

March 28, 2018

Welcome to our **Spring Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences** and thank you for being here. Enclosed, please find your son's third quarter report card. I would like to congratulate all of our students who have worked to the best of their ability - especially those achieving Honor Roll status! I am pleased to share with you the following school activities/events that will be taking place over the next few months.

Classes resume on **Monday, April 9th** Day 3 of the cycle.

Due to the inclement weather, the Junior Class Unity Mass and dinner has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 12th at 6:00 pm**. Any questions please contact Ms. Liotta at aliotta@myhchs.org or Mrs. Mione at dmione@myhchs.org.

On **Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 pm** all Senior students are expected to be in attendance with a parent or guardian for **Senior Information Night**. This informative meeting will provide in-depth coverage regarding the end-of-year timeline, senior exams schedules, graduation, and prom. Cap and gown distribution will take place this evening. I look forward to seeing everyone at this important meeting.

On **Friday April 27th** Holy Cross will welcome back its Alumni for Career Day. The students will participate in small group panel discussions with other notable Alumni in the fields of Law, Medicine, Finance, and Engineering. Freshmen and Sophomores will have no classes on this day.

The World Language Department will be hosting **International Night on Friday, April 27th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. This family orientated night provides an opportunity for the school community to come together and enjoy good ethnic food. Tickets will be sold in the Business Office for \$5.00. For more information please contact Ms. Diez at adiez@myhchs.org

All seniors are encouraged to participate in **National College Decision Day** by wearing a t-shirt or sweat shirt indicating their college choice on **Tuesday, May 1st**. This is an opportunity for the school community to acknowledge and celebrate their successes.

On **Friday, May 4th** Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will participate in a presentation concerning **Cyberbullying**.

The **Festival of the Arts** is a sensational display of talent from the Fine Arts Department which highlights our gifted artists and musicians. The celebration of the arts will take place on **Friday, May 18th at 6:30 pm** and will showcase the outstanding musical capabilities of our Freshman/Intermediate Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Drumline. Artwork will be exhibited from the visual art students of our Studio Art, Computer Graphics, 3-D Design, Drawing, Painting, Television Production, and College Drawing classes. All are welcomed to attend this joyous celebration of our accomplished Fine Arts students.

Your son has met with his guidance counselor in order to request courses for the 2018-2019 school year. You may review their course requests by logging into holycross.powerschool.com. Click on **Class Registration**. This feature is not available using the PowerSchool App. Please review the course selections with your son and make sure his classes are correct and appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact your son's guidance counselor.

All current juniors, in the class of 2019 in order to attend classes in September will have to supply written confirmation by June 15th of having received a vaccination or a booster for Meningococcal Disease after their 16th birthday. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse at nbrandon@myhchs.org.

For the classes of 2019, 2020, 2021 there is a limited amount of financial aid available for the 2018-2019 academic year. Parents and Guardians must file a Financial Aid Form (with tax records) by May 17, 2018. Information is available from the Business Office, ext. 574. There is a \$30.00 application fee.

Fourth quarter progress reports will be emailed/mailed home for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on **Wednesday, May 2nd**.

In the event your son has an end-of-year failure, it must be made-up in summer school in order to return in September. Students who fail more than two courses on the final report card are subject to dismissal. Passing a New York State Regents Exam does not automatically enable a student to pass the class. Similarly, passing a class does not enable a failing New York State Regents score to be ignored. Our school policy is outlined in the Academic Manual & Course Guide located under *Academics* on the school's website. Summer School registration starts the week of Tuesday, June 26th. Classes start on Monday, July 9th and finish on Tuesday, August 14th. Regents dates are Thursday, August 16th and Friday, August 17th. For more information, please refer to our website.

Uniform updates and changes, the incoming class in September 2018 will be wearing our new uniform which is black or grey dress pants with the option of white, light or dark grey polo shirts through our new uniform supplier Flynn and O'Hara. Our current students are grandfathered with the current uniform of Land's End Khaki Pants and the official Holy Cross green polo shirt with the option to wear the new uniform. For complete details see the school website under Student Life – Dress Code/Uniform.

As our nation responds to the security concerns in our schools, the administration of Holy Cross takes the safety of our school community very seriously. We recently upgraded our surveillance system with twenty-two additional high-definition cameras to help provide comprehensive coverage of the school campus. We also have two full-time security personal that are provided through the NYC Intro 65 Bill. We regularly practice fire and safety drills, which include soft and hard lockdowns. During Easter vacation we will be installing an electronic visitors registry log, which will capture photographs and print visitor passes. Over the summer we will be making campus changes that will create a new main entrance with security checkpoint. Our new school entrance will be on the field side of the school. I will continue to update the school community with its progress.

It is my hope that the liturgical season of Easter reminds us of the hope that the resurrection of Our Lord brings. May this Easter season bring about renewed faith and hope, for a successful close to this academic year for our Holy Cross man, your son.

Wishing you and your family a joyous Easter season!

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

Edward Burns
Principal