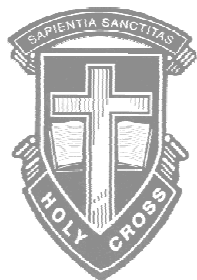
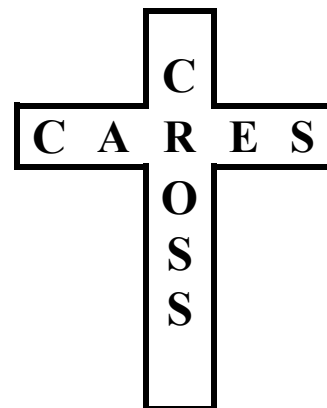


MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Gospel message of Jesus, Holy Cross, a Catholic high school, develops young men and women to become life-long learners and well informed citizens through dynamic spiritual, academic, cocurricular, and community activities.



Holy Cross High School
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From the Board

Any parent interested in serving on a Board of Trustees Committee or as a member of the Board of Trustees please submit a letter of interest and a resume to Mrs. JoAnn Tier at the Office of Catholic Education, Diocese of Trenton, Pastoral Center, 701 Lawrenceville Road, Trenton, NJ 08648.

Principal's Welcome

The Holy Cross community is focused on our mission: "Empowered by the Gospel message of Jesus". Holy Cross is dedicated to being Sacramental, Catechetical, and Transformational and is committed to academic excellence. Changes in our approach to education help Holy Cross students to be better prepared for the 21st century college environment. The Holy Cross graduating Class of 2010 continues a legacy of setting the bar high in their achievements. This Class excelled with over \$12.7 million in grants and scholarships; with 99% of our students continuing to further their education at college. Our community is proud of their accomplishments!

Holy Cross High School is on the cutting edge of education with our commitment to the infusion of technology into the curriculum. This Enhanced Learning Environment offers a college preparatory, student-centered, active learning environment to every one of our students. Students actively engaged in their education are better problem-solvers and begin to understand the benefits of life-long learning. Our students use a personal Tablet PC as an essential tool in their learning environment. This concept of One-to-One computing will allow students access to learning resources "Any Time, Any Where" during the school day. The Technology department is upgrading our wireless access to guarantee all members of the Holy Cross community will have unimpeded access to the school network.

On the academic front, Holy Cross students continue to go on to college. Standardized test scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT) continue to trend upward as our faculty works to prepare our students for the rigors of a college education. Holy Cross is proud of Yeon Soo Kim, a junior student, who scored a perfect score in the mathematics section of the SAT and had near perfect scores in the verbal and writing section of the test. Yeon did not speak English four years ago and since coming to Holy Cross has blossomed as a student. She is just one of many examples of why Holy Cross proclaims, "You Belong Here".

On a final note the Board of Trustees has moved forward with improving the school building. Over the summer, old lockers are being replaced with new lockers. We will start replacing lockers on the first floor and plan to complete the replacement over the next three years. This was accomplished because of the support of generous benefactors.

The Holy Cross High School is a strong, stable, community and continues to be a beacon of Faith in Burlington County. Our alumni and stakeholders continue to reach out in unprecedented ways with consistent involvement in the Holy Cross community. The Board of Trustees and the Leadership Team remains committed to fiscal responsibility and viability. The vision for Holy Cross continues to be one of diversity, growth, forward thinking, and future focused. It is apparent there are many reasons to be thankful to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Dennis M. Guida, Principal

Community Academics Respect Extracurricular Spirituality

School Calendar

Enclosed is a copy of the August and September, 2010 monthly calendars. Please make special note of the following dates:

- August 24 and 25 - Schedule and Tablet PC Pick-Up days for **Class of 2014 only**.
- School opens for Freshmen students September 8. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors report on Thursday, September 9. **Only Freshmen report to school on Friday, September 10.** These three days will be **FULL DAYS** with lunch available for purchase.

Schedule Pick-Up

One of the many benefits of re-registration moving to an on-line environment is your child's/children's schedule for the upcoming school year will be mailed home. Our anticipated date for mailing student schedules is August 23 because the Diocese of Trenton has selected a new database system for the school and is currently converting all student data.

The payments listed below are due prior to September 1, 2010. Please return the enclosed form with your payment. If you have more than one student who attends Holy Cross please place their names and grades on one form. If payment is not received by September 1 any items listed below which pertain to your child (children) will be added to your Facts Agreement.

1. **All Students** - \$30.00 check for each individual student made payable to Holy Cross High School for payment of lanyard, case, student ID and Student Handbook.
2. **Seniors Only** - \$40.00 charge for Mandatory Senior Retreat – This cost will cover transportation, food and rental of facility. HCHS will cover the cost of all other retreats held.
3. **Juniors and Seniors who have selected AP Course(s)** - \$86.00 AP test fee for every individual AP course taken.

Follett Books

Follett Books will be providing all your non-State Aid books; i.e., Religion, English, and workbooks. Convenient shopping and ordering of books can take place via the website or telephone. To order on the virtual bookstore the website address is: www.efollett.com. To order by phone the number is **1-877-827-2665**. **Please do not order any books until you have received your schedule of classes. Following receipt of your schedule you should promptly order the books necessary for your particular needs.**

Non-Custodial Parents

It is the policy of Holy Cross High School to inform all interested parties when requests are made involving school records. Although we will do our best to always advise the custodial parent when a request from the non-custodial parent has been made, we do not require the consent of the custodial parent to release the information. Holy Cross will request a notarized letter from the non-custodial parent requesting the information and will do our best to advise the custodial parent of this request. In situations where a guardian has been appointed, a copy of the Court Order to that affect and information regarding contact with natural parents or family members must be provided.

Frosh Parents

The Lancer Preview Program will run August 24 and 25 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. **A letter will only be sent to freshmen that are required to attend this program.** If you are not required to attend but would like additional information on this program please contact Mr. Kevin Esmond at Ext. 3007 for information or questions.

September 8, 9 and 10 are full days of school for freshmen and September 8 is designated as Frosh Orientation. Included in this orientation day is the Freshmen Retreat. Mr. James Nolan, Director of Activities will lead this day. Dismissal is at 2:27 PM. Students must be in complete uniform (Fall/Spring options).

You are cordially invited to attend the Freshmen Welcome Communion Mass and Brunch on Sunday, September 12. **Freshmen parents are asked to please complete the bottom portion of the enclosed flier and return it at the time of Schedule Pick Up. For any attendees over 3 people there will be a \$10.00/person charge.**

Transfer Students

Orientation for transfer students is Wednesday, September 1 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Dress is neat and casual.

Class of 2014 Welcome Dance

The Frosh Welcome Dance, sponsored by the Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 8 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All freshmen are encouraged to attend.

New Parent Meeting

A meeting for all new parents of the Holy Cross Family (freshmen and transfer students) will be held the evening of September 8 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Policies and procedures will be discussed as well as an introduction to the school leadership team.

Celebration of The Feast of the Holy Cross

Our opening school liturgy will be held on Tuesday morning, September 14 in the school Auditorium at approximately 10:15 AM. All parents are invited. The student leaders will be commissioned at this time.

Senior Retreat

This year, all seniors will attend retreat on Wednesday, September 29. This retreat will take place at Camp Ockanickon. The retreat will run from **8:15 AM** until approximately **2:30 PM**. Students should report to the Auditorium for attendance.

The school will provide transportation. School policy states all seniors must attend the Senior Retreat as a graduation requirement. Please make arrangements with your work schedules immediately. It will be a regular school day for all underclassmen (Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors).

Senior Parent Meeting

A mandatory Senior Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 PM. College application procedures and schedule, as well as the annual senior class trip will be discussed. This is an extremely important meeting. Please mark your calendars for this date.

Underclassmen Awards

The Underclassmen Convocation for the 09/10 school year will be held on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium before Back to School Night. Invitations will be sent for this ceremony.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday evening, September 22. This event will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Parents and guardians are invited to meet the faculty and visit classrooms. The 50/50 Raffle winners will be announced at the end of the evening in the Student Dining Hall.

Junior and Sophomore Retreats

The Junior Retreat will be held Tuesday, November 29 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM.

The Sophomore Retreat will be held on Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM.

Both retreats will be held at Holy Name Church which is located at 260 Conrow Rd. in Delran, NJ. We request that the student attend these retreats with a parent, guardian, grandparent or godparent. Further information will be forwarded at a later date. Please mark your calendar for the appropriate date(s).

National Honor Society

A letter from Sr. Claudette Naylor, IHM, the National Honor Society (NHS) Advisor, will be sent within the next few weeks for all students who qualify for admission to the NHS. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for information regarding the selection process.

Senior Portraits

Lors Studio will be sending each individual senior an appointment for their senior portrait. The dates for the Class of 2011 portraits are: August 13, 16, 17, 23 and 24.

AP Courses

Reminder to all students who enrolled in AP Courses in the Spring: An \$86.00 AP test fee per AP course must be paid when you receive your schedule. All students enrolled in AP Courses are required to take the AP tests in order to remain enrolled in AP Courses.

Holy Cross Yearbook

The Holy Cross Yearbook, The Lance, is looking for new staff members in all grades, especially students in the incoming freshmen class, Class of 2014. We are in need of student photographers, writers, reporters, layout and design editors, and photo editors. No experience is necessary. If you are interested in joining our staff, please visit <http://hcteachers.org/yearbook> and fill out our online application. If you have any questions please email TheLanceHc@gmail.com.

Looking for an old yearbook? We may have the year you are looking for. Send an email to Yearbook Moderator, Kelly Cray at Kelly.Cray@holycrosshighschool.org. All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Yearbook.

Student Agenda

All students will receive a Student Agenda the first week of school. **School policy states that Student Agendas must be carried with the students the entire school day.** The Student Agenda includes all policies and procedures, school calendar, space for daily/long term assignments and is the only official hall pass of Holy Cross High School. If a student loses an Agenda, they will be required to purchase a new one at an additional cost. A Parent copy will be issued at Back to School Night.

Parking Permits

All cars parked on Holy Cross grounds during the school day must have parking permits attached. Any car on the grounds without a permit is subject to towing at the owner's expense. Parking Permit Authorization Forms and parking stickers will be available in the Activities Office the week of August 23. The form must be signed by both the student and parent and returned to Holy Cross High School along with a \$50.00 non-refundable fee. Students must present their driver's license, car registration and insurance card for inspection before any parking permit will be issued.

Inaugural Ball

The Inaugural Ball will be held on Saturday evening, September 25. This semi-formal dance is open to all students and will celebrate the opening of the 2010-2011 school year by honoring our student leaders of all co-curricular activities. Jackets and ties are required for young gentlemen and semi-formal dresses for young ladies. Additional details will be supplied after school begins.

Cross' Corner

Visit Cross' Corner during Freshmen Schedule Pick-Up days. The store will be open on Tuesday, August 24 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM and 5:00 – 8:00 PM and on Wednesday, August 25 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Stop in to purchase your gym uniforms and other Holy Cross apparel.

Fall Sports Practices

All student athletes must have a complete physical form submitted to the nurse prior to Fall sports practice. If you have any questions please call Mr. Dockery at Ext. 3025.

Activities

Please be sure to check the Activities website often for up-to-date information.

2010 – 2011 Senior Trip, Yearbook, Parking and Flex Schedule forms are available via web links.

You may request facilities usage and view the school calendar on the same page. To request facilities usage, click the first link “Click here to submit a facilities/fundraiser request”. To check the calendar, choose the facilities usage link. On the left choose “Master Calendar”. The calendar will be displayed.

Access to the above information is via the main page of the Holy Cross website and click “Activities” on the left.

Holy Cross Choir

If anyone (incoming freshmen or upperclassmen) is interested in becoming a part of the Holy Cross Choir for the 2010-2011 school year, please contact our Choir Director Mr. Ray Bonnette at raymond.bonnette@holycrosshighschool.org or call 856-461-5400 x3144. There is no audition to join the choir and we have a wide range of ability levels. Hopefully you will be able to make our first rehearsals which will be the week before school starts. See you soon!

Choir National Anthem Trip

Everyone is invited to join us as the Holy Cross High School choir members sing the National Anthem at the Camden Riversharks baseball game on Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are now on sale for \$8.00. See attached flyer for details or contact Mr. Bonnette.

Equestrian Club

Attention All Horse Lovers – Anyone interested in joining the Equestrian Club can contact Mrs. Ritter (theresa.ritter@holycrosshighschool.org) or check out our facebook page under groups. Our club offers all kinds of horse opportunities like: lessons, trail riding, volunteering for service hours, and fund-raising! Look for announcements for our first meeting! Hope to see you there!