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## Fresh Course Options for Class of 2018

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From AP classes to hands-on, outside of the classroom experiences, the 2017-2018 school year will have more new classes than the present Holy Cross seniors have ever seen.

The class that seems to be the most popular with students is Sports Management. This class will give the students the basics of sports managing and help them decide whether or not they want to pursue a career in this field. This class will also have an out of the classroom portion, where students will go to Holy Cross sporting events and learn what goes into preparation for the games. This class was created, and will be taught by our Athletic Director Mr. Goggin. Mr. Goggin has been a teacher at Holy Cross for many years and just this past year took on the role of Athletic Director. He wants to promote progress at Holy Cross and this is a part of his plan.

New AP courses are also being offered at Holy Cross. They will be sending teachers through St. John's to qualify them to teach these courses so students will be eligible for college credits. The new courses are College Drawing, College Theology, and College Business and Marketing. College Drawing will be taught by Ms. Liotta, who said this will be a "step up" from the regular drawing class now. When asked, Mr. T described College Theology as "A critical examination of Catholic Theology through a historical and theological level" as he read it off the course catalog. College Business and Marketing will be replacing Advertising for next year, and going more in depth and elaborating on the material.

More additions include another art class taught by Ms. Liotta called Art Therapy. This course will teach students art therapy with an outside of the classroom portion that will include taking students on trips to St. Mary's Children's Hospital to paint for and with the disabled children. Two new math classes offered for next year will be History of Mathematics and AP Computer Science. And the Social Studies Department has added the History of the World Wars. This class goes in depth into World War I and II from start to finish.

Students can learn more about these classes on the school website under course catalog.



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## SPINNERS: THE NEXT BIG THING

Brandon Brown '17



Fidget Spinners, the newest trending toy to hit schools and offices around the country, has hit Holy Cross in a big way. One would be hard-pressed to find a cluster of students devoid of one these clever devices. What exactly are these contraptions that have wormed their way into our hearts? Let's take a look.

The Spinner, which made its debut early 2017, has a really a simple design. They have one function, only to spin. Something so simple attracted so many. The reasons for their appeal vary from person to person. Some say spinners calm one's nerves, while others say they are something nice to collect. Spinners are also good conversation pieces, usually people would ask "Where do you get those?" or "Can I have a Spin?". Also, the Spinners are a great way to pass the time while you are waiting for your friends, your date to get ready, or while you are serving some hours in detention.

Fidget Spinners come in different colors and different metals, like copper and stainless steel. They also come in different shapes and sizes. People are making Spinners that look like the Spiderman logo and others are making them look like Baterangs, Batman's most used tool.

Spinners are a hit on online shopping websites like, Amazon and Ebay. They come at multiple prices, ranging from \$2.00 to crazy high prices like \$40.00 to \$50.00. The prices are increasing so quickly that people have taken to creating "HOW TO" videos to make these spinners instead of buying them off the internet. The bad thing about the Spinners, according to reviews, is that they are easy to lose and would have to be re-purchased. At the rate this is going, the Spinners might rival the Rubix Cube in a couple years.



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# Something's cooking at Cross

**Brandon Brown'17**

Holy Cross Cooking Club is both one of the newest and most popular clubs this school year and the teacher behind it all, Mr. Bailey.



**Photographer Brandon Brown' 17**

When asked why he decided to undertake the creation of a cooking club at Holy Cross, Mr. Bailey responded "Cooking is an important life skill. The beauty to it is to share knowledge with the students". Some of the dishes they created are pasta, guacamole and chili from scratch. The students even were prompted to create Valentine's Day Treats such as vanilla strawberries.

The Cooking Club consists mostly of freshmen and sophomores. According to Mr. Bailey, "It's been a huge success, started with 15 students and has doubled to 30 students". The club is on the fourth floor and is held every Thursday after school. Mr. Bailey expressed his appreciation towards his cooking club students by stating "a lot of them are enjoying the lessons. The students are very cooperative and respectful. I'm very appreciative that they help clean up." The Cooking Club has a very promising future and creatively reinforces positive behavior amongst the young men at Holy Cross.



**Photographer Brandon Brown'17**

## Let the adventures begin!

**Christopher Antonetty'17**

Holy Cross's library has been taken over by monsters, cowboys, and super heroes.

This all-out war has broken loose ever since the new Dungeons and Dragons Club started. Every Wednesday at 2:30-7:00 pm students gather at the library to role play their favorite characters or creatures, and fight against each other.

This is a big game played around the world and its popularity is rapidly growing at Holy Cross High School. Currently there are 8 students attending this club and it is expected to grow much larger as the word spreads.



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When the club was created, students were asked what they would like to role play, and since Dungeons and Dragons has been around for so long and been the most popular, they picked that one.

Students are having so much fun in this club and it's causing it to gain attention. This club came to life after Mr. Joseph Iuliucci was asked to host a club "Mr.

Howell found out that I ran a club in another school, so he encouraged me to make this one" So every Wednesday at 2:30-7:00 pm join the all-out war and fight your way to the top. The Dungeons and Dragons club is here, and it is epic!

## "Where are the girls?"

### Staff

Holy Cross is an all-boys high school, there's no doubt about it. Does that mean that by the time we graduate, we will have forgotten how to interact with girls? Definitely not!

This year there have been many events both at our local all-girls schools, St. Agnes and The Mary Lewis Academy, and Holy Cross geared towards giving the students of the schools the chance to mix with one another and form friendships.

In addition to a few dances held at the girls' schools, at Cross we had Horror Movie Knight, Marvel Movie Knight, our own dance and some students even participated in St. Agnes' Talent Show. These are just a few of the events and activities in which we could mix with girls and we hope the trend continues next year.

## Horror Movie Knight 2016



**St. Agnes  
Talent Show  
&  
School Dance**



# Sophomore Paintball Trip

Clifford Nelson'17

The Holy Cross High School sophomore class will be taking a trip to go outdoor paintballing at High Velocity on May 25th, 2017.

The price of the trip is \$60 per person, which will include lunch, transportation and a full day's play. The trip is available to any sophomore in good academic standing who wants to have fun with their classmates.

Sophomore class moderator and well known English teacher Mrs. Mulligan has advised the students to please wear sweatpants or any type of clothing that students wouldn't mind getting covered in paint. While High Velocity provides jumpsuits, it is at an additional cost to the students who choose this option.



Photo courtesy of Castle Map @ High Velocity Paintball

**Deadline for initial 30\$ deposit and permission slip has been extended to Friday April 28th. Final Deposits are due May 15th. Please see Mrs. Mulligan in Room 303 for details.**

# College Admissions Process: As seniors reach the finish line, the juniors are gearing to start the sometimes grueling process.

Francesco DiCarlo'17

Many students are unaware about how the college admissions process is conducted. As seniors are finally finishing up their college admissions process, juniors are just getting started by researching colleges and taking their SAT's. As juniors prepare for this process, they will realize that it may be long and stressful.

The hardest part about the college admissions process, according to senior Tyler Cacioppo, is the process of filling out the financial aid form which could take several hours. According to senior Anthony Careccia, the most challenging part of the process is choosing which colleges to go visit and decide which ones are the best fit. Thankfully there are some easy parts of the college admissions process.

According to senior Anthony Careccia'17 says the easiest part of the college application process is asking teachers for a letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendations are written by the teachers. In the letters teachers express how well the student does academically and describes the student's behavior and their impressions of the student's character. These letters will be sent to the colleges to which the student has applied.

One of the most important parts of the college admissions process are the essays. The essay is the key component of your application. There are many essay topics students may choose from. Senior Michael Antretter said that he had written his essay about a road trip that he took around the United States and the many new things he learned taking that trip going from state to state. A few of the many essay topics that are popular are: What do you want to major in and why? And where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

# Super Smash Bros Tournament Cancellation Leads to Spontaneous Gaming Fun

Henzley Pierre-Louis'17

Mr. Evan LaGreca originally intended to host a tournament for Super Smash Bros in the cafeteria on Friday, February 4th. Unfortunately, due to mishaps and errors behind the scenes, the tournament was cancelled.

However, he and the tournament organizers agreed to let the people who already came to participate or spectate continue playing for fun until the time the tournament was expected to be over.

From that moment on the tournament turned into a gaming center, allowing newcomers of Smash Bros and gaming in general to play, eat, and just have fun with friends. Games that were played besides Smash Bros included: Skyrim, Overwatch, Dark Souls, Distance and many more.

When asked about the tournament's cancellation Mr. LaGreca said that due to a lack of a proper Wi-Fi connection and cpus not working, the tournament couldn't be properly organized as intended. However, he said that day was a success because people really enjoyed themselves and there were plenty of new and unexpected faces who showed up as well.

He does plan to do more tournaments like this in the future, however getting the consoles for them ready would be difficult. Overall, he wishes for there to be more tournaments so students who are into gaming can have either competitive fun in a tournament or just mess around with friends playing video games

The biggest part of getting into college is taking the SAT's. The SAT shows how ready a student is for college. According to senior Michael Antretter, "The SAT is the main test the colleges use to analyze and evaluate your academic performance." Juniors, even sophomores, should start taking practice SAT's or even signing up to take the SAT's.

Many colleges give out scholarships. The amount of scholarship grants a student gets is based on the type of activities he does. Colleges like to see students who play sports, join clubs, have excellent grades and help others by doing community service.



# Google Chromebooks present a lot of potential

Pasquale Massullo'17

Holy Cross High School introduced Chromebooks to the 2016-2017 freshman class. As a whole, they're being viewed as a great success.

Freshmen teachers have expressed their satisfaction with the Chromebooks. When asked about the positives and negatives of the Chromebooks in the classroom, Mr. Donahue explained how the effects of the laptops in the classroom are almost all positive.

One of the biggest advantages is the benefit of increased collaboration between students, as they can now send information directly to each other right from their desks for peer editing. There's also the fact that the teacher can see the screens of all the students using by Go Guardian technology which makes the Chromebooks less likely to be distractions in class.

According to Mr. Donahue, "The only negative was the learning curve. We had to get used to cloud computing... there's no internal memory on these things. Everything is saved in the cloud." Some teachers in other disciplines have found difficulty utilizing them in class as much as they would like and hope that some of these concerns will be addressed by Google's responsive customer service team.

## The People That You'll Meet

Members of Mrs. Mulligan's Spring Journalism Classes were asked to interview and spotlight the most interesting person they know and write an article about that person. Students came back with interview with people from all walks of life. Here is a snapshot of some of the people the Class of 2017 has gotten to know.

### The Interesting Life of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Ryan Schwab '17

Like many other accountants, Mr. James M. Conboy ("Jimmy") stood out in high school and made his way to St. John's University on a full tuition scholarship. He paid for his college expenses through many jobs such as detailing cars, driving limos, and cleaning chimneys; to name a few. He was faced with a bumpy road that only a determined man would be able to get past. The son of a NYC Sanitation worker, Jimmy learned early in life from his father that you get up early every morning and go to work to do your best.

Jimmy always dreamed of being a businessman in Manhattan and his road to achieve his goal was in his favor. He graduated from St. John's University in three years.

It was July of 1986 when Mr. Conboy accepted his first job offer to begin his career at in the audit practice of Arthur Andersen which was, "the largest accounting firm in the world at that time." He began as an auditor making an average yearly salary of \$22,000.

"Being a public accountant at a large firm, I believe, is one of the most interesting jobs in the world," Mr. Conboy said. One of his most interesting jobs was when he lived in Caracas, Venezuela for a year in 1998. He assisted his client, GTE Corporation (now Verizon) to privatize the government owned Venezuela telephone company. Mr. Conboy said it was challenging living there as he did not speak the language and the culture was very different than that of the U.S.

The years he has spent as a CPA and auditor has made Mr. Conboy's life as enjoyable as can be. His career has afforded him the opportunity to travel and live on 3 different continents and interact with many people. Mr. Conboy has done all kinds of auditing work and has made an outstanding living for himself. He has held executive roles at GM, AT&T, Cablevision and AMC networks.

It was March of 2016 when Mr. Conboy was Chief Audit Executive at AMC Networks Inc., when he was told that they had to let him go because they were outsourcing his department. In April 2016 Mr. Conboy saw Mr. G at a golf outing and three months later Mr. Conboy saw himself as the Vice President of Institutional Advancement of Holy Cross. After a successful 30 year accounting career, Jimmy believed working for the high school he once attended would be a healthy option to continue his career.

Even though Mr. Conboy does not work in a huge accounting firm at the moment his intelligence, experience, and determined work ethic is a perfect model for others to follow. Life as a successful man, who has enjoyed his job greatly is something everyone wants. Graduating college in the top 2% and working for some of the largest corporations in the world, Mr. Conboy is a living proof of a CPA who has definitely lived an interesting life.

### Playing the Odds

Michael Fellin '17

Like any other college students, James is paying tuition that can leave him in a financial hole when he graduates. But, he has found a way to pay his full tuition while he's still in school. This is by being a bookie.

A bookie—also known as a bookmaker—is a person who takes bets, calculates odds, and pays out winnings. This job of being a bookie is risky business for James. The job of a bookmaker is prohibited because it's illegal betting. It's a private business in which the bookie is not getting taxed on his or her income and the customers are not getting taxed on their winnings. If James gets caught being a bookie, he can be fined thousands of dollars and can possibly face some time in prison.

Despite all the risks this job holds, there is also high reward. During the NFL season, James makes on average a thousand dollars per week. During the NBA season, he makes 500 dollars a week. Ever since he started the job in September of 2016, he has made a grand total of 31,100 dollars. This money has been covering the cost of his tuition at St. John's University.

This job does not overlap with James' schooling because it's done in the privacy of his own home. Before a basketball or football game, James is contacted by people to put in bets for them. Then, depending on his customer, they can receive their profit through online payment methods or they have to physically meet up with James to either give him the cash or receive the cash. James can only work with people who know about him. The more people placing the bets, the more money James can make. James gets most of his customers from St. John's and from the high school he attended.

James is very content with what he does and thinks he will stop being a bookie once he graduates college. He intends to start his own business that will be legal so he won't have to worry about the consequences. James is an interesting person who will have a great future ahead of him if he continues to work hard.

### Diving into Uncertainty

Pasquale Masullo '17

Growing up in a small town called Sacco in Salerno Italy, Mario Masullo lived a lifestyle very different than the one people live today. In Sacco there was no focus on vanity or materialism, and for children much time was spent helping to cultivate land, often after a long day of school. His father was rarely around as he was forced to travel to Germany and later Switzerland to find work. His brother Angelo who is six years older than him was off to the city of Ebola to become a mechanic at just 16 years old.

By 1969 they made the decision to reunite their family by moving to America. They left everything they knew behind and dove into uncertainty. Where they finally landed was a house on 41st avenue, Flushing Main Street, a far cry from the small isolated town of Saco. "I remember just looking around and staring at all the different races." He continues "Black, Spanish, Asian. I had never seen them before in my life." His early time in America was a time of adjustment, and with that, confusion. He would pass by stores with sign that said "sale", which also happens to be the Italian word for "salt", and wonder what Americans obsession with salt was all about. He defends himself though "Turns out I wasn't too off about that after all."

His farmer parents were facing a tough adjustment. They had to find work in a brand new country, and farming was not an option. Mario was facing the adjustment as well. He got lost on the way to school one day and ended up in a Catholic school wondering why all the kids decided to dress the same. Still, the family persevered. Dad got a job as a cleaner and mom soon followed along with Angelo. They moved to Astoria where they found a community of Italian people with similar stories to theirs, and they had feast for saints just like they would at home. Speaking of home, they began growing a garden at their home in Astoria. Their time in Italy instilled in them values that would affect the rest of their lives, as just like in Italy they would use every single bit of land they owned.

Mario would go on to do well for himself, becoming a technician fixing radios and TV's and eventually owning a house in Whitestone, and even more impressive, a Mercedes. Although that's on a lease. And still the values learned in Italy planting crops and raising pigs and cows to get by stuck with the family throughout their lives. It's the classic story of someone coming from just about nothing and working towards something, but never forgetting where they came from.

### Mysterious Haiti

Henzley Pierre-Louis '17

Haiti is a country, like many, that has skeletons in its closet. Some of those skulls have been revealed thanks to one Marie-Jossee Augustin. During her childhood in Haiti, she lived a very humble and peaceful life. While she was there, Marie-Jossee, got a glimpse of what most of us have never seen outside our television screens.

Despite being raised Catholic, her grandmother practiced Voodoo and Marie witnessed some of the mysterious and, in her eyes, strange practices of the Voodooists.

Voodoo has a widespread appeal. Some Catholics or Christians who lacked faith went to a Voodoo Priest to get an illness removed because of the fear that they could have been hexed or cursed.

Voodooists mainly call or can be possessed by spirits. These spirits are extremely unpredictable, inspiring people to do good or harmful things to those around them. Some spirits force people to do very odd things. Different spirits are called through different dances and rituals, every single spirit is very different.

During Marie's very young years she and her mother went to an event for some of the free food. This event had a massive flame in the middle, it was much larger than any bonfire and it had a chunk of iron in the middle of that flame. When that iron turned red, a man, most likely controlled by a spirit, went into the flame and picked up the iron and put it on his back. People backed off and made room as the man began to walk around the flame with the red hot iron on his back.

Despite all this madness, Marie had a very peaceful and calming life and stayed away from all the confusing things Haiti had to offer and only focused on the great things. As she got older she decided to go America and still lives there to this day with her memories of Haiti still well remembered for the good, bad and mysterious.

# Entertainment

## Hip Hop artist Future drops two #1 albums and wins a Grammy all within the first 3 months of 2017.

Michael Rosa '17

Future's two albums named "Future" and "Hndrxx" dropped in early 2017 and they both instantly hit the top 200 billboards. This made Future the first artist to debut two albums at number one at the same time on the Billboard 200.

The rapper Future has been nominated for many Grammy awards including Hip Hop Artist of the Year, and Album of the Year. This has not been the first time Future has been nominated for several different Grammy awards, as he was nominated for Top Rap Artist and Top Rap Album in 2016.

Future collaborates with many different artists on his album including Rihanna and the Weeknd. However on his "Hndrxx" album, he states that it is more about his personal life and it was about him opening up to the world.

Future debuted at number one on the Billboard 200 with 140,000 album equivalent units, of which 60,00 were pure album sales. It is Future's fourth #1 album following his past albums which were DS2, and What a Time to Be Alive.



Photo courtesy of Google Images

## Review: Playstation4 Sports Games

Francesco DiCarlo '17

In 2017, there has been some pretty awesome sports games that came out for the Playstation 4. Here is a guideline for what sports games you should buy for your Playstation 4 to make your gaming experience the most fun it has ever been.

One great sports game you should buy is *MLB The Show 17*. It is a great game for a baseball lover and even to pass the time. The graphics this year will really blow the mind of any gamer. It has all these kind of game modes, such as "Road To The Show", this game mode is when you create a player that looks like you and go through the steps that actual Major League Baseball players do such as getting drafted and through the minor leagues until you eventually make the Major Leagues. There is also another game mode called "Franchise", in this game mode you pick any team in the Major Leagues and you get to run that team. You can trade for players and draft players who are free agents and build a team strong enough to win the World Series. You are also in charge of revenue such as merchandise, the stadium and how much the food would cost in the stadium.

Another new Playstation 4 game is *FIFA 17*. This game is great for any soccer lover. The online mode allows players to verse someone around the; you can get paired with someone who lives in France. There is an awesome game mode called "Ultimate Team", in this game mode you make your own team and can pick the team name, color, logo and stadium. As you play other people you get coins. With those coins, you can buy any player in the soccer universe that you want. Even the players from twenty years ago, you can buy with those coins. You can eventually build your team to become the best ultimate team filled with all the hall of fame soccer players

# The Walking Dead: Still Sort of Shuffling Along

Christopher Antonetty '17

*The Walking Dead* is one of the most watched television shows to hit television. Starting in 2009, the show brought horror, action, suspense, and drama together and made a mainstream hit TV show. The fans instantly fell in love with *The Walking Dead* and kept bring in more and more viewers. By season five's finale, the show had a whopping 15.8 million viewer rating. It had an 8.2 rating which was better than *Empire's* amazing season opener, which ranked at 6.4. *The Walking Dead* was put in the top 50 telecast spot, which was the first time a cable TV show did that. So how can a show mess up after gaining such a big fanbase?

After the season 7 premiere, the show had even higher ratings with 17.03 but it didn't hold those viewers. After the episode, the viewer rating dropped 4.63% and then after that episode it lost .7% of its viewers, bringing it down to 11.7 million. By the end of the season, the show lost 5.73% of its viewers and now stands at 11.3 million. A drop from 17.03 million to 11.3 million is very bad; even fans that stuck with the show say they might drop it soon if it doesn't get better. So what did *The Walking Dead* do wrong?

Fans were very disappointed in the anti-climactic finale of season 7. They were expecting something big to happen, but nothing wowed viewers. The fans said they wanted to feel like no one in the show was safe, like how it used to feel like no main character was safe from being killed off. Now *The Walking Dead* shows no supporting actor is safe and leaves the main characters with plot armour. The lack of suspense made the show predictable and boring.

Another huge fan complaint was the unnecessary episodes. In the beginning of season 7, each character got their own full episodes solely following them. This had fans really mad since they could've focused on all the characters in the series. These episodes hurt the fans because if it was an episode about a character they didn't like, they would either not watch it or suffer through it.

*The Walking Dead* has it all there, but it isn't delivering it well. All the show has to do is listen to these complaints and execute a more exciting storyline and it can once again post a viewer rating of 17.03 million. Will *The Walking Dead* listen to it's fans? Or will it continue to disappoint leading the show to lose more and more viewers and be just another dead man walking?



Photo courtesy of The FW

## Upcoming Film Releases

*Guardians of the Galaxy*  
*King Arthur :Legend of the Sword*  
*Alien: The Covenant*  
*Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*  
*Wonder Woman*

May 5th  
 May 12th  
 May 19th  
 May 26<sup>th</sup>  
 June 2nd



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## Upcoming Album Releases

Bankroll Fresh, *In Bank We Trust*  
 Mary J. Blige, *Strength Of A Woman*  
 Gorillaz, *Humanz*  
 Wale, *Shine*  
 Logic, *Everybody*  
 B.O.B., *Ether*  
 Faith Evans and the Notorious B.I.G., *The King and I*  
 Snoop Dog, *Neva Left*

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# THE LANCE SPORTS

## Holy Cross Handball Decisions , Decisions

Ryan Wilson'17

The idea of a Holy Cross handball team isn't new because we had one in the past and now, due to popular demand, Holy Cross handball is back.

The new Athletic Director Mr. Goggin thought it was a great idea to create another sport to give more students a chance to participate in sports.

Social Studies teacher Mr. LaGreca has taken the responsibility to be the head coach of the handball team.

The student body is very excited about the handball team being introduced back into the athletic department. One student at Holy Cross High School Brandon Beaman said "My name is Brandon Beaman and the reason I want to join the handball team is because I feel a strong connection to the Holy Cross community and, what better way to get involved than to join a sport".

This spring is going to be an exciting time for many students.



Photo courtesy of yearbook staff

Staff'17

Holy Cross's All League Senior Varsity Soccer team's top four players have many decisions to make over the next few months.

**Ryan Sipavicius** was the main forward for the Holy Cross High School. He had the most goals of the season and was the captain of the Knights. Ryan's dream school is to play at Penn State University and to make history there by scoring the most goals in a season.

**Joe Iurillo** was the main center back for the Knights and was their last wall of defense. His height and skills helped him get an offer from Purchase College. His goal is to be the one defender in Purchase to keep a clean sheet all season.

**Antonio Pezzino** was the center midfielder for the Knights and his vision and skill helped him feed his forwards and keep possession in the game. He wants to play his next year at St. John's University and continue to feed his forwards goals by continuing to work on long passes and possessing the ball.

**Kyntrell Hendrickson** was the multiple position player that played midfielder, center back, and forward depending on where the coach needed him the most. Despite playing the entire season injured, his speed, skill and grit helped him play the successful season. His dream College is Notre Dame University but he says it looks like Duke University is the school he will most likely attend to be a starter and continue his dream of being the best soccer player anyone has ever seen.

As time progresses some of these ideas may change but one thing is for certain, these guys have a bright future.

### Holy Cross vs. Xaverian C-division Championship

Michael Ciardiello'17

Holy Cross played Xaverian High School in a thriller on the ice for all the marbles in the C-division Championship.

The game was fantastic as the Cross seniors carried the Knights to a win with a final score of 4-3. The game was back and forth needing a shootout to decide a winner. The game was crazy and the crowd was amped up.

When asked about the atmosphere of the game, Holy Cross Senior Nick Simone said, "It was great, so much fun just an amazing experience." Cross was confident throughout, having no doubt they were going to come out victorious. "I was extremely confident, there was no doubt in my mind that we were winning that game" said Pat Muller.

It was the strongest finish the Knights could have asked for as the Knights took home the Championship. The game was a classic that Cross won at the very end.

### Tough Loss after a Great Season for Varsity Basketball

Shakur Chung'17

Holy Cross Varsity Basketball had a solid season, yet ended in a loss. It is now time to regroup and focus on the future.

The Holy Cross Knights, over the course of this season, were 13-12. They had a good first win against the St. Francis Prep Terriers. The next challenge was the Cardinal Hayes Cardinals from the Bronx.

At the beginning of the game, the Knights were out of it. Cardinal Hayes had an early lead. By the end of the first half, Hayes was up 20. The game seemed out of reach until the Knights put on a run lead by senior Jonas Cooper and sophomore Hassan Diarra.

The energy was high entering the 4th quarter until the clock stopped, which slowed the game down. This incident slowed the tempo and with the score 75-74, the Knights began to foul for a chance to come back, but Cardinal Hayes hit all their free throws.

The Knights failed to retake the lead and lost 79-76 it is now time to look forward towards next season.

## Evolution and the Three Point Shot

Connor Walsh'17

The beautiful game of basketball has been around since 1891 when Dr. James Naismith created it. Dr. Naismith would only open the door for this game to become what it is today. The game has evolved over the times through generations with new ideas and new inventions. The most notable development was in the 1979-1980 season when the National Basketball Association adopted the 3 point line.

The three point shot became a thing in the American Basketball League in 1961 but didn't last. This was due to the ABL folding after a season and a half and the 3 point idea leaving with the league. The shot would come back in 1967 in the ABA when they started taking fan ideas. NBA players like George Mikan saw the shot and how crazy the fans reacted to it which led the NBA to thinking about and finally adopted the shot in the 1979-1980 season to increase the crowd's enthusiasm. The three point shot was viewed the way baseball fans view a home run. Fans would jump out their seats cheering during the game.

The first three point in an NBA game was by Chris Ford of the Boston Celtics on October 12, 1979. That shot made by Chris Ford would change the game forever. In today's NBA the 3 point shot is the most important part of the game. The Golden State Warriors build their team around 3 point shooters and last season set the record for the most wins during the season with a record of 73-9. Stephen Curry Golden State Warriors all star point guard is considered the best 3 point shooter of all time. Curry's three point shooting has led him to being league MVP for the past two seasons and first ever unanimous MVP of the NBA. This just shows that this crazy shot that was considered a home run type shot has changed the game as every player in the game must know how to shoot one and one of the best players made his living from the 3 point shot.



Stephen Curry taking a three point shot against the Kings.

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