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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

When Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, founded the Congregation of Holy Cross, he described his vision in this way, “Holy Cross will grow like a mighty tree and constantly shoot forth new limbs whose branches will produce yet others, and all nourished from the same sap and endowed with the same life.”

We at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, Queens, New York are blessed to be guided by the vision of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC.

As we celebrate our graduates of the class of 2018, we are preparing to welcome the class of 2022, the first class to include young women. Among the preparations are changes to campus facilities, professional development for faculty and staff, and a recognition of an infectious enthusiasm among constituents. And with great pride we send the class of 2018 to their next steps, nourished and endowed with what it means to be educated at Holy Cross.

During a Holy Cross Institute conference at St. Edward’s University in early April, we learned of an impressive effort undertaken by our colleagues at one of the other seventeen CSC-sponsored high schools in the United States. Faculty, staff, administrators, parents and board members came together to use the writing of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, to define our shared vocation at Holy Cross. Two of Bl. Fr. Moreau’s thoughts are truly foundational:

- “With eyes of faith consider the greatness of your mission and the wonderful amount of good which you can accomplish.”
- “Education is the art of bringing young people to completeness.”

Additional writings were selected by this team of Holy Cross educators to break the shared vision of our vocation into its finer parts:

A. We Are Called to Engage the World Spiritually

“You must be ‘all things to all people,’ like Saint Paul - little with the little, great with the great, seeing in all only the image of God imprinted within them like a sacred seal that you must preserve at all cost.” Bl. Basil Moreau, Christian Education

B. We Are Called to Model Servant Leadership

“Teachers who are meek and who follow the example of Jesus Christ... put themselves in their students’ places... They are always guided by a heart full of compassion and kindness and make their decisions without stubbornness or injustice.” Bl. Basil Moreau, Christian Education

C. We Are Called to Respect and Validate Diversity

“Our mission sends us across borders of every sort. Often we must make ourselves at home among more than one people or culture, reminding us again that the farther we go in giving the more we stand to receive.” Bl. Basil Moreau, Constitutions 17

D. We Are Called to Embrace the Community

“We grow close to one another as family by living together in community. If we do not love the brothers and sisters whom we see, then we cannot love the God whom we have not seen.” Bl. Basil Moreau, Constitutions 34

E. We Are Called to Pursue Personal and Professional Growth

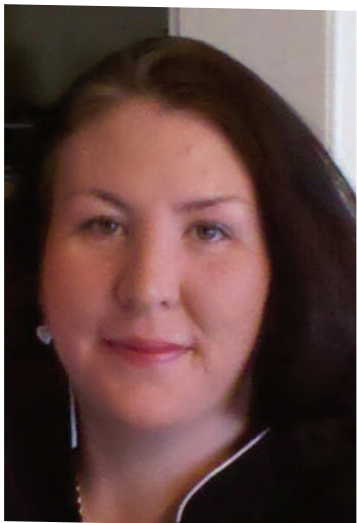
“Good teachers are not content simply with obtaining a degree or a credential... they also try to increase their knowledge even further by studying as much as they can.” Bl. Basil Moreau, Christian Education.

Holy Cross High School is truly a special place. Please come by campus at any time so I can share with you first hand the blessings of a Holy Cross education.



Michael “Mike” Truesdell
President

DEAN OF WOMEN



In acknowledgment of a newly expanded mission to begin admitting young women as first-year students in the fall of 2018, Holy Cross High School is pleased to announce the addition of Mrs. Keri-Ann Wade-Donohue as Assistant Principal, Dean of Women.

Mrs. Wade-Donohue brings to this newly created position over eighteen years of experience as a 7th through 12th grade educator and administrator. Her last sixteen years have been spent in teaching and leadership roles at Saint Agnes Academic High School.

Mr. Edward Burns, Principal of Holy Cross said, "We are delighted to welcome Keri-Ann to this new leadership position. She brings with her significant experience in helping to guide young women to great success.

Mrs. Wade-Donohue holds a BA in Anthropology from Queens College and MA in Secondary Education from Molloy College.

ATHLETICS

Introducing...



LANCE

The Athletic Department and School Administration made a decision to pursue the creation of a new school mascot based upon our recently updated Knight head logo. The Knight logo was sent to four different mascot manufacturers for concept renderings of what could be built around the Knight head. After careful review of the concepts, we chose BAM! Mascots as the winner to create it.

This new mascot suit is more than just a costume that'll be roaming the sidelines of our games. It will be a support to the new cheerleading squad we are building. It will be a fixture at school events, for prospective students, existing students, and alumni. It will be an ambassador for Holy Cross throughout the

community, on service trips, in parades, and any event to help us cement our growing status within the community.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we present our new, custom mascot - Lance!

PI-DAY



Holy Cross High School hosted our first Pi-Day Celebration with a Pie Eating Contest and Pie-a-Teacher on March 14! Donations received were donated to St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside. Teacher, Cathy Vodopevic and our Student Council matched the collected donations.

The winners of the Pie Eating Contest were Matthew Billelo (1st) Alex Acosta (2nd) and Nick McCarthy (3rd).

The Teachers that were pied were Mrs. Jordan (by Christian Patten/ Anthony Radcliff), Mr. LaGreca (by Alex Acosta) , Mr. Revelant (by Luis Silva), and Mr. Bailey (by Luis Silva).

BAYSIDE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Our school's Drumline and our Director of Music, Mr. Mulzet, performed an extraordinary performance in this year's Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade! The parade took place on Saturday, March 23 and ran along Bell Boulevard between 36th and 41st Avenue.

The Drumline students who performed were:

Greg Thompson, Captain	Dimitri Hinds
George Medina, Captain	Justin Jackson
Zaharias Avgoullas	Steven Spiezia
Jovone Cater	
Nicholas Farkash	Bannermen:
Thomas Graham	Michael Farkash
	Randy Niego





STONEMAN-DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On March 14th, 2018 a Special Remembrance Program was coordinated by the moderators of the Holy Cross High School National Honor Society and Student Government. The entire student body formed the number 17 in a Heart. Senior, Evan Katsefas performed God Bless America, and Fourteen students and 3 faculty members read the names of the victims lost at Stoneman-Douglas High School in Florida. After, the 17 flowers were placed in a vase in the main lobby.

Below is An Open Letter From The Catholic School Principals:

As the Principals of the Catholic High Schools of Brooklyn and Queens we have kept the administration, faculty, staff, students and parents from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in our prayers since the thoughtless tragedy on February 14, 2018. We stand in support of the Parkland, Florida survivors as they draw strength in knowing that their efforts to effect necessary change are heard. We call on our elected leaders to do everything necessary to help us protect students against senseless acts such as the one in Florida and too many others across our country.

The mission of Catholic education within the Diocese of Brooklyn is to form children in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ as celebrated in the Catholic Church, while providing a comprehensive academic education that will help them reach their full human potential and contribute to the common good of our nation and the world. The alumni of our schools are leaders in every stratum of society, and our current students are the leaders and policy makers of tomorrow. We must stand as examples to them of the morality, justice and peace which we expect them to go forth and spread in the world. As Principals, we are responsible for carrying out the mission of our schools, the education of our students and the safety and security of the adolescents in our care. As educators we are facing a world where we are increasingly called upon to become the last line of defense against unspeakable horrors.

Collectively, we as Catholic educators...as Americans...know that these attacks must stop and the time for action on all levels is long overdue. We unite in one voice to call upon our elected officials to effect nothing less than meaningful, proactive change. In the words of Mahatma Ghandi we must "be the change we wish to see in the world". That change starts today.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Mr. Darius Penikas
Archbishop Molloy High School

Dr. Margaret Lacey-Berman
Bishop Kearney High School

Mr. Edward A. Bolan
Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School

Mr. Richie Diaz
Cathedral Preparatory School & Seminary

Ms. Geri Martinez
Christ the King High School

Ms. Mary Ann Spicijaric
Fontbonne Hall Academy

Mr. Edward Burns
Holy Cross High School

Mr. Joseph Dugan
Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School

Mr. James V. Castrataro
Monsignor McClancy Memorial High
School

Mrs. Providencia Quiles
Nazareth Regional High School

Mrs. Susan Nicoletti
Saint Agnes Academic High School

Mrs. Allison McGinnis
St. Edmund Preparatory High School



Mr. Patrick McLaughlin
St. Francis Preparatory School

Mr. William A. Higgins
St. John's Preparatory School

Mrs. Caroline Latham
St. Joseph High School

Dr. Paula T McKeown
St. Saviour High School

Sr. Kathleen McKinney C.S.J, Ed.D.
The Mary Louis Academy

Dcn. Kevin McCormack
Xaverian High School

MR. MAHER'S CLASS VISITORS



On March 14, Mr. Maher's Occupations class was visited by Commissioner Joseph Hughes, the Deputy Commissioner of New York City Department of Administrative Trials & Hearings. Commissioner Hughes explained his career path to the young men of Holy Cross, describing how his interest in technology coincided with his desire to serve the people of the city and resulted in a job that influences the lives of tens of thousands of New Yorkers. His enthusiasm to live a life of service was a glowing example for those of us wishing to BE HC! Thank you for your service Commissioner Hughes!

The Holy Cross Phys. Ed. Department has continued its First Aid training in Health Class aided by Nurse Nora Brandon and the use of state-of-the-art training equipment.

Mr. Maher's Health 02 class "tested-out" on March 16, ensuring that they understood the basic method for performing one-person cardiopulmonary resuscitation on an adult. This introductory-level training provides a great foundation for getting certified in a variety of First Aid courses. These young Holy Cross men displayed great enthusiasm and worked hard on their form and technique, knowing that they may one day be capable of saving another human being when called upon to do so.



On March 23, Lieutenant Jennifer Alvarez of the New York National Guard presented a briefing to the Holy Cross students of Mr. Maher's Health classes. Sponsored by the Citizens Preparedness Corps of New York State, the class was trained in what to do when catastrophe strikes and what can be done in preparation for emergencies.



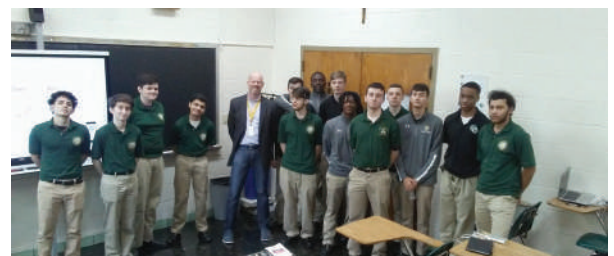
On March 27, Craig Geraghty '91, Actor/Writer/Director, visited Mr. Maher's Occupations class. Craig got his start in entertainment doing standup comedy throughout NYC and has since added numerous commercials, tv and film credits to his resume. Most recently he has had a recurring role in the Netflix/Marvel original series Iron Fist and will be filming episodes of Law and Order:SVU with Ice-T later this week. Craig also guest stars in cooking events around Long Island and looks forward to being invited back by the HC Cooking Club as a celebrity chef in the Fall. Stay tuned.

On April 23rd, Kevin Gleeson, the Administrative Graphic Artist for the Deputy Commissioner, Strategic Communications, NYPD, visited Mr. Maher's Occupations class and described his ascent from an aspiring student artist in Woodside, to where he is now; designing the artwork and graphics for the largest metropolitan police force in the country.



On Monday, May 7th, Mr. Angelo Marsella, Class of '92, visited Mr. Maher's Occupations Class to tell the men of the class how he became one of the leading sports medicine providers in the region. He explained how his company started small then grew to have offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. He even demonstrated how to tape an ankle at breathtaking speed. Thanks, Mr. Marsella, for showing us what a Holy Cross life of service looks like.

On Friday, May 11 Mr. Scott Carlsen, Controller Accessory Innovations, LLC, visited Mr. Maher's Occupations class. The students learned a great deal about corporate accounting!





SCIENCE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Brother Aubert Harrigan C.S.C. Science Research Symposium took place on Monday, May 21, 2018.

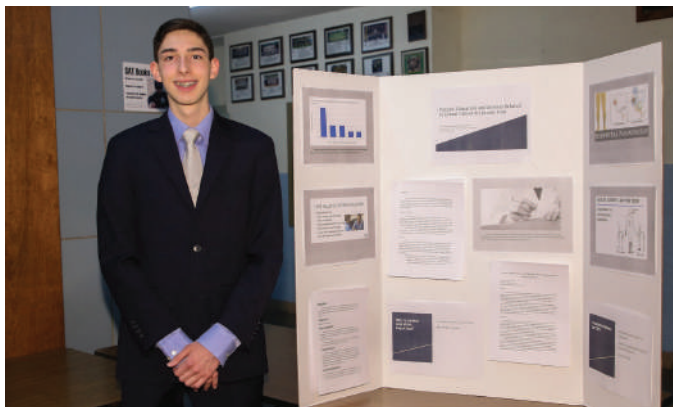
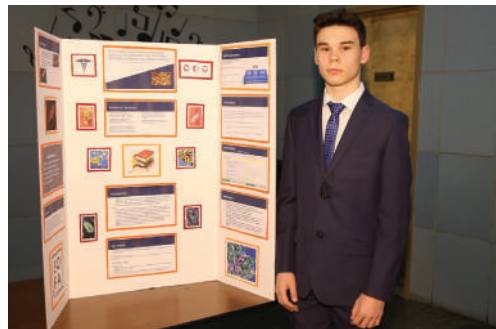
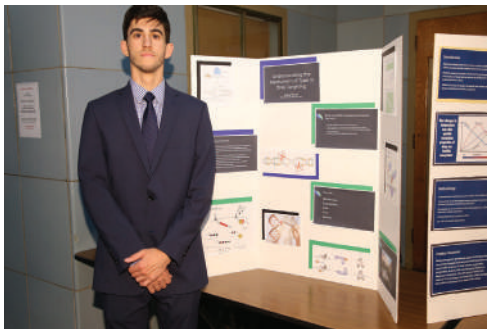
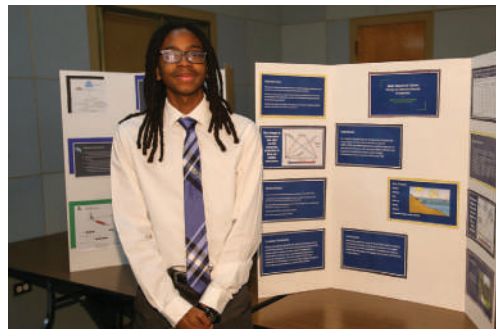
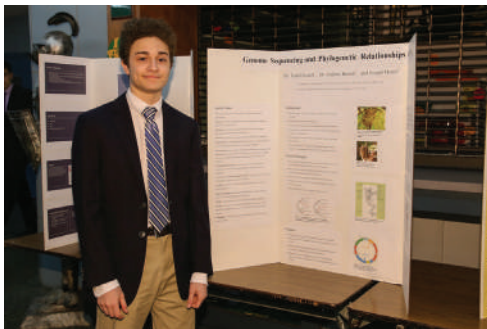
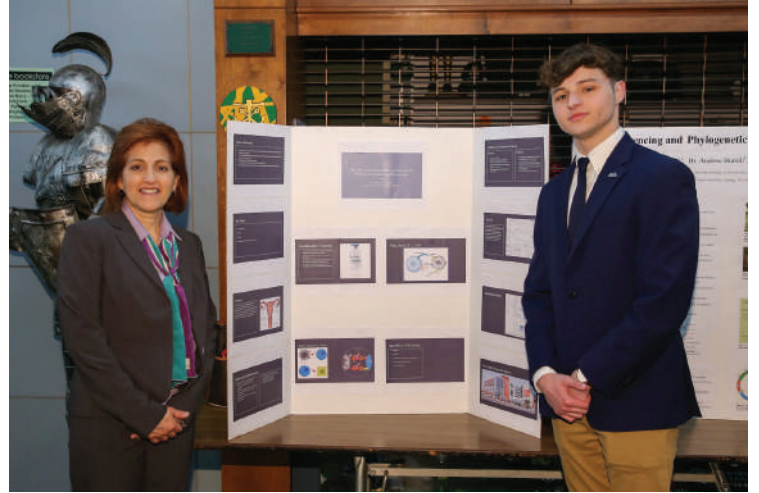
The Science Research Class has 12 students representing the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Each member of the research class works with an outside mentor at a science related facility. The students enrolled in the program worked at the following facilities: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Brookhaven National Labs, New York Presbyterian Hospital/Queens, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Alley Pond Park Environmental Center, New York University, AIM Medical Center, Chase Manhattan Bank Technology Department and the Rockefeller University.

Two of the young men are published authors of journal articles in their research field.

Joseph Wirta, under the guidance of his mentor, co-authored an article entitled “Successful Implementation of an Alcohol Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment” This article was published in the Journal of Trauma Surgery and Acute Care.

Nicholas Zecca has co-authored a journal article entitled “Early Clinical Progression in Patients with Gynecologic Malignancies”.

Dr. Anthony Paratore ‘00 is our program adviser. Dr. Paratore visits with the students once or twice a month lecturing on various topics as well as guiding them as they prepare their power point presentations.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



Our Campus Ministry office is dedicated to making God known, loved, and served through outreach to the HCHS community, and the community-at-large, through liturgies, prayer, services, retreats, and meaningful service.

Retreats

Director of Campus Ministry, Jack Rampulla, focused on establishing a spiritual well-being for the community through a retreat experience for all Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors throughout the school year. With the help of Father Randy, they began taking steps to achieve this goal by retreats starting with our Sophomore class. Holy Cross High School's shared mission is to provide moral formation through retreats, a shared mission that insists we provide outlets for our students, faculty and staff, to search their inner selves to insure their spiritual well-being becomes a primary focus; i.e. ensuring we remain focused on Fr. Moreau's directive to all Holy Cross educators to educate the heart as well as the mind.

On April 17th and 18th One half of the Sophomore class on each day was taking on a one day retreat to the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. The focus for the retreat is the Christian act of providing SERVICE. The agenda, completed by our director of Service Learning, Mr. Tsimoyianis, touched on Environment, Religion, Education, Healthcare, and Poverty. Mr. Michael Genovese, who over 45 years ago started the Service Learning Program here at Holy Cross; presented his insight. Faculty Michelle Garzon, Evan LaGreca, and Carrie Mulligan took active parts as group leaders for this retreat. Starting in September we will be conducting these retreats for all four years of students.

On April 24th-27th select Holy Cross students were invited to attend a Kairos Retreat, a spiritual experience that lasts a lifetime. Hosted by Bishop McNamara HS, one of our Holy Cross schools in Maryland, this year's Kairos event was a huge success. The boys, and their chaperones, Father Randy, Mr. Arens, Mr. Maher and Mr. Broschart, returned enriched, and feeling the Spirit which they assure will stay with them forever

The retreat invitation was accepted for two reasons. First, to give our students an experience they wouldn't soon forget by helping them to explore their relationship with God, and the retreat also served as a template for future Kairos events that we will sponsor starting in September, here at Holy Cross. The boys who attended will serve as next year's Kairos Retreat leadership team.

The students who attended, Anthony Evangelou, Anthony Rizzotto, Alex Loukopoulus, Angelo Vita, Sean Flynn, Michael Fuchs, Aidan Ryan, Andrew Papalardo, and Dean Bhuyan, explored such questions as, Who am I? Why am I here? How did I get here? Where am I in my relationship with God? This Kairos event also gave our students a chance to mingle with students from other Holy Cross schools, resulting in their coming back with fresh ideas, and a renewed spirit anchored in the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross; to make God known, loved and served.

The boys and their chaperones returned Friday evening to a surprise reception; their parents waiting for them in our Holy Family Chapel, where they each took a moment to share their experience with all present. Their comments forced a collective beam to emanate from their audience; they made us all very proud.

We look forward with eager anticipation to next year when we are able to coordinate our own Kairos Retreat here at Holy Cross. Stay tuned!

“Words can't even explain what an experience this retreat was! Truly amazing and definitely strengthened my relationship with my peers and God.”

-Anthony Evangelou

“I learned about forgiveness and how important it is to make forgiveness an everyday part of our lives.”

- Aidan Ryan



SCREENAGERS

The Counseling Department viewed this documentary as a professional development opportunity and believed this information to be extremely beneficial for all professionals working with adolescents. For this reason a viewing of Screenagers was presented to all Holy Cross faculty on Friday, January 26th.

Screenagers has been shown in almost 5,000 venues including secondary schools, colleges and universities across the country and to over a million people. Physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, conducted research and learned that the average child spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time.

SCREENAGERS probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and explores struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts children and young adults' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower them to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

We invited all current freshman, sophomores and incoming freshman with their parents to the screening of SCREENAGERS on Friday April 13th. In addition, we showed the Screenagers film to every freshman Theology class during the week of April 16th-20th.



NATIONAL COLLEGE DECISION DAY



Our teachers were given a classroom door sign to display which stated their name and attended college. This created an atmosphere of sharing experiences. The counselors received a lot of positive feedback from the faculty. This event provided an opportunity for the students to view their teachers on a more relatable level.

The Counseling Department created a tradition at Holy Cross where we not only encourage students to share their college decision by wearing their college gear but also celebrated with the students in a College Decision Day photo and provided them with a free pretzel at lunch.



CYBER-BULLYING AND INTERNET SAFETY



On Tuesday April 24th, the Counseling Department organized an important forum to educate our students on the dangers and legal consequences of cyber-bullying and sexting. Ms. Sharon Galvin also provided practical information on how to use the internet responsibly. She encouraged the students to be more aware of their use and its' impact on others.

On April 27th, after our Career Day Event, Ms. Sharon Galvin provided a follow-up session with time for questions and answers from our faculty as an opportunity for Professional Development.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM



This past spring break 20 students along with Mr. Kevin McRae, Mr. Evan LaGreca and Mr. Blaine Palmer had the opportunity to travel to Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic as part of the new Holy Cross Educational Travel Program. Students visited sites such as the Berlin Wall, Museum of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and Auschwitz as they learned about the history of World War II first hand. “This was an extremely rewarding experience for our students. It

was an opportunity to grow in knowledge and understanding of both history and other cultures,” said Mr. McRae, moderator of the program. “While many students probably spent their break playing video games or watching television, these young men had an experience they can take with them for a lifetime.” The educational travel program already has full enrollment for next spring break’s trip, when students will be traveling to Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Hungary.

CLASS OF 2022 SCHOLARSHIP LITURGY & BRUNCH



It has been a beautiful tradition over the years to host a special reception to welcome our Scholarship Recipients. This year our Scholarship Liturgy and Brunch for the Holy Cross High School Class of 2022 took place on Sunday, April 25.

ROCKTOPIA



On April 17, 2018 the Broadway/Museum Club attended ROCKTOPIA on Broadway. The multimedia extravaganza fused the most iconic 20th-Century rock with the most world-renowned classical compositions. Five world-class vocalists - backed by a full symphony orchestra, an electrifying rock band and a powerhouse choir took the concept of music itself to electrifying new heights. The anthems of Queen and

Journey met the odes of Beethoven, The power of Zeppelin merged with the poetry of Puccini. The greatness of The Who blended with the grandeur of Strauss, was breathtaking. This was a one-of-a-kind sound.

We Saw it. We Heard it. We Believed it.
The sound of ROCKTOPIA!!!

SENIOR TRIP



Seniors school trip to Six Flags Great Adventure!

FASHION CLUB TRIP



This April our Fashion Club students had an opportunity to visit the shops at Americana Manhasset. The students began their day meeting with the head manager of Men's MRKT, a boutique within the store Hirshleifers. There they learned about the many brands carried within the store and were able to enjoy ice cream treats at the boutique Kith!

Throughout the day our students met with Lucianna Bartellino who is the Senior Stylist of Personal Shopping for the center and Leah Heffernan, Americana's Advertising and Social Media Coordinator. Alexander Wong, the Assistant Vice President and Director of Project Development of Castagna Realty, spoke with our students about how Americana Manhasset began and grew to what it is today. He also explained the many projects Castagna Realty is working on.

The students ended their trip with a little bit of shopping and a great lunch at Cipollini! Thank you to Americana Manhasset and your wonderful team for hosting a fabulous day!

TRIP TO 9/11 MUSEUM



Freshmen and select National Honors students took a trip to visit the 9/11 Memorial in New York City.



Outfront Holy Cross High School monuments honor the Holy Cross Alumni that had passed on 9/11.

CODING COMPETITION



On March 22nd, 2018, members of the Coding Club were presented with this year's task for the Annual Coding Competition. Our task was presented by Mrs. Bucciarelli who needed a way for students to sign up for the library online and also easy for her to store sign-up information. The competition was sponsored by Board Chair, Frank Orzo '64, a Holy Cross alum, who is a successful computer software developer and business owner of his own company, Orzo & Associates. Ms. Pirovolikos provided us

with the guidelines, the requirements from our programs and a deadline for the presentation of our projects on April 18th. The first place winner would receive \$100 while second place would win \$50. The participants of this year's competition were Kyle Burnett, Pythagore Charles, Andrew Henkel and Tanner Treasure.

The challenge was to create a computer program that would do the following: a Library sign-up form, a spreadsheet that stores student names, IDs, and preferred class periods, as well as an admin page to keep track of attendance. The program would cross reference a database of authorized library attendees and enable the user to store and print information.

Kyle and Pythagore worked in a team since they were new to coding. They presented a website that displayed a background design, a sign-up that had names, IDs and period numbers as required fields, and a timed page that would close after a certain amount of time. Tanner used HTML and PHP and ran the code he wrote in an online interpreter for testing the non-server related aspects of the program. Tanner's prototype was able to accept names, IDs and periods; the output was visible on an administrator page. Andrew programmed in Python, a popular and versatile programming language today, and utilized Flask web framework. His prototype was a sign-up form that required the school email, stored the information in an admin page and created an editable chart with period limits on students. It also showed which period was still available to the student. The most common display approach among the presented projects was HTML.

These programs didn't come without their own problems. For example, Tanner, Kyle, and Pythagore had issues getting a php page set up which would take the information submitted and make it available to Mrs. Bucciarelli on another page.

On April 18th each contestant presented their prototype to our honored judges: Mr. Orzo, Mrs. Bucciarelli and Mr. Arthur Louise. Andrew won \$100 for First Place. Tanner and the team of Pythagore and Kyle tied for Second Place. Each participant was encouraged to continue their efforts. Mr. Orzo advised the students on how they could market our programs. The Coding Club would like to thank Mr. Orzo, Ms. Pirovolikos, Mrs. Bucciarelli, Mr. Louise for the support and encouragement as we made our programs. The judges' guidance provided students insight on how real-world programming has to meet the criteria of human clients.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT



To view more pictures of the night visit: holycrosshs.org/media-galleries/international-night-2018/

MUSIC & ART FESTIVAL



To view more pictures of the night visit: holycrosshs.org/media-galleries/music-arts-festival-2018/

Forensic Science Crime Scene



For their final exam the students of Mr. Kani's Forensic Science class had to analyze a murder scene. They were asked to use the combined knowledge of their lab tests and interviewing techniques they had learned throughout the year. This includes blood typing, blood spatter patterns, fingerprinting, trace evidence analysis, and hair analysis. The "Shifty" suspects

interviewed were Mrs. Daus, Mrs. Nitti, Mrs. Polumbo and Mrs Pirovolikos.

Each suspect was given certain information they had to divulge accurately if asked the correct questions and form a "character". Our students were certainly in store for a challenge for determining the "murderer"!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



During the final meeting of the Board for the 2017-2018 academic year, Chris DeMarco '80 was thanked for his service to Holy Cross High School as Vice Chair. Board Chair, Frank Orzo '64 presented Chris with a plaque and the full board applauded enthusiastically the excellent contributions Chris has made. Chris and Frank are pictured in the board room in front of a photo rendering of the new Crest and Logo.

Following Chris in the position of Vice Chair will be Dr. Ellen Curry-Damato, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Emeritus, College of New Rochelle. As Holy Cross moves to co-education it is a blessing to have Ellen accept this important leadership role. Congratulations to Chris and Ellen!



ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT 2018

Academic Awards Night- Monday, May 7, 2018
227 Students were honored for their academic achievement this year!

Subject Awards:

John Borman Memorial Award
The Burns Society of NY Award
Holy Cross College Book Award
The John Hopkins University Book Award
Saint Andre Bessette, C.S.C. Award
“The Tablet” 2018 All Scholastic Team Award
National Honor Society Officer Awards
U.S. President’s Education Awards
New York State Academic Excellence Awards
The Renee Monsen Memorial Scholarship
The Loretta Kenny/Kaner Foundation Service Scholarship
The Raymond Leik Mallilo ’01 Memorial Award

For more photos visit us at: <https://holycrosshs.org/media-galleries/academic-awards-night-2018/>



CLASS OF 2018



To view pictures of the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony visit: holycrosshs.org/classof2018



(From left to right) Tanner Treasure, Salutatorian; Evan Katsefes, Man of the Year; Theodoros Karanikolas, Valedictorian

SUMMER STREAM & ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Holy Cross High School is proud to offer a variety of activities available to boys and girls during this summer. Our combination of Academic, Athletic, and Arts programs provide the opportunity to continue to develop the hearts and minds of young people over summer break.

Athletic Camps:

Boys & Girls Basketball (Boys ages 8-16 / Girls entering 5th-9th)

Girls Cheerleading (Girls entering 5th-9th)

Summer Stream Program:

Our Summer STREAM Program (Science, Theology, Robotics, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) introduces young students to great teachers and coaches, facilities, and courses offered at Holy Cross High School and provides them with individual attention to help them develop key skills.

The Holy Cross High School Summer Institute provides an opportunity for boys and girls entering 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade this fall to spend the summer exploring what they are interested in the most!

Similar to how our current students pursue their academic interests throughout the year, the HCHS Summer Institute allows individuals to select from a variety of courses that excite and inspire them, rather than limit students to a one-size-fits-all program.

Regardless of a student's interests, the Summer Institute at Holy Cross provides an incredibly flexible, customizable, and meaningful learning experience for all. The program also allows students to meet future Knight teammates and friends, all while having FUN!

Programs include:

Coding

Science of Cooking

Artists Studio

TV Production

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ALUMNI NOTES

NOTES FROM THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

THE FIFTIES

Frank Gryl '59 worked on the Lunar Project in 1969 when he worked for Grumman Aircraft. He is also a NJ State board-certified real estate appraiser. He and wife Barbara live in Flemington, NJ. fgryl@yahoo.com

THE SIXTIES

David Zimmerman '60 is the President of the Hampton Bays, NY Library Board of Directors. He and wife Ellen live in Hampton Bays, NY. zipzim@nyc.rr.com

Holy Cross Hall of Famer **Michael Szap '62** visited Mr. Maher's Health classes to lecture on the dangers of drug abuse. Dr. Szap is renowned in the world of neuro-pharmacology for his role in the discovery of NARCAN, the life-saving overdose remedy credited with saving tens of thousands of lives a year. He and wife Christine live in Little Neck, NY. MCS-70@hotmail.com

George Emmons '64 is a New York State Commander – Military Order of the World Wars and has continued in office since 2011. He and wife Maureen live in Smithtown, NY. reen_emmons@hotmail.com

Lawrence Pitilli '65 still teaches full-time as an Associate Professor of Speech at St. John's University and publishes in the area of popular culture. His book, Doo-Wop A Cappella: A Story of Street Corners, Echoes, and Three-Part Harmonies is published by Rowman and Littlefield. He lives in Brooklyn, NY. pitilli@stjohns.edu

After retiring in 1995 from the U. S. Navy after 20 years of service, **Lawrence Weber '69** worked as a Physical Plant Supervisor at Emporia State University. In 2017 he retired after an 18-year career. He lives in Emporia, KS. Topwatch30@peoplepc.com



THE SEVENTIES

After nine years of pastoring the Holy Cross Parish in Easton, MA, **Father Jim Fenstermaker**, C.S.C. '74 has been assigned as Pastor of the Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, IN. He served six years from 2011 to 2017 on the Board of Directors of Holy Cross High School, Flushing, NY. jfenstermaker@holycrossusa.org

After spending ten years with Eastern Airlines, **John Farr '72** worked over 30 years in the school transportation industry managing large school bus fleets. He and wife Kathy married in 1963 and are still happily married. They have four grown children and two teenage grandchildren. They currently live in The Villages in Florida where John plays golf several times a week. He has a 1922 Model T Ford which he brings to the Villages Cruise-In every month. He is the President of the local Model T Ford Club and stays active in the Evangelist Catholic Church in Summerfield, FL. johnhfarr@comcast.net

Joseph Primm '77 is Vice President of Loan and Collateral Operations for Webster Business Credit Corporation. He and wife Paula have been married for 35 years and have four grown children. He and Paula live in Islip Terrace, NY. jprimm@websterbcc.com

After 34 years of service, **Robert Dixon '78** retired from the New York State Police in November 2017 with a retirement rank of Zone Sergeant. He and wife Paula live in Clayton, NY. rdixon6@twcny.rr.com

Anthony Rosato '71 was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Mechanics. He and wife Marie live in Mendham, NJ. addrasato@gmail.com

Citibank's CFO **John Gerspach '71** attended Holy Cross' National Honor Society's Convocation on Thursday, October 2017 as the Keynote Speaker.



Citi CFO John Gerspach '71 (center) with Ed Burns '84, Principal, Mike Truesdell, President, Jim Conboy '83, VP of Institutional Advancement, Ben Howell, Assistant Principal for Academics.

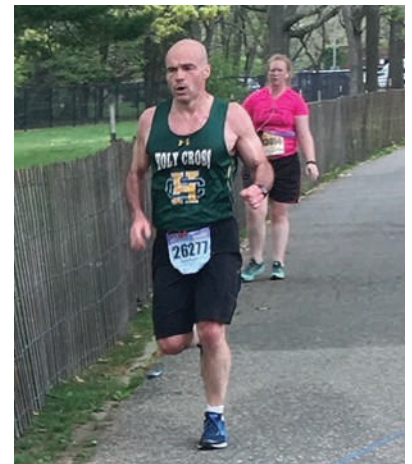
THE EIGHTIES

Christopher Pagliaro '82 is a Partner in the architecture firm of Pagliaro Bartels Sajda Architects. He and wife Dorothy live in Wilton, CT. pagsc@snet.net

On Friday, January 2, 2018, Detective First Grade **Kevin McDonough '83** was honored by the Irish Echo at their annual Irish Law and Order Awards night. Kevin joined the NYPD in 1992 and was promoted to Detective First Grade in 2017. Additionally, in 2016 he was elected Band Master for the NYPD Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.

After studying Journalism at University of Maryland, **Michael Tock '83** began his career in advertising, spending about fifteen years in national and local advertising agencies before making a career shift into business development for General Dynamics, where he provides IT solutions for the federal government. He also stays busy with the Knights of Columbus and as a Board Member of the Hoover Farm Home Owners' Association. He and wife Bernadette live in Laytonsville, MD. mike.tock@gmail.com

Daniel O'Sullivan '85 of Garden City, NY represented the Holy Cross Knights in the Long Island Marathon on May 6th beating his personal best finishing in 3 hours, 30 minutes, 10 seconds and finishing 75th overall out of 561 runners and 7th in his age group.



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THE 2000'S

Craig Smith'01 is now an Assistant Professor of History and Director of the History Program at William Woods University in Missouri. His new book, *American Honor: The Creation of the Nation's Ideals during the Revolutionary Era* was published by the University of North Carolina Press in April 2018. It tells the history of the American Revolution through an ethical lens and is an inquiry into the evolving moral ideology of early America. As Craig explains, "This book was a fantastic experience that allowed me to get into the minds of the American Revolutionary generation". The book launch at William Woods was the first in a national tour including stops at the David Library of the American Revolution in Pennsylvania, The Washington Library at Mt. Vernon, Monticello, Virginia Historical Society in Virginia, Anderson House and Society of Cincinnati in Washington DC and Fraunces Tavern Museum in NYC. The full list can be found at www.craigbrucesmith.com.

Craig graduated from Holy Cross as Salutatorian and attended St. John's University on a full scholarship where he also graduated as Salutatorian. He taught History at Holy Cross in Flushing and was an assistant hockey coach before he left to obtain a second Master's Degree and Ph.D. from Brandeis University. He taught at Brandeis, Tufts University, Suffolk University and Emmanuel College and now is at Williams Woods.

Justin Abruzzo '08 has a position in Corporate Finance at J. P. Morgan after completing a Master of Finance (2014) and MBA (2016) from the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester.

Kevin Gunn'13 graduated John Jay College in 2017.

Congratulations go to senior football player **Michael Taylor '18** for signing to play football on scholarship for the Villanova Wildcats.



Senior Michael Taylor '18 (center) with Ed Burns '84, Principal, Mike Truesdell, President.



IN MEMORIAM

BROTHER ROBERT JOSEPH BROWN, C.S.C. - FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Brother Robert Joseph Brown, C.S.C., a member of the Moreau Province, passed away on February 14, 2018 at Dujarie House, South Bend, IN. Born in Waterbury, CT on August 28, 1929, he was the fifth of eight children of Edward G. Brown and his wife, Roseline A. Caroline. Robert was baptized first on the day of his birth at St. Mary's Hospital and a year later at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Waterbury. He received his educational foundation in his hometown at St. Francis Xavier School and at Sacred Heart High School.

Upon graduating from high school in 1949, Robert attended Fairfield University for the academic year of 1949 - 1950. Desiring to enter religious life, he applied and, in September of 1950, was accepted into the Brothers of Holy Cross at St. Joseph Juniorate in Valatie, NY. He was received at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, IN in February 1951, and made his first profession of vows on February 2, 1952. Brother Robert then went on to study at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX.

A call to serve in Holy Cross schools intervened before he was to finish his BA at St. Edward's University. Brother spent one year teaching at Holy Cross School, New Orleans and then five years at Notre Dame High School, West Haven, CT. The school year of 1958, he finished his undergraduate studies at St. Edward's University. Brother Robert went on to teach at Eastern Province schools in Warwick, RI, Flushing, NY and Waterbury, CT. He also participated in a one year Franciscan renewal program in Southern California.

While he was stationed at Holy Cross High School, Flushing, he established a Fine Arts Club that provided the opportunity for students and teachers from the school to enjoy art events of the Big Apple: plays and musicals on Broadway, operas and symphony concerts at Lincoln Center, and visits to the New York Museum of Art. Brother Robert also established a student retreat program, taking students from the high school for a four - day experience on Shelter Island at the end of Long Island. To this day, graduates speak highly of having such experiences.

When he left the classroom, in 1991 to 2012, Br. Robert lived with Holy Cross communities, first at Hughes Avenue and then at Lorillard Place, both in the Bronx. He volunteered in various church-related service programs, and during those years enjoyed the cultural events of New York City, especially the opera.

In December of 2012, Brother was diagnosed with cancer and received chemotherapy while living at St. Joseph Center in Valatie, NY. In March of 2015, with continued failing health, Br. Robert moved to Schubert Villa, an assisted living health care facility at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, IN. He later received the medical support and hospice care he needed by moving to Dujarie House at the Holy Cross Village. He passed on to new life with hospice care staff at his side.

Br. William Zaydak, C.S.C.
Provincial Superior

Additional credit to Brothers Harold Hathaway and Richard Critz for their help preparing this obituary

IN MEMORIAM

NOTES FROM THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Josephine Califano

Mother of Gerald Califano '73
Grandmother of Christopher Califano '04
Women's Guild President 1998-2000
February 2018

Robert Chavanne

Grandfather of Joseph Grasso '06
Father of Regino Grasso, 2017 Cross & Anchor Recipient
February 2018

Anthony Cocheo '62

December 2017

Jim Connell

Father of Theresa Roesch, Faculty
November 2017

John Daly

Father-in-law of Michael D. Sapraicone '74
January 2018

George Docke

Alumni Parent
October 2017

James Ficht '72

June 2017

William Hendrick '70

Mayor of Lynbrook, NY
October 2017

Stephen Karpusiewicz '70

October 2017

John Krasowski '59**Michael S. Long '73**

July 2017

Ryan McDonough '97

August 2016

Daniel M. Mongelluzzo

Father of Daniel '79, Paul '82 and Mark '92
April 2018

James O'Connor '59

November 2017

Eugene Puleo

Former Board Member & Fathers' Club President
February 2018

Christopher Ryan '88

April 2018

Christopher Scigliano '91

Brother of Michael '95 and Nicholas '98
December 2017

William S. Smith '69

Brother-in-law of Richard Campillo '80
November 2017

Samuel Solazzo '11

January 2018

Patricia Tants

Wife of Glenn Tants '78
December 2017

Joseph Thomas

Father of Joseph Thomas '19
October 2017

Edward J. Tock

Father of Joseph '77, Steven '81, Michael '83 and
Ed Tock (former Faculty & Soccer Coach)
April 2018

Erica Viscuse

Wife of Vincent Viscuse '70
November 2017

Janine Wolf

Wife of Kurt Wolf '77

Domenick Yezzi '65

2017

Robert Zimmer

Father of Dr. Christian Zimmer '77
January 2018

To submit a notification or schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, contact Gail Sicoli at gsicoli@holycrosshs.org

ALUMNI REUNION

Holy Cross alumni from the Class of 1968 turned out in numbers for their 50th Anniversary Class Reunion on Saturday, April 14th. After mass in the Holy Cross chapel they enjoyed a special cocktail reception in the cafeteria also attended by “Golden Knights” from classes 1959 through 1967. Special lapel pins were designed for this esteemed group of Knights comprised of alumni who have celebrated their 50th class anniversary.

Rounding out the guest list were alumni celebrating their 5-year anniversaries, among them members of the class of 1993 celebrating their 25th Anniversary and favorite coaches and teachers including Jim Kerr, Stan Auferi and Joe Giannuzzi '65.

A special thanks to Tom Myles '68 who spearheaded the effort to get his classmates to participate, Tom Fitzpatrick '68 who assisted and also contributed his reflections on the evening (see inset), Kurt Seibert '68 who announced a pledge to Thomas Fitzpatrick Scholarship Endowment and Gino Ciancanelli '68, winner of the 50/50 raffle who donated his portion of the proceeds to Holy Cross High School. An anonymous scholarship was also pledged at the reunion.

To view more pictures of the night visit: <https://holycrosshs.org/media-galleries/2018-reunion/>



Save the Date !!

2019 Alumni Reunion

Saturday, April 6, 2019

50th Anniversary Class of 1969 and
Classes 1959, 1964, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989,
1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014 and
Golden Knights 1959-1968

Help make your Class Reunion a success by reaching out to your classmates to attend! For a class contact list email Art Louise '64 at scidsman@aol.com or call (718) 886-7250, Ext. 577

50TH REUNION OF THE '68



From '64-68, the HC cafeteria entertained onslaughts of our youthful energy. Bunko night, ice cream sandwich competitions, daily lunchtime chaos, discovering which teachers were collecting homework or conducting pop quizzes, as well as ongoing chatter about cute girls and big games ahead.

Last Saturday night, if you looked closely you could see that those assembled were the same boys who once gathered here. They had slowed down a step to be sure, but their eagerness to greet one another was evidence of a bygone era. The '68 Knights had returned to reminisce about boyhood antics and report of quests undertaken on life's journey. On this occasion the mint-green walls and hallowed halls welcomed men of experience. Fifty years gone in the blink of an eye, dopey teenage boys, having been tried and tempered by life's journey, were transformed into men able to talk of adventure, adversity and accomplishment.

The "kids" that we went to school with had gone into the world. They woke up every day and went to work even when tired. As hard-working men, they had diligently provided for their families. They loved their wives, reared their children and spoiled the grandkids as best they knew how. My classmates had become academics, accomplished professionals and entrepreneurs. They had served their country, their communities and their churches. They had volunteered their time to coordinate kids' sports programs. They had sacrificed to serve the less fortunate. They told me it hadn't always been pretty, but they had learned a lot along the way.

It's hard to imagine, but the boys who made me smile and laugh a long time ago still possessed the same power five decades later. Now as mature men, they also had acquired the ability to encourage and inspire. There are a limited number of people walking planet earth who can understand the formative factors that shaped our youth. Sincere thanks to each of my classmates for being one of them. Thanks for your youthful enthusiasm and zest for life. I enjoyed being there and being a part of it. And thank you for your wealth of varied experience. I respect it. Your influence and friendship continue to enrich my life.

Tom Fitzpatrick '68

CAREER DAY 2018

With deep appreciation for sharing their time and talent, Holy Cross juniors and seniors welcomed alumni back to the school for Career Day 2018 on Friday, April 27, 2018. Each student had an opportunity to listen and ask questions of key note speaker, John Giraldo, CPA '86, SVP Global Controller of NBC Universal and then participate in one of seven in-depth series of presentations on Business-Finance, Business-Marketing/Communications, Business-Sports Management, Medicine, Law/Law Enforcement, Civil Service and Engineering. Guest speakers represented a variety of professions within their industries and twenty-one diverse colleges and universities. For some of our guests it was their first visit back to the school since graduation and they enjoyed sharing their life experiences with students who are making important decisions about their college and career choices. If you are interested in participating as a guest speaker, please complete the Guest Speaker Profile at holycrosshs.org/guestspeaker, or contact Gail Sicoli at gsicoli@holycrosshs.org.

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED

Adelphi University
Columbia University
CUNY Queensborough
Community College
CUNY York College
Empire State College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fordham University
Harvard University
Hofstra University
New Jersey Institute of Technology

New York University
Pace University
Post University
Saint Peter's University
St. John's University
SUNY Binghamton University
SUNY Queens College
SUNY Stony Brook University
SUNY University at Buffalo
The Cooper Union
University of Maryland

To view more pictures from Career Day visit: holycrosshs.org/media-galleries/career-day/

CAREER DAY 2018 PARTICIPANTS

Carlo Acquista '96

Assistant Scout
New York Red Bulls

James Benesh '08

Director, Venue Services
New York Mets

Joseph Calderone '74

SVP, Corporate Communications & Development
South Nassau Communities Hospital

Miguel Casanas, DDS '81

Meadowbrook Dental Care

Anthony DiMasso '77

Chief Financial Officer
MCM Worldwide

Michael Doss '87

SVP/Chief Facilities Management Officer
Christian Health Care Center

Blaise Ffrench '08

Sales and Marketing Manager
BODYARMOR SuperDrink

Jack Gaeta '90

Director of Operations
New York Cosmos

Peter Gerazounis, PE '86

Principal
MG Engineering D.P.C.

John Giraldo, CPA '86

SVP, Global Controller
NBC Universal

Joseph Grasso, Esq. '06

Assistant District Attorney
Queens County

Eric Howard '07

Firefighter, FDNY

Robert Kulpa '01

Section Manager-Bronx Gas Emergency
Consolidated Edison Co. of New York

Richard Lynch '90

Retired Detective, NYPD

Thomas Meara, CPA '06

Director, Kivvit

Frank Misa '93

Police Officer/Firefighter
Port Authority of NY and NJ

Frank Orzo '64

President
Orzo & Associates, Inc.

Daniel O'Sullivan '85

Retired Lieutenant, NYPD
Team Leader, Bloomberg, L.P.

Armando Petruccelli '95

Managing Director, High Yield Sales
Morgan Stanley

Jonathan Price, MD '02

Fellow, Cardiothoracic Surgery
New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center

Roberto Viola, RPH '94

Owner, Whitestone Pharmacy

Michael Williams '03

Firefighter, FDNY

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Alumni Reunion in Port St. Lucie, Florida

Holy Cross alumni joined Jim Conboy '83, VP of Advancement, at the Mets vs. Astros game on February 27, 2018 in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Neil Filomena '71 graciously hosted a post-game reception at the 1916 Restaurant at PGA Village. Contact Gail Sicoli at gsicoli@holycrosshs.org to learn about Holy Cross alumni events in your area.



Legends Hall



Legends Hall is located outside of the Holy Cross gymnasium and pays tribute to the history of Holy Cross sports, its athletes and coaches featuring framed jerseys, plaques, photos and murals of championship teams. Any Holy Cross alumnus who played a sport at a Division I college and/or professionally is recognized with a personalized jersey framed and displayed in the corridor. If you, or someone you know, qualifies for this criteria and they are

not on the current roster, please email Keith Goggin, Athletic Director, at kgoggin@myhchs.org. For more information about Legends Hall, or to purchase a floor tile or sponsor a jersey, visit holycrosshs.org/legendshall.

Championship Basketball Teams Reunite!



At Alumni Basketball Night on Friday, January 29, 2018 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Holy Cross High School's First CHSAA Basketball Team of 1968 and the 10th Anniversary of the 2008 CHSAA Champs. A special reception was held for all Holy Cross alumni basketball players prior to watching the Varsity Knights battle and beat Archbishop Molloy, coincidentally the same team the Knights defeated to win the championship in 1968. At half-time team members were recognized on the court along with the family of Coach Bill

O'Meara who were presented a plaque in his memory. Coach Kerr was on hand to greet his former players and joined them on a tour of Legends Hall where both teams are prominently depicted on a mural across from the elevator outside the gymnasium.



For a tour of Legends Hall contact James Conboy '83 at jconboy@holycrosshs.org or Gail Sicoli at gsicoli@holycrosshs.org



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Upcoming Events

SPRING RAFFLE DRAWING

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6:30 PM

Winner Need Not Be Present
Only 200 Tickets Sold - \$100 per ticket
2 Winners of \$5,000

Purchase Ticket: holycrosshs.org/springraffle

36TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 25, 2018

36th Annual Golf Classic honoring
“Holy Cross Legacy Families and Traditions”
Engineers Country Club and
North Shore Country Club
Opportunities for Golfers and non-Golfers to Participate
Proceeds Benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund
For information, go to holycrosshs.org/golf

2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND DINNER

Saturday, November 10, 2018
Immaculate Conception Center

For more information about upcoming
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Gail Sicoli or call (718) 886-7250, Ext. 577.

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