



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

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August 2023

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian of Freshmen Class of 2027:

Welcome to your Freshmen year at Holy Cross. I am pleased to provide information that you will need for the start of your school year. The school day begins at 8:05 AM and ends at 2:30 PM. We will follow an 8 period schedule. We will adhere to all New York State health regulations.

Chromebook Pick-up August 21 and August 23 - By Appointment Only

Our Director of Instructional Technology, Ms. Pirovolikos, will be scheduling appointment times for this event. You should have received an email in late July.

Freshmen Experience Day - Thursday, August 31 - 8 AM to approximately 1:30 PM All students are encouraged to attend. The day begins at 8 AM. You will be receiving an invitation so you can sign-up for the event. Students may enter the building on 170th Street and proceed directly to the Auditorium. Pizza lunch will be provided. Dress code for this day is athletic attire to include sneakers.

Parent/Student Communication:

Holy Cross High School uses the following forms of communication because of privacy concerns:

- School assigned Gmail Account
- PowerSchool
- SwiftK Alerts- text messages, automated voice phone calls
- Holy Cross Website for school calendar, up to date News and Events <https://holycrosshs.org/>
(Gmail and PowerSchool accounts will be activated during Chromebook appointments.)

All official communication between the school and its families will be conducted via the aforementioned methods.

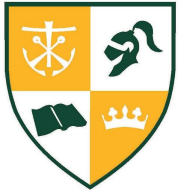
Freshmen Orientation Day- Thursday, September 7 from 8 AM to approximately 2:00 PM

This is the first day of school for the Class of 2027. School dress code is in effect. Students will run through their class schedule for the first time and meet their teachers. In the first cycle of schedule days 1 through 6, students will not be required to bring gym class apparel. Gym classes will review our Physical Education protocols. Students will have the opportunity to purchase lunch (cash only) or bring their own lunch. Mr. Adams, our Bookstore Manager, has bundled your required purchases based on your course enrollments and your scholar will be receiving their Bookstore items on Orientation Day. The total cost of your Bookstore purchase will be \$250, which includes the gym uniform, 2 sweatshirts for winter months, workbooks, novels, and lock. For your convenience, unlike previous years, your Bookstore purchase will appear on your tuition account as a separate charge which is not part of the annual tuition.

Monday, September 11, 2023 is the First Day of Classes for all students

Homeroom starts at 8:05 AM and the school day ends at 2:30 PM.

Remember it is important to establish a good routine for study, sleep and play.



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Academic Reminders:

- Math courses require graphing calculators, which are not available for purchase at the Holy Cross Bookstore. Recommended calculators are: TI-83, TI-83 plus, TI-84, TI-84 plus.
- Under the New York State Textbook Law, textbooks are loaned to students without cost. Students are responsible for returning these books at the end of the academic year. Students who do not return their textbook or return a damaged book, will be charged a replacement fee per book.
- **Student-Parent Handbook & Acknowledgement Forms** The 2023-2024 Student and Parent Handbook will be available on our website. The acknowledgement form will be provided during orientation day and must be completed and returned “**no later**” than Tuesday, September 12, 2023.
- **Summer Reading** Your child is responsible for the summer reading assignment. Summer reading is available at our website www.holycrosshs.org scroll down to “Additional Resources” Summer Reading. Students will have assignments and assessments on these books.

Tuition: All payments must be up-to-date in order for a student to participate in the September Orientation Program, as well as all end of the summer athletic tryouts. Tuition payments should be made through Blackbaud Tuition Management (Smart Tuition).

Back to School Night for Parents is also very important. This event will take place on **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 PM**. Schedules and other materials will be distributed at **6:30 PM**. Please arrive **on time**. Finding a parking space always takes time and you will have to pick up materials prior to the start of the program.

Medical Office: Reminder the following completed medical forms are required for enrollment and are available on-line at our website www.holycrosshs.org scroll down to “Additional Resources” Medical Office, scroll down to “Health Office Forms”:

Child/Adolescent Health Exam Form. This form must be completed by a doctor to include the immunization record and be submitted to the Medical Office by June 1, 2023, if you have not done so already. All medical forms must be submitted to the Medical Office

Personal History Form. This form is to be submitted to the Medical Office by August 1, 2023. If you have any questions regarding this form, see our website.

Student Athletes are required to register with “Family ID Athletic Registration” before participating in late summer athletic tryouts. See enclosed information.

Immunizations required for the start of school: We would like to take this time to remind everyone that vaccines are an integral part of keeping our school healthy. Vaccines protect children from getting and spreading diseases. There are a number of vaccine requirements for children attending school in NYS. It is important that you keep your child’s vaccine schedule up to date. Please check with your child’s pediatrician to make sure they have received all of their *required* vaccines. **If your child is missing required vaccines in September, our school nurse will notify you and you will have 14 days from the notification to get the vaccination, or your child will be excluded from attending school.**

Student Entrance: Students may use the secure designated entrances located on 169th Street or 170th Street. The building opens at 7:30 AM for all students and the Cafeteria is open at that time.

May you enjoy the remaining days of summer. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Dr. Weedens E. Blanchard '89
Principal



2023 FALL SPORTS SEASON TRYOUT START DATES

**ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM
AND PERMISSION SLIP SUBMITTED VIA FamilyID IN ORDER
TO PARTICIPATE
(SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS)**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:00 AM

Varsity Football – Report to Room 104
(SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS ONLY)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST

9:00 AM

- Boys Varsity/JV Soccer – Report to backyard track
- Girls Varsity Soccer – Report to backyard track.
- Girls JV Volleyball (9th and 10th grade) – Report to gym.
- Boys/Girls Cross Country – Report to backyard track.
- Freshmen Football – Report to room 104.

10:30 AM

- Girls Varsity Volleyball – Report to Gym

4:30 PM

- Varsity/JV Cheerleading – Report to Auditorium

Varsity Bowling and Varsity Swimming will begin tryouts after classes begin in September.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Keith Goggin '92
Director of Athletics
kgoggin@myhchs.org

Tim Gilvary '85
Assistant Director of Athletics
tgilvary@myhchs.org

FamilyID Athletic Registration

Holy Cross is excited to announce that we are now offering the convenience of online registration through FamilyID (www.familyid.com). FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for our programs, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

ALL FAMILIES OF STUDENTS TRYING OUT FOR TEAMS MUST REGISTER:

Any student who plans to try out for any of our athletic teams must have their family establish an account with FamilyID in order to submit the *NYS Physical Examination Form* and the *Parent/Guardian Permission Form* electronically to Holy Cross. *Paper forms are no longer accepted.*

INFORMATION NEEDED TO REGISTER:

It will be helpful to have the following information handy to allow for the accurate completion of your online registration:

- Doctor information, Health Insurance Information, Student ID

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

A parent/guardian can register by clicking the Family ID link on the Holy Cross Athletics page on our website at www.holycorsshs.org

Registering as a new user on FamilyID is simple. Follow these steps:

1. If you have not already done so, create a FamilyID account by following the link on the athletics homepage.
2. After you sign up for an account please check your inbox for an Activation Email from FamilyID. You'll need to click the link in that email to activate your account.
3. Once you have activated your account, you will be ready to register for our program!
4. Click the blue Submit button. After selecting Submit, the registration will be complete. You will receive a completion email from FamilyID confirming your registration.

That is it! We now have a simple, quick, more modern and streamlined method of submitting medical paperwork.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Keith Goggin at kgoggin@myhchs.org or Tim Gilvary at tgilvary@myhchs.org.

Office of Institutional Advancement

PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM

2023-2024

Parent Name _____

Name of Student(s) _____ Year(s) _____

Home Address _____

Primary E-mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I am interested in assisting the Advancement Office with the following activities:

EVENTS:

Walkathon (TBD)

___ Clerical (day)

___ Day of Event (day)

Alumni Reunion (April)

___ Registration (evening)

___ Raffle Sales (evening)

Hall of Fame (October)

___ Registration (evening)

___ Raffle Sales (evening)

Golf Classic (June)

___ Solicit Prizes for Raffles (day/evening)

___ Day of Event Volunteer (day/evening)

OFFICE ASSISTANCE:

___ Database Maintenance (days) ___ General Clerical (days)

Check one: ___ weekly ___ as needed

Availability (please specify preferences or ALL):

Days _____ Hours _____

Evenings _____ Hours _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO MAIN OFFICE OR MAIL TO:

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