near future include The Legend of Zelda, Minecraft, Super Mario Bros., Pong, and Space Invaders, just to name a few.

Art teacher Mr. Botero cited some of the earlier games included in the list such as Pacman and Tetris, saying they were a big part of American culture and therefore could be considered art. When asked, he also said he would add the game "Braid" to the list because of the unique cyclical element of the game and the concept that the player only has one continuous life.

Move into the Future with CES

Brandon Chow '15

The Consumer Electronic Show (CES) is the biggest event of the year for all things electronics, with appliances becoming more prominent in the *show each* year. CES 2013 kicked off on January 8th and lasted until the 11th in Las Vegas, Nevada. There were a plethora of awesome gadgets shown off, but there were several special ones that really stood out.

The first product comes from a California-based company called Liquipel, who unveiled its unique and revolutionary technique for protecting people's precious smart phones at CES. Liquipel's invention is known as "Nano-Coating", and it involves the submersion of one's phone in the company's special "watersafe" solution. This solution spreads throughout the entire phone, bonding to a device's vital internal and external components on a molecular level. Staring at \$60 "Nano-Coating" is neat way to protect your phone without comprising its look and feel. However, Liquipel advises customers that Nano-Coating is meant for "accidental exposure" to water and not for people to start throwing their phones into pools or the ocean just for fun.



Photo courtesy of Google Images

CES was huge for TVs this year. Big name companies like LG, Sony, and Samsung introduced the public to "Ultra High Definition" or "4K" televisions. Ultra HD doubles what is already know as full HD, or 1080p, and bumps up the resolution to a whopping 3,840-by-2,160 pixels. The Ultra HD sets that were on display at CES were mostly 84-inches and listed at \$20,000 and up. For those troubled by the steep price tags, a company called Westinghouse stated that they would work to release a 50-inch 4K set at \$2,500. With all these very determined companies in the industry, I believe that prices will continue to become lower and that 4K TVs will become mainstream in the near future.

The last product from CES that really grabbed my attention was Nvidia's "Project Shield" portable gaming device. Saying that this device can be put into the same category as the Nintendo 3DS and PS Vita doesn't do it justice because Project Shield is a beast of a machine. Featuring a powerful NVIDIA Tegra 4 chip, a full-size game controller, amazing Wi-Fi capabilities, and stunning HD video and

Electronic Daisy Carnival Comes to Citi Field

Eric Espinoza '13



Photo courtesy of Pinstripemag.com

This spring, Insomniac Events will be bringing the world famous music festival Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) from the Las Vegas Motorway all the way to New York City to host the second EDC New York ever. This two day electronic dance music festival will be held on May 17th and 18th at Citi Field, the home of the New York Mets, in Flushing, New York.

The massive festival will be bringing big names in the dance community along with them such as Tiesto, Bassnectar and Armin van Buuren. EDC will be sure to bring amazing visual and light performances, fireworks, pyrotechnics and many other surprises that most definitely will not disappoint.

Electric Daisy Carnival has not just expanded from Las Vegas to New York but all over the United States. From Orlando to Chicago to Puerto Rico the dance festival is becoming more and more popular from when it started in 1997. People from all over the world have come to witness the experience and atmosphere of this festival. If you are a fan of electronic music this is one event that you must be sure you do not miss.



THE LANCE SPORTS



The Joust

In this edition of the Joust, two students debated on which NFL player should win the NFL Comeback Player of the Year Award. John Randazzo took the side of Adrian Peterson, while Patrick Reichert took the side of Peyton Manning. So we have to ask...

Adrian Peterson

or

Peyton Manning

John Randazzo '13

When it comes down to the unthinkable, how do you react? When everything you've worked for shatters in a split second, what flashes across your mind? For Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings, his first instinct was to get moving.

On Christmas Eve 2011, Peterson suffered a torn ACL and MCL during a win against the Washington Redskins, which sidelined him for the rest of the year. After being questionable to return for Week 1 of the 2012 regular season, he returned to rush for 84 yards and 2 touchdowns in his first game in 8 months. He also passed former Viking Robert Smith to become the lead Viking rusher in franchise history. By the last game of the season, Adrian was leading the NFL in rushing yards with 1,898 and had scored 11 touchdowns. Only a year after tearing his ACL and MCL, Adrian Peterson only fell 9

yards short of the single season rushing yard record in NFL history, held by Eric Dickerson with 2,105.

In the month of December 2012, Peterson averaged 172.2 yards per game, which is the highest monthly rushing yards average in NFL History. Many thought Adrian Peterson would never be the same after he was injured. He proved the doubters wrong, as he came back stronger than ever to rush for the second highest amount of yards in a single season in NFL History. Adrian Peterson deserves the NFL Comeback Player of the Year Award because of his perseverance and determination.



Adrian Peterson

Photo courtesy of bleacherreport.com

Patrick Reichert '13

The NFL Comeback Player of the Year award is given to a player that has come back from an injury or played substantially better than the year before. The two players that are in contention for this award are Adrian Peterson, running back for the Minnesota Vikings and Peyton Manning quarterback for the Denver Broncos. Both players have played at a very high level since returning from their injuries.



Peyton Manning

Photo courtesy of nfl.si.com

players is no easy accomplishment. For a player to comeback not only from an injury that no one could predict what could happen to him and to have a great season, truly makes him the comeback player.

But the argument that I am making is that Peterson isn't really coming back from an injury that sidelined him for a whole season or for a major part of the season. Yes, an injury like tearing your ACL is serious and he came back earlier than expected but an injury like that is predictable. On the other hand Manning didn't play a game in 2011 and came back from an injury that many knew could reduce his throwing strength in his right arm.

I am taking the side of Peyton Manning because he missed an entire season of football due to a severe neck injury. Manning's determination to play football again enabled him to overcome his injury and lead his team to the playoffs. Manning had one of his best seasons, throwing for 4,659 yards, 37 touchdowns and completed 68% of his passes and his quarterback rating was 105. These are exceptional numbers for someone who missed an entire season after major neck surgery.

Adrian Peterson only missed the last game of the season and still had a good year, accumulating stats that were exceptional for a running back. Manning completed his comeback on a new team and learned new plays, while Peterson returned to the same team and knew all of the plays. Learning new plays and adjusting to new coaches and

So, you can make the argument that either one of these players is an MVP candidate but that is a different category. Peterson is valuable to his team because without his superb running skills, the Vikings don't make the playoffs. Peterson is well deserving of the MVP for what he did for his team but does not deserve the comeback award because of Manning's situation and uphill battle that he had to take on in the 2012 season.

Battle of New York

Vahe Atakhanian '13

Coming to Brooklyn, the Nets had to improve their roster so they could generate a fan base in an already competitive environment with the cross-town, New York Knicks, who are the most valuable franchise in the NBA.

Both teams have made drastic changes to management which seems to have made each of the teams better. The Knicks roster has chemistry and playoff experience together, not to mention having superstar Carmelo Anthony and many other veteran players to help. The Nets on the other hand needed to make off

-season roster changes which began with the re-signing of superstar Deron Williams, and newly named all-star Brook Lopez. The Nets concluded their off-season with a blockbuster trade to acquire all-star Joe Johnson from the Atlanta Hawks. Both teams have top benches in the league which is a must, to become a top team in the NBA.

Both the Knicks and the Nets have talented teams with multiple veteran stars who would be a tough matchup for any playoff team in the east. The teams evened out in their season series 2-2. This brings the

question of who would win if they were to play in the playoffs against one another in a 7 game series. A playoff matchup between the two would jumpstart the newest rivalry in the NBA.



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THE LANCE SPORTS



Varsity Basketball

Kevin Walsh '13

This year's Holy Cross varsity basketball team faced more change and adversity than any team could imagine, as Tom Marchesini stepped into the head coaching position with a lot on his plate and has struggled to get his team on a roll thus far.

Last year's varsity team featured Paul Gilvary at the helm and five seniors holding all five starting positions. Now former Holy Cross student and current gym teacher, Tom Marchesini, calls the plays and gives them to his sophomore point guard Jermaine Bishop, who helped lead last year's freshmen team to a victory in the league championship.

Under the reins of Tom Marchesini, the Knights have went down a bumpy road to reach a 4-8 record and are currently in a slump losing their last four games. The Knights just cannot seem to put all their talent together and play four solid quarters of basketball. With four games left in the season the Knights have chance to turn it around, get to .500 and enter the playoffs on a hot streak.

The Lockout Is Over!

Thomas Gillen '13

After 119 days of bickering and countless counter proposals, a new Collective Bargaining Agreement was reached on January 6 and the 2012 lockout came to an end. After a 15-hour negotiating session, the NHL and NHLPA settled on a new CBA that lasts for 10 years with an opt-out after 8 years.

Obviously, this is the news millions of fans were waiting for since the players were locked out on September 16.

Once the CBA was ratified and agreed upon, the 2013 season began on January 19th with 26 teams playing their first game. For the first time since the 1994-1995 season, and only the second time in league history, each team will play a total of 48 games.

As a fan, it is very frustrating to see your favorite sport lockout every few years because of disputes over money. Just because I came back to the sport, that doesn't mean everyone will. I'm sure many fans will hold a grudge against the league and will not return for some time. However, after the 2004-2005 lockout, tv ratings and game attendance dramatically increased every season as fans returned to the sport they love.

Although these past few months have been very frustrating, I am very happy to see that many people have moved past the lockout and are focusing on seeing their teams return to action and compete for the Stanley Cup during this shortened season.

Winter X Games

Chris Cadigan '15

The 2013 Winter X Games ran from January 24-27 in Aspen Colorado. The X Games are comprised of skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling events. Those are just some of the many events showcased at the event.

The X Games will be going global in the coming months. The games will be played in France during the month of March, moving to Brazil in April, Spain in May, and Germany in June. The Summer X Games will conclude in California.

The X Games is the perfect venue for athletes to display their snowboarding, skiing and snowmobile skills. Some of the highlights included world-class skier Bode Miller capturing the bronze medal in ski-

ing, and Shaun White winning gold in the snowboard super pipe.



Picture courtesy of Google Images

Other notable performances included Levi Lavallee, who missed the last two X Games due to injury,

winning the gold medal in the snowmobile freestyle competition, fourteen-year-old Japanese rider Ayuma Hirano taking the silver in the snowboard super pipe and Kelly Clark winning her third gold in a row.

The Winter X Games provide plenty of thrills and excitement amid the snowy slopes of Aspen. I think the X Games were a great display of athleticism. Shaun White and Tucker Hibbert made headlines, winning a total of six gold medals in their respective events. The upcoming X Games this spring should be just as exciting and fun to watch.

Removing Kickoffs?

John Flynn '15

As most NFL fans are aware of, National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell is proposing to take kickoffs away from the sport of football. In a sport where kickoffs are a major part of the game, I can think of no reason for why Goodell would want to remove them. By removing kickoffs, Goodell is taking away the aspect of special teams and the possibility of gaining good field position during the game from your field kicker. In most cases, the team who wins the field position battle usually wins the game. The Week 14 game between the Saints and the Giants is a great example of this. David Wilson averaged almost 57 yards per carry and gave the Giants great field position to score a total of 52 points, their highest total points scored since 1986. Great kickers are also able to take advantage of field position by kicking the ball into the end zone for a touchback, forcing the other team to start at their own 20-yard line.

The removal of kickoffs would also add to the many unpopular moves Goodell has made since becoming

commissioner in 2006. One of his worst moves, by far, is the bounty scandal surrounding the New Or-



Picture courtesy of Google Images

leans Saints. Considered unpopular by many people, especially Saints fans, I agree with the decision because the Saints cheated their way to a Super Bowl title in the 2009 season. However, I question the moving of the kickoff line from the 30-yard line to the 35-yard line. It leads to more touchbacks and fewer chances to give the receiving team favorable field position.

In addition, I disliked how he treated the suspension of Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. Originally a six game suspension, Goodell reduced it to four, which should've kept Roethlisberger out for the remainder of the season. Instead, Roethlisberger led the Steelers to the Super Bowl, where they would lose to the Green Bay Packers.

The removal of kickoffs would take away an important part of the game's history and would change the game forever. Fans of the game would be robbed of iconic moments such as Devon Hester's kickoff return for a touchdown on the first play of Super Bowl XLI for the Chicago Bears. If kickoffs are removed, many fans would turn away and football would never be the same.