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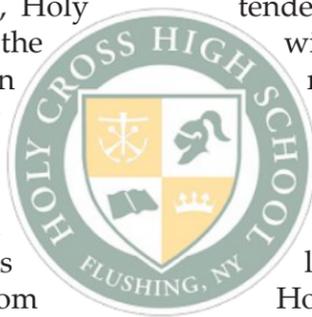
FALL SEMESTER

## INSTALLATION OF THE 5th PRESIDENT OF HOLY CROSS MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

by: Briana Tola '23



An installation in a high school setting is an official ceremony where the President is formally endowed with the powers and responsibilities of office. The ceremony provides the opportunity for the new President to share their vision for the high school during their term of office. On September 23rd, Holy Cross celebrated the mass of the Holy Spirit and the installation of Holy Cross's fifth president Mr. Mark Mongelluzzo. For the first time, Holy Cross welcomed Bishop Robert Brennan to our school to celebrate mass along with the brother's from the province of Holy Cross. It was a gift to be able to celebrate this historical moment in Holy Cross history with the bishop, as he provided a beautiful ceremony to officially welcome Mr. Mongelluzzo. It was also wonderful to see many



of our former faculty come back to the school to support Mr. Mongelluzzo in this endeavor. Their participation truly shows how Holy Cross connections and alumni relations are strongly maintained and withstand the test of time. Many of Mr. Mongelluzzo's family members attended mass as well, including his wife and children who he kindly referenced in his speech. In his inaugural speech, Mr. Mongelluzzo spoke about his school days at Holy Cross, inspiring current students to follow their dreams through their Holy Cross education. The school community cannot wait to see what Mr. Mongelluzzo does with his time here as President of Holy Cross High School, as he is already making an extraordinary influence on this school, and there is no doubt that he will continue to do so.



Bro. James Branigan, CSC, Mark Mongelluzzo '92 & Bill Damato



President Mark Mongelluzzo '92, Bishop Robert J. Brennan & fellow priests.

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MM92

### 10 Things You Probably Didn't Know About Holy Cross's New President

by: Samantha Sambucharan '23

Recently, Holy Cross welcomed the 5th President of Holy Cross High School, Mark Mongelluzzo. Mr. Mongelluzzo has been out and about getting to know the Holy Cross community welcoming students at the front entrance in the morning, supporting our sports teams at their games, trying to remember names, and much more. So, if you haven't already gotten to know Mr. Mongelluzzo, here's 10 things you probably didn't know about the New President!

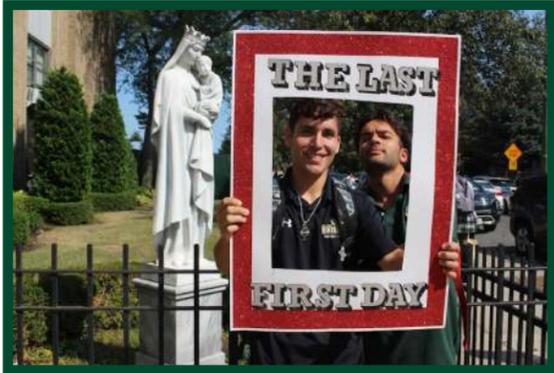
1. Mr. Mongelluzzo is a graduate of Holy Cross High School, Class of '92!
2. During his time at Holy Cross, Mr. Mongelluzzo was the President of the National Honor Society and Associate Editor of The Lance.
3. Maybe you've seen his face before? Mr. Mongelluzzo is a lifelong resident of Bayside.
4. Speaking of familiar faces, Mr. Mongelluzzo had our beloved Mr. Lyons for senior service back in the day.
5. "O Captain, my Captain"....Mr. Mongelluzzo's favorite movie is Dead Poets Society.
6. Fleetwood Mac is an all time favorite for our President.
7. Bored and need a new show to binge-watch? Mr. Mongelluzzo would recommend Cobra Kai on Netflix.
8. During his time at Yale University, Mr. Mongelluzzo was a member of the Lightweight Crew Team.
9. Mr. Mongelluzzo is a 2001 graduate of Boston University School of Law.
10. Finally, if given a choice of what his last meal would be, Mr. Mongelluzzo would have a cheeseburger with fries, a warm chocolate cookie, and a cappuccino.





## Class of 2023 First Last Days

by: Briana Tola '23



Samuel Parada III & Tomas Sandoval



Briana Tola, Celeste Marrero & La'Mon Perry

The first day of school is always one filled with excitement and anticipation. Whether it's showing off a new pair of shoes, sharing summer stories, or reuniting with friends, almost every student has something to be excited about. For a quarter of the school, however, it is sadly the last time they will be excited about the first day at Holy Cross High School. The Class of 2023 is back and ready to start celebrating that they are seniors. For their first last days seniors wore character backpacks. They made this a service opportunity and donated over 100 backpacks to The Children's Aid Society. Seniors had their senior sunset on the Holy Cross Football field. Seniors were able to enjoy an outdoor movie night, outdoor games and volleyball. Before students can leave Holy Cross, they first have to devise a plan for where they will go next. College applications have opened, providing students with lots of stress in regards to not knowing where to apply, what they want to study, and so much more. There are so many important decisions to make that will determine their futures. This process, while stress-inducing, is a, perhaps unwelcome but, helpful insight into adulthood. We wish the class of 2023 the best of luck with their senior year!



Catalina Sanchez & Lauren Smallmen



On Friday, September 30th, the senior class of 2023 gathered on the field to commemorate the beginning of their final year at Holy Cross. Organized by senior moderators Ms. Daus and Ms. Conway, this event was the first of many senior activities to be held this year.



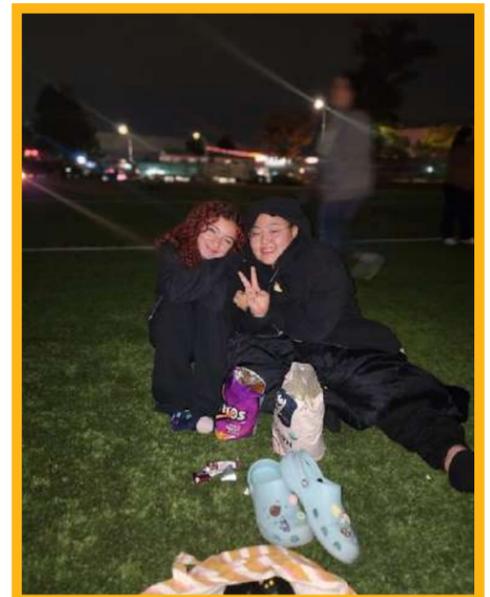
Angelina Lancellotti, Catalina Sanchez, Julianne Tricarico, Kyle Russo, ???

Many students arrived on the field with blankets, ready to watch "The Conjuring" and hang out with their friends in the cool, autumn night. Other students arrived with energy ready to play soccer, volleyball, and giant jenga. Towards the end of the night, a large group of students participated in a game of 'duck, duck, goose', bringing back fond elementary school memories. Though the sun was already down when students arrived, it was undoubtedly a fun event to start off the year. Snacks such as chips, candy, soda, and water were sold to earn money for the senior

## Class of 2023 Senior Sunset

by: Alexandra Lynch '23

budget. The night began at 7pm and went until 9:30, and though not every student stayed for the whole night, there was a great turnout. This was the first senior sunset at Holy Cross, and it was incredible to see so many people participate. Ms. Daus and Ms. Conway plan to hold many more events in the future to raise money for the class of 2023, and we cannot wait to see what they have in store!



Stephanie Zimmerman & Anna Oh





## OPEN HOUSE

by: Isabella Lombardo '24

Each year, our school opens its doors to people who wish to see what it means to be a student here at Holy Cross High School. The sports and clubs we offer are showcased along with a tour of our ornately decorated campus. These tours are done by students, which in turn allows uncertain parents and children to fully grasp the sense of community this school harbors within its walls. Visitors also speak with scholars about the extracurricular activities offered in our school, and learn how being a part of these activities has bettered the quality of student life for many here at Holy Cross. During the open house, we execute the values taught to us by teachers throughout the years, and share them with potential newcomers to our institution. Our open houses are and will continue to be a demonstration of the dedication to Holy Cross High School embodied by the staff and student body.



## FALL BLOOD DRIVE

by: Kaitlyn Tranquada '24

Earlier this month, Holy Cross partnered with the New York Blood Center for our fall blood drive. This drive took place on October 7th in the gymnasium thanks to the amazing medical staff who provided their time and effort to help this vital cause. This year, we had a very successful drive with about 100 people in the Holy Cross community signing up to donate. A special thanks as well to all that have donated their blood in order to help those in need. Please be aware that in order to donate blood, iron levels must be at a suitable level. In order to make sure you are eligible to donate, you should eat foods rich in iron such as red meats, fish, and green vegetables such as spinach. This drive connects with the Holy Cross values of community and service as it helps to enforce the standards that we face within this school. According to the American Red Cross, every 2 seconds, a person in America requires a blood transfusion. By donating blood, you are helping people in need and saving lives at the same time. If you weren't able to donate this drive, there is another opportunity being held this spring on April 3rd. Keep in mind that just one blood donation can save up to three lives!



La'Mon Perry '23



Carlangelo Alessandro '23 & Adam Muczynski '23



Mr. Mark Mongelluzzo '92 - President



Luke Hammond '24

## Class of 2026

### FRESHMEN EXPERIENCE

by: Briana Tola '23

On September 1st, Holy Cross hosted our annual Freshman Experience! This was a fun day for the Class of 2026 to get to know each other before school started. On our football field there were many fun team bonding activities for the Freshman to do. There was Tug Of war, Jenga, Key Punch, River Rapids, Kan-Jam and Bull Ring. There was also a scavenger hunt to help the freshman learn a little more about how to get around the building. All teams got together to have a pizza lunch together. After lunch some of the volunteers and freshmen got on stage to show off their singing and dancing talent during karaoke. To end the day Campus Ministry hosted a prayer service to pray for the freshman as they start the next chapter of their lives. We would like to thank Mr. Rampulla for planning such a fun day. Welcome Class of 2026; we hope you enjoy your next four years here at Holy Cross!



Orange "Be HC" Team



Purple "Be HC" Team



Red "Be HC" Team - Anjali Caric & Gianna Caiola

# The Lance Puzzle Page

**HOW TO PLAY:** First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

Stay Home Please!

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 T O L E K O A R A K U D A T H  
 A B M O V I E S O A N L R L P  
 H E S D R A C T R U L A A A A  
 C C E A P I K A A E P N G E R  
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Calligraphy, Cards, Challenge, Chat, Clean, Coloring, Cook, Crosswords, Dance, Dress, Dust, Facebook, Family, Fitness, Gardening, Healthy, Journal, Karaoke, Laundry, Message, Monopoly, Movies, Netflix, News, Online, Pets, Phone, Play, Quarantine, Recipes, Safe, Sewing, Sing, Sleep, Tea Party, TikTok, Time, Twitter, Video, Wonderword, Write, Yoga.

Solution: 4 letters

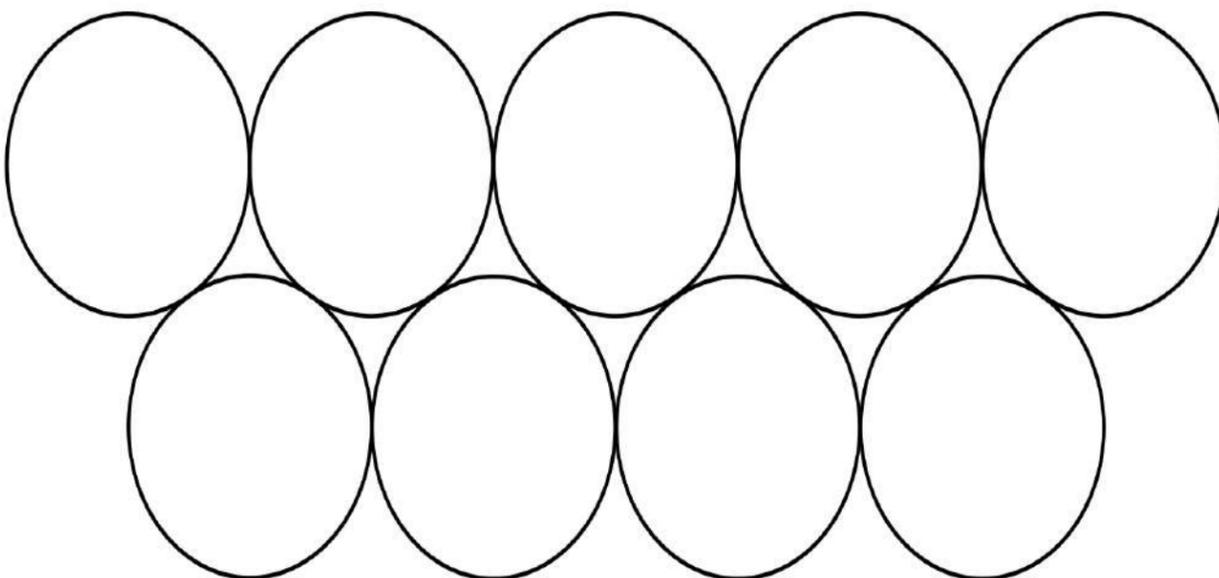
## Sudoku

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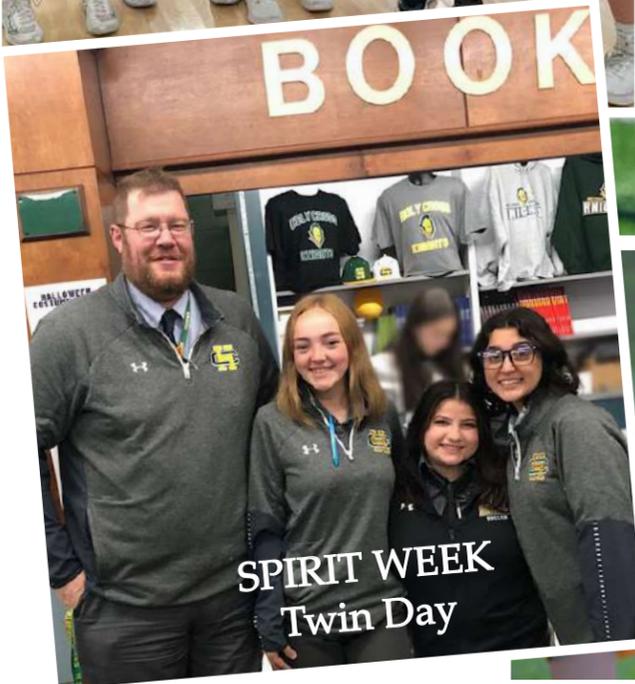
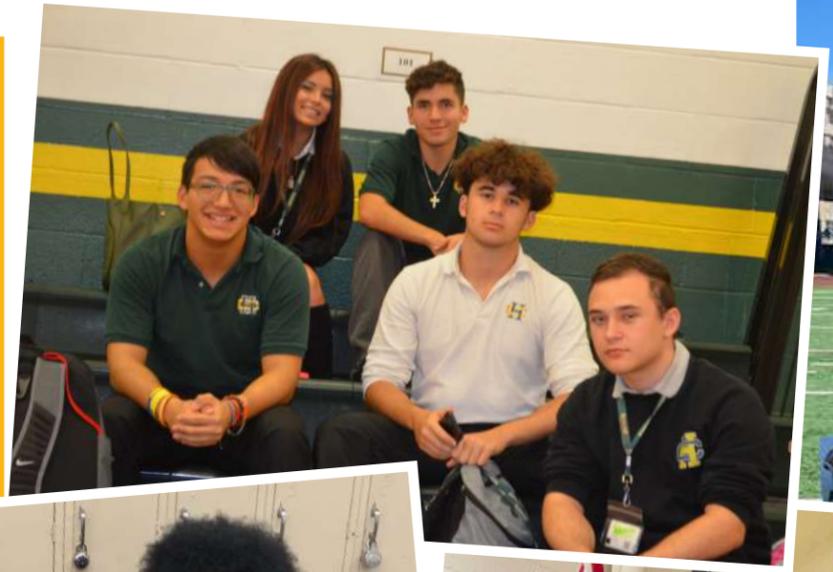
Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

## 9 CIRCLES

Place the numbers 1 to 9 (once each) into the circles below so that the sum of the digits in any two adjacent circles on the top layer is equal to the number in the circle directly below them in the bottom layer.



# Snaps





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# New Faculty At Holy Cross

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by: Briana Tola '23

The Holy Cross community has expanded even greater this year! With the new freshman class of 2026 coming in, Holy Cross has gained some new faculty members as well. We have nine new faculty members and their names are Mr. Chevalier, Mr. Mercado, Mrs. Caamaño, Ms. Carine, Ms. Cestaro, Ms. Krevatas, Ms. Polanco, Ms. Spordone, and Mr. Verdi. With so many new faculty members, it is important to learn about these new faces, so The Lance interviewed them. We are very excited to welcome back all of our students and our new faculty members. Read the following interviews to get to know the new members of the Holy Cross faculty better!

## Mr. Chevalier



### Q: What subject do you teach?

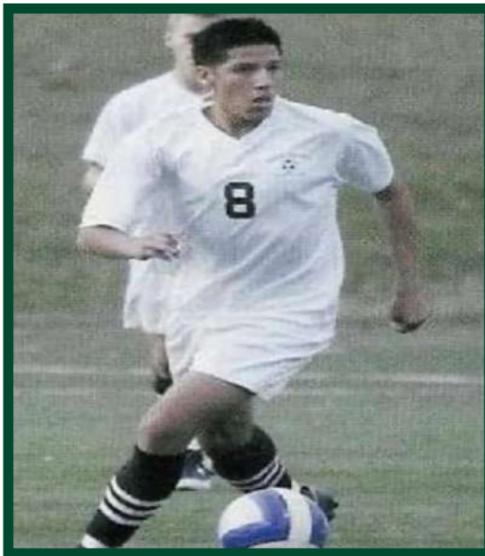
Social Studies (9th and 10th Global and a Psychology course)

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?** I am excited to be a part of the Holy Cross High School. I hope to become a better teacher than when the year started. I hope I am able to share my passion for Social Studies with my students as well as prepare them for life outside with critical thinking skills.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?** I have learned that all of my students are unique in their own way. They bring a lot of excitement to the classroom and are ready to learn. They have helped me immensely with information about the school that I previously did not know. I am excited to grow along with my students through the year!

**Q: Any fun facts about you?** I am a huge hockey fan and an avid hockey player. I was a Veteran in the U.S. Army and serve on the board of The Long Island Warriors, a Veteran hockey team that uses hockey to help Veterans.

## Mr. Mercado '09



### Q: What subject do you teach?

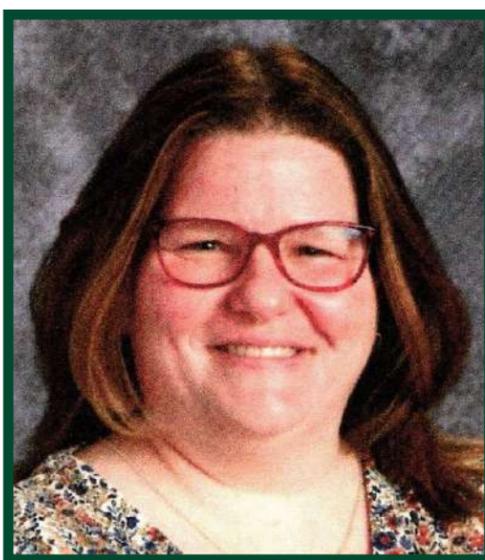
Spanish 1 and 2

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?** I am hoping to help Holy Cross students grow so they can have bright futures. I am looking forward to teaching these students a foreign language, especially one as important as Spanish so they can better communicate with others.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?** So far I've learned that our students are hard working individuals who are open to learning.

**Q: Any fun facts about you?** I am a graduate of Holy Cross. I love to play and coach soccer. I am currently the Head coach for the boys JV soccer team.

## Mrs. Caamaño



**Q: What subject do you teach?** I teach Science, more specifically Biology, Earth Science and AP Environmental Science.

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?** I am excited to join the Science Department and the Holy Cross Community. I hope to expand my teaching skills and resources in ways that will make it easier for me to share my

passion for science with my students.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?** I have learned that Holy Cross students are helpful. They are quick to answer any questions I have about campus life and have gone out of their way to make my transition to a new school easier.

**Q: Any fun facts about you?** I am a huge New York Rangers fan! Also, I am a member of a bowling league that meets every Friday during the school year. My teammates include my husband and my best friend from high school.

## Ms. Carine



### Q: What subject do you teach?

I teach Introduction to Art 1, Drawing, Painting, and AP Studio Art.

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?**

My hopes for this year are to encourage all of my students to think like an artist. I believe that everyone is an artist at heart and that it takes courage to explore the innate expression of creativity. I hope to inspire, engage, and guide my students to discover or enhance their own unique talents in the art studio.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?**

I have learned that my students are all incredibly unique in their own ways and bring so much joy to every class. My favorite part about teaching art to my students is giving them space to express themselves, and to see the excitement begin from the moment they walk through the door. Seeing them immersed in the creative process has been the highlight of each day!

**Q: Any fun facts about you?**

I am a working artist, and I am super passionate about exhibiting my work in local galleries, studios, events, etc. I also love coffee!

# New Faculty At Holy Cross

by: Briana Tola '23

Ms. Cestaro



**Q: What subject do you teach?** I teach Math: Geometry and Algebra 2/Trigonometry. It's actually funny because I wasn't the biggest fan of Math when I was younger.

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?** My hopes for this school year is to grow as a teacher, help my students grow in my classes, and build relationships with people throughout the school.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?** Each one of my students is unique in my classes. With that being said, each day here at Holy Cross has been unique. We just all need to buckle up and enjoy the ride!

**Q: Any fun facts about you?** I bake and decorate cupcakes, and love to ice skate.

Ms. Polanco



**Q: What subject do you teach?** I teach English! Currently I am teaching freshman and sophomore English.

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?** My hopes for this school year are to gain more skills I can use for the rest of my teaching career, and to help my

students reach their full potential in English and expand on their literacy.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?** So far I have learned that there are students who just love to learn and are happy to be in an academic setting with me, and those students fuel my fire to teach. My students have also taught me to just relax a little bit and take things day by day.

**Q: Any fun facts about you?** I am a red belt in taekwondo!

Ms. Spordone

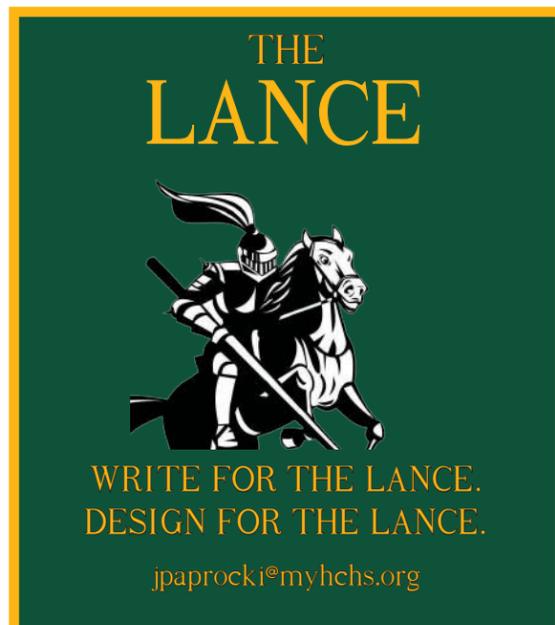


**Q: What subject do you teach?** I am the director of Learning Support.

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?** I hope that all students receive the support they need to achieve their goals.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?** I have learned that the students at HC are very helpful and are eager to learn.

**Q: Any fun facts about you?** I love to bake and I create different homemade chocolate and candy bouquets for different holidays and occasions.



Mr. Verdi



**Q: What subject do you teach?** Earth Science & Living Environment.

**Q: What are your hopes for this school year?** Spark an interest in the physical setting with my Earth Science students. Engage and motivate my Living Environment students to better understand how and why living things are what they are and do what they do.

**Q: What have you learned from your students so far at Holy Cross?** I have learned that most students are motivated, engaging, maturing young men and women who desire enrichment, guidance, and encouragement.

**Q: Any fun facts about you?** I coached college football at L.I.U. for 35 years.



Sudoku #1

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9	1	7	4	2	5	6	8	3
6	5	4	3	7	8	9	2	1
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7	4	1	5	3	2	8	6	9
8	6	5	9	1	4	3	7	2
3	9	2	8	6	7	1	5	4



## Varsity Cheerleading

by: Samantha Sambucharan '23



With the introduction of new coach Melissa Diaz, the Varsity Girls Cheerleading Team is off to an incredible start. For the first time, we are looking forward to seeing them participate in competition season, in addition to the regular football & basketball seasons. This year's Captains are Ashley Altoro '23 and Juliana Cerasuolo '23.



Ashley Altoro '23 & Juliana Cerasuolo '23

When asked about what she is looking forward to this season, Ashley stated, "This cheer season, we look forward to making it the most

fun and productive one yet...learning new skills, routines, and overall just bonding with this new team of amazing girls. Being captain with Julianna is great, we've worked great together trying to lead this team. I look forward to all the games and the student involved activities. Overall just doing our best to promote the "Be HC" spirit!" In addition, Julianna added, "I've been on the Holy Cross Cheer team for 4 years now and I am beyond excited for this season knowing it's going to be the best one yet. We are learning new stunts, cheers, dances, and overall what it takes to be a cooperative and determined team. Working with Ashley as captain has been terrific and I couldn't imagine having someone else running the team with me. I'm so proud already of how far our team has come and how much we've learned in such a short period of time. Holy Cross, this is just the beginning. GO KNIGHTS!" As well as with our Senior Football players, the Senior cheerleaders will have their football season Senior Night on October 29th- the Prep Vs Cross Game. Be sure to come and support!



Cheerleaders cheering on the Holy Cross Football Team



Holy Cross Cheerleaders practicing.

## HOLY CROSS SOCCER TEAM

by: La'Mon Perry '23

With the Soccer season almost over, I asked the members of the varsity soccer team to list quick facts about themselves, talk a little bit about their passion for soccer, and love for their team, and to talk about their experience as a whole. Below are their responses:



**Thomas Gafaro '23:**  
Passionate about soccer & volleyball

National Honor Society Member, with all honors and AP courses across his schedule

**Favorite moments/memories from his time playing soccer:** bus rides home from away games

**Advice to underclassmen:** "It's important to show dedication while playing this sport, but it's also important to remember to have fun because time will slip away before you realize it".

**Edward Harnett '23:**  
Apart of the science research program where he is doing research on Type 1 Diabetes

Proud member of Mu Alpha Theta, Na-

tional Honor Society, and the volleyball team

**Favorite moments/memories from his time playing soccer:** soccer allowed him to become more outgoing and confident with himself. he also met his best friends through this sport

**Advice to underclassmen:** "Consistency is the key to success when it comes to any sport. No matter what obstacles come your way it is important to never give up, and to strive for the best.





## HOLY CROSS

V O L L E Y B A L L



by: Emma Chiffriller '24

It is a big year for Holy Cross' JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball teams. It's the first season in three years that the girls will play in the gymnasium due to the refurbishing of the floors last season, covid shut down the season two years ago, and volleyball being a new program as Holy Cross' first year of co-education years ago. We asked junior Sabrina Carey how it felt playing her first home game ever. "It was really exciting. There was no season during my freshman year due to covid, and unfortunately we had no gym last year because of the hurricane. It felt different to finally have a student section and people in the bleachers root for us. The win in our home gym was definitely a great comeback and start to our season." Sabrina also talked about her favorite part of playing high school volleyball. "My favorite part of playing high school volleyball are the games. It's really an accomplishing feeling when we win and it's fun showing what we are capable of doing when we're on the court because of all the daily practice we get during the week." The varsity girls' hard work has paid off. On 9/17/22 they won their away game against Maspeth High School and on 9/27 they won their home game against Sacred Heart. The seniors on Varsity are dearly beloved by the juniors. "I'm so fortunate to have played this season with such an amazing group of girls. We have all gotten so close within a short amount of time both on and off the court. We have such a strong relationship with each other when we play and I'm really going to miss not having them on our team with us for another amazing season next year. On behalf of all the junior girls on the varsity team, we wish the graduating seniors all the best as they go off to college!" says Sabrina. We spoke to the captain of the varsity team, Alexis Wirta about how she feels about being team captain and what goals she has for the team this year. "I am honored to be captain of the girls volleyball team. I am so proud to lead my team during the season. Every player brings



2022 Holy Cross Girl's Varsity Volleyball Team

their own strengths and skills as well as enthusiasm for the game which makes playing so fun. I have the same goal for myself as well for the rest of the team, which is to represent Holy Cross at the Diocesan Championships again." We also asked her what sparked her interest in playing volleyball. "My interest in volleyball started when I was in elementary school playing CYO sports. I started playing in 4th grade. I was lucky that my CYO coach was very supportive and encouraging which inspired me to want to continue playing in high school." Make sure to show your support and go to their upcoming games on 10/10 against Francis Lewis High School, 10/11 against Saint Catharine Academy, and 10/20 home game against Mc-

Clancy. We also spoke to some girls on the JV team. We asked sophomore Maya Cios who is new to competitive volleyball about the challenge of playing high school level volleyball. "Volleyball requires a lot of dedication and hard work. The game of volleyball is heavily run by mentality and pressure which are some of the biggest challenges a player faces. There are always obstacles to overcome whether it's an injury, bad game, or personal issue. However, at the end of the day we're all a team and we try to work together to grow and learn from the challenge." As a sophomore, Maya will be moving up to varsity next year. We asked her how she feels about that. "Very excited! Coach Terry is one of the best coaches I know and playing with his team would not only be a learning experience but one that is full of laughter, support, and teamwork." We also spoke to Freshman Toni Jelovcic about her experience playing volleyball. "I played volleyball for the St. Andrew's team and the St. Mel's team before high school. Playing high school level volleyball is good but a bit more challenging than before. Staying at school so late and having to do homework after practice and games is challenging. Preparing for a game is also challenging, I feel excited and happy and nervous but overall ready to win." These girls all practice so hard every day and have been putting all of their time and effort into this sport. Let's show them our support this season!



Sabrina Carey '24





# HOLY CROSS F O O T B A L L



## Varsity Football

by: Samantha Sambucharan '23

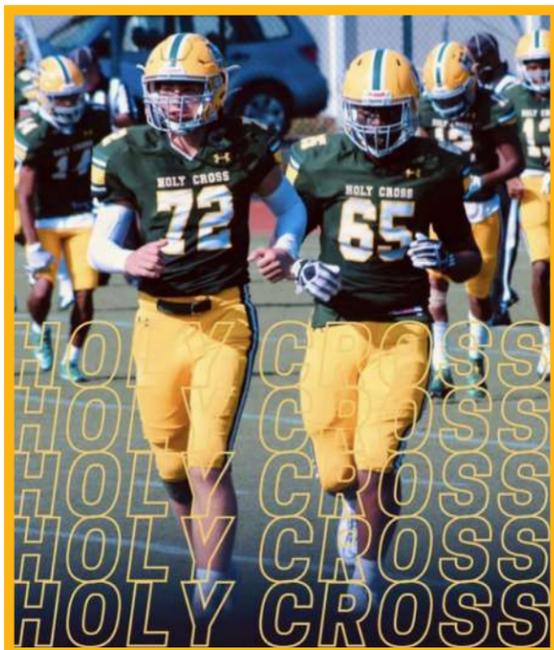
The season has been a rigorous one for our Holy Cross Varsity Football team. At the moment, the boys are 2-4 overall. This October 8th at 1:30 PM, they versed off against Cardinal Spellman at Cardinal Spellman High School. The boys demolished Spellman 44-6. Congratulations Knights! We, as a school community, wish the boys the best of luck for the remainder of their season. We hope to see everyone come out and support them as the season continues, especially for their Senior Night on October 29th, where they will go up against St. Francis Prep.



Issac Glaudin '24



Vaughn Washington '24



Nick Servidio '24 & Kyle Hill '24



2022 Holy Cross Offensive Line vs Holy Trinity's Defense



Vaughn Washington '24



John Bonavita '23 & Terrance Alexander '24



Yandiel Javier '25 & Aidan Olari '24



## Junior Varsity Football

by: Samantha Sambucharan '23

JV Football has been having an incredible season so far. The boys started off strong, dominating the league at an overall record of 5-0. As of right now, they are currently 5-2, based on the last two games against St. Peter's and St. Francis Prep. The boys are preparing for their playoffs and we wish them the best of luck!



Ian Williams '26



Liam Doyle '25 & Jalen Jeanty '25



The Holy Cross Offensive line protects Ian Williams '26



Christopher Brehm '25



The Holy Cross Offensive line opens a hole for Angelo Lombardi '25



2022 Holy Cross Freshmen Football Team

## Freshmen Football

by: Elizabeth Fazio '23

The Freshman football team is back in business for the 2022-2023 school year! I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Ware, one of the coaches of the team as well as the head of the art department. The head coach is Mr. McGovern, Class of 1999. This year, the assistant coaches are Mr. Ware '89, Mr. Lombardi '02, and Kyle Harmon '05. The captains of the team are Dominic Oviedo, Shayne Wahrer, Logan Olari, Ethan Gardener, and Tristian Schwartz. The team meets every week from Tuesday through Friday for practices. Their games are on Saturday mornings. They had their first game of the year against Xavier High School on September 24th at Flushing Memorial Field. The final score was 40-14. Their most recent game was on October 8th against Kellenberg High School at Alley Pond Park. The team will also be traveling to Hicksville on October 28th for a Friday afternoon game against the Holy Trinity Titans. Their final game is going to be on November 4th against the St. Francis Prep Terriers. Get out and support your fellow Knights!





## HOLY CROSS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

by: La'Mon Perry '23

With the Cross Country season almost over, I asked Andrew Fazio, the captain of the Cross Country team to talk a little bit about his passion for cross country, love for their team, and to talk about his experience as a whole. Below is the response from Andrew of the team.



"My name is Andrew Fazio, and I'm a proud senior here at Holy Cross High School. This year, I'm taking 4 AP and 2 college classes. I especially love AP Calculus. All of my teachers are extremely thought-provoking and inspirational. After school, I work on my Science Research project under the mentorship of Dr. Sandfort (Columbia University professor). In the spring I have theater. Last year I played Lloyd in the classic farce "Noises Off!". When I have time, I also try to fit in the Business and Finance Club as well as Quiz-bowl. I'm a member of the National Honors Society (NHS) as well as Mu Alpha Theta. As captain of the cross country team, I enjoy leading the pack and setting an example for everyone. It's certainly a letdown to know this is my last year here, but I also remember everything that I learned here at Holy Cross. My advice to the underclassmen is to be your fiercest self, and get involved to discover the communities that make you genuinely happy."



Andrew Fazio '23



Under the excellent leadership of Andrew, and Coach Mendez and Coach Quinn this team has improved each and every year. The Holy Cross Cross Country team embodies what it means when we say #BEHC. They encourage one another, work hard, and continue to stay motivated no matter what obstacles come their way. Shout-out to all of the members of the Class of '23 who are a part of this team; Lauren Emmett-Turner, Elias Hernandez, Jake Gergyes, Andrew Fazio. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors as they go on to college. And the best of luck to the underclassmen who will be continuing their athletic careers here at Holy Cross!



### HC Cross Country Team:

Elias Hernandez, Frank Scullin, Georgia Karakatsanis, Christian Riccio, Hannah Maher, Lambros Panagiotopoulos, Madison Pizzuro, Andrew Fazio, Jake Gergyes, Kyara Champagne, Joseph Tomao, Lauren Emmet-Turner, Peter Anderson, Jack Flanigan, David Gonzalez.  
David Siroka, Larkin Leong, Foti Kassimis, Hunter Stuart, Josiah Daniels - (not in picture).

### Medals at the Cross-Country Meet.



David Siroka, Joseph Tomao, Jack Flanigan, David Gonzalez & Christian Riccio



## HOLY CROSS SWIM TEAM

by: Alexandra Lynch '23



The newest addition to Holy Cross athletics this year is the Holy Cross swim team. Already off to an amazing start, at the first ever girls swimming event in school history, freshman Haley Warman won the 200 yard freestyle. She made history as the first girl at Holy Cross to win a swimming race. Thanks to Ms. Passerella's incredible coaching and the participation of many Holy Cross athletes, it seems that this team is quickly proving itself to be a great addition to the Holy Cross athletic program. Congratulations to Haley, and great job to the rest of the swimming team for an incredible start!



Haley Warman '26



### HC Swim Team:

Coach Passerella, Alanna Figliozzi, Grace Parker, Sierra Conroy, Haley Warman, Tomas Sandoval, Luis Altese, Sebastian Ruano, Ripley Petrovic, Maggie Moloney, Viktoria Jedrzejowski & Liam Moloney

