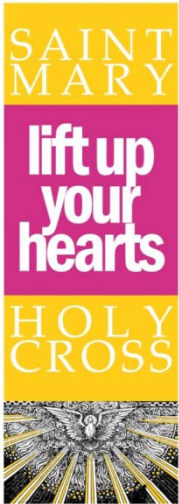




# HCA Family Newsletter September 6, 2010

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love God and man by loving. Begin as a mere apprentice and the very power of love will lead you on to become a master of the art." ~ St. Francis de Sales



## September

- 6 – Labor Day, no school
- 7 – First day of Preschool
  - Lunch program begins
- 9 – Silly Bandz for the Missions**
- 10 – School Mass, 8:30 AM
- 11 & 12 – St Mary Parish Life Weekend, come visit all our ministry displays
- 12 – Ice Cream Social & Cake Walk, 4-8 PM
- 14 – Feast of the Holy Cross
  - School Mass, 10AM, all students in uniform (no PE clothes)
- 17 – No school Mass

## NOTES

### Recess Monitors duty...

- 9/07 - 9/17 3rd Grade
- 9/20 - 10/1 2nd Grade

*Have you returned your Emergency Contact Forms?* Remember that this is what we use to verify your information in the Family Directory. Mrs. Jeffers is almost ready to go to print. Please send your forms in on Tuesday if we do not have them yet.

The Holy Cross Academy school chorus is now accepting new members. If you love to sing, would like to learn more about music and harmony, and are a student in grades 5-8, please consider joining the Holy Cross Academy **Youth of Note**. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoons from 2:45 until 3:30 PM. Please consider joining the Holy Cross Academy **Youth of Note**.

We are happy to advertise school events in the Family Newsletter. If you want an attachment added or a notice placed in the newsletter, it must be sent to Sr. Susan

Louise at [hcaprincipal@verizon.net](mailto:hcaprincipal@verizon.net) by the end of the school day on Thursday.

Whenever an opportunity presents itself, we send pictures of our students to be used in parish and diocesan publications, including their websites. If you would prefer that your child/ children's pictures not be used, please download the **Waiver form from our website** and send it to the Office. We will always respect your request.

We have extra **2009-2010 Yearbooks** looking for good homes. Please send in a check for \$30 and we send one to you.

A limited number of textbooks can be rented in grades 4 to 8. Please see the attached **Textbook Rental Order form**. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The order form will go up some time next week. Keep any eye on our website.

**We have 13 chairs left for sale** at \$1.00 each. The money will be donated to the Missions. On Wednesday, we will donate any remaining chairs to Goodwill.

### **Wear Silly Bandz for the Missions:**

Students are encouraged to wear Silly Bandz on **Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**. Since students cannot wear them to school on other days (**dress code!**) we are allowing them to wear them on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to benefit our African Missions which are in great need. For each Silly Band worn, the student must donate 10¢ to the classroom Mission bank. A great deal for a great cause! If your student does not wear Silly Bandz, a donation to the Missions is always appreciated.

**Attention 8<sup>th</sup> graders:** have you handed in all your Confirmation paper work? If not, it is overdue. Please take care of it immediately

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so that you can finish your program of preparation for this important sacrament. The **7<sup>th</sup> grade Information Night** will be in late October. Watch the newsletter!

**A safety reminder to all parents and students:** No one should be admitting anyone into the building except the faculty and staff and only through the front doors. This is part of our safety procedure and we ask everyone to please follow it. Just ring the bell and we will help you out. Thanks so much for your cooperation.



**Saint Mary's Ice Cream Social and Cakewalk** This fun event will take place on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at Holy Cross Academy. Bring a cake, win a cake, eat some ice cream and dance! Cake Contest! Judging will take place at 4:30 pm in the following categories: Prettiest cake, coolest cake and most creative cake. Try your luck also in our Cakewalk Game! Will your number be called to win your family a cake? (One winning cake per family. Siblings are welcome to continue to play for a chance to win a cupcake!) Eat ice cream and dance the calories away to our live band. If interested in helping out with this event, please email Barb Frasher or Carol Bell at [rbfrasher@cox.net](mailto:rbfrasher@cox.net) or [carolbell2@cox.net](mailto:carolbell2@cox.net). We look forward to seeing you this year on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Junior Achievement Volunteers** needed for: 1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 3-1, 5-2 and 6-2! Junior Achievement is a program that seeks to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. JA programs begin at the elementary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers.

As a JA classroom volunteer, you can give your child and their classmates the opportunity to discover how their talents and abilities can create a better life for themselves. Volunteers visit the class room just 5 times (30-45 minutes each). JA

provides complete training to prepare volunteers to enter the classroom. Teachers will remain in the classroom to assist. Your life experiences in the home or in the workplace qualify you to serve as a JA volunteer to help guide young people in developing critical life skills. To volunteer please contact: Linda Caporali at: 540.848.4886 (cell) or email: [lcaporali@comcast.net](mailto:lcaporali@comcast.net) Thank you

*Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help with lunchroom and recess duty last week! 3rd grade families* have recess duty this week and next. All families should have received the schedule by email. Please be sure to come in or arrange for a substitute on your scheduled date. Thank you.

**2nd grade families** have recess duty during the weeks of Sept. 20 - 23 and Sept. 27 - Oct. 1 (Friday, Sept. 24, is a half day with no recess duty). All families should have received an email or phone call asking them to sign up. If you have not yet replied, please do so this week. The schedule will be emailed to you when it is complete.

We have been asked by one of our **recess substitutes** to include the following reminder. If you put out a request for a recess substitute via email or phone and get replies from more than one person, please follow up with all those who replied to let them know whether you still need their services. There have been instances where more than one person showed up at school to substitute for the same parent and, as a result, one of the substitutes ended up not being compensated. If someone offers to sub for you and you don't need their help, let them know that you made other arrangements.



**Our lunch menu is posted and delicious hot lunches begin on Tuesday.** We have had some trouble with the data base so please know it is not you or your computer that is malfunctioning when you try to get to your family account on-line. We are working to straighten it out. The good news is that it will not interfere with lunch! You can

send your payment into school and we will post it for you until it is all straightened out. Thanks so much! Please note that the price is changed for grades 5 to 8. This reflects the difference in portion size given to these grades. We will also be serving chocolate milk only on Fridays. The children did a great job registering with the biometrics and that system is ready to go.

**Lunch prices** K-4 \$3.50 5-8 \$4  
Milk only \$.45 Bottled water 8oz. \$.45

A new school year means finding out at the last minute that the uniform your child just put on doesn't fit. Are you having one of those days? **Don't worry most alterations can be done in one day at a reasonable cost.** Just call Mrs. Elena Roca at home (540) 659-2188 or cell (703) 732-7602.



On Wednesday, November 17th, Holy Cross Academy will be conducting its **2nd Annual "Race for Education."** Proceeds

from this event will help the school reach out to support the community through its many service efforts; help to fund our wonderful academic programs and *Specials* (technology, music, art and physical education) and continue to foster a faith-based education.

Students will walk or jog around our own *Never Ending Trail* as many times as possible in a one-hour period. Each student will raise funds by asking sponsors to contribute a tax deductible donation to Holy Cross Academy.

On September 28th, your child will be coming home with a "Kick-off Packet" of information about our **"Race for Education."** Please review the packet carefully. Your participation is essential to the success of this program.

**Our school's goal is to raise \$30,000.** You can enable us to reach this goal by spending a minimal amount of time filling out a label sheet with the names and addresses of potential sponsors. The label sheet and

instructions will be included with the "Kick-off Packet" that your child brings home.

**Holy Cross Academy will reach its goal of \$30,000, if we receive an average of fifteen (15) label names per student.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Holy Cross Academy will once again be participating in the **Box Tops for Education** program that allows us to earn money for the school. Please review the attached list, start cutting out the box tops and put them all in the yellow container in the school foyer. We have earned thousands of dollars over the years that have allowed the school to purchase additional items. It is very easy to do and with everyone participating we can really increase our earnings this year!

*Come see our HCA Spirit Wear in the school lobby!* We have hoodies and jackets in all sizes to show off your HCA pride! We also have special shirts and hoodies for our preschool. We are purchasing them from a local vendor – Awards Solutions – which allows for a quick turnaround time of two weeks or less. Look for the order form on our attachments. Order forms are also available in the school Office. All orders must be prepaid. These items are being offered at cost. It is a 'school spirit-raiser' not a fundraiser. Come see what we have. **ORDERS DUE ON MONDAY, SEPT. 13<sup>th</sup>.** We will place another order before Christmas.

Welcome back! Just a reminder that the **Holy Cross School Store** is up and running during lunch recess. If your child comes home with a request for poster board, notebooks, book socks or other school supplies, send them in the next day with money to purchase the necessary supplies at school. This is a service the National Junior Honor Society provides to our HCA families to help make life easier!

**The Cub Scout, Bears Den**, will have their first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, September 8<sup>TH</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. in 2-1, Ms. Dursa's room. If you are a 3rd grade

boy and would like to join, please attend this meeting. You do not have to have prior scouting experience to join. For more information please contact den leaders, R.J. and Sheryl Sollohub at (540) 373-7015 or [sollohubs3@aol.com](mailto:sollohubs3@aol.com). You can also view our den and pack plans for the year on our pack web site, [www.pack1410.com](http://www.pack1410.com).



Boy Scouts from Troop 1410, chartered by Holy Cross Academy, attended Sunday Mass at First Landing Chapel at Fort Story in Virginia Beach on August 15. The Scouts toured the Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center and earned the Oceanography Merit Badge. Their annual end of summer outing always includes attending Mass at the Chapel and this year our 30 Scouts and adult leaders filled three full pews.

## **ATHLETIC NEWS**

### **Boys Soccer Tryouts**

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00pm  
Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00pm

Please bring cleats, shin guards, water bottle and ball. All participation forms, medical forms and permission slips (all online at [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com)) should be turned in before practice begins. Parents should pick up at 5:00pm or have arrangements for Aviat Care. A signup list for tryouts will be available at lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Any questions please contact Mr. Sherman 846-5491 or [tshermanva@aol.com](mailto:tshermanva@aol.com)

### **Girls Field Hockey Tryouts**

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00pm.  
Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00pm  
Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00pm

Our **technology Acceptable Use Policy** is now posted in our attachments. We will send out a separate SchoolRack email asking you to sign off on it. Thanks so much!

Please bring stick, shin guards, mouth guards and water bottle. Parents should pick up students at 5:00pm or arrange for Aviat Care. All participation forms, medical forms and permission slips (online at [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com)) should be turned in before practice begins. Any questions, please contact Mr. Sherman at 846-5491 or [tshermanva@aol.com](mailto:tshermanva@aol.com). A tryout signup list will be available at lunch Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SCRIP NEWS:** Next week we will begin filling SCRIP orders in the school lobby at 2:30 p.m. before dismissal every Wednesday and Friday. There are so many easy ways to use SCRIP this fall! Fall sports and carpooling leave many short on time for dinner. Subway, Pizza Hut, Dominos, and many more retailers can be purchased at school and used the same day to help make meal times more enjoyable and evenings simpler! A few great offers from SCRIP:

-iTunes and Starbucks! Through Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, gift cards from Starbucks and iTunes will both include a 2% non-profit contribution bonus. For Starbucks that means you will receive a 9% contribution instead of the usual 7%, and for iTunes you will receive 7% instead of the usual 5%.  
-CVS/pharmacy is pleased to offer a 2% bonus contribution through Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This means that the CVS/pharmacy \$25 and \$100 gift cards and reloads will all increase from a 6% contribution to an 8% contribution, during this time period only. The CVS/pharmacy card is redeemable at all locations nationwide for merchandise, including prescriptions.  
-The Home Depot will be offering our customers a 1% bonus contribution through Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. That means The Home Depot \$25, \$100 and \$500 gift cards will have a 5% contribution instead of the normal 4% contribution, during that time period only. Please remember all SCRIP orders must now be paid for when placed. Also, orders placed

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on-line MUST be paid for using presto pay, or payment must be received before the order can be processed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If there are any questions about any of these topics, please e-mail them to Judy Hellmann at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com). Thank you very much!

Welcome Back! We wanted to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you" to everyone who came out to our annual *New Family Reception* held on Friday, August 27th. A nice night was had by all and the weather was perfect. A big thank you to Gretchen Bushaw (PTO member at large) and Adrienne Cajohn (PTO Vice-President) for hosting a lovely event. It was also fantastic to see so many of you at our *Welcome Back to School* coffee. Thank you to Jessica Doiron (PTO Secretary) and Diane Paquette for hosting a very warm and inviting event. Thank you to all the parents and guardians and grandparents who signed up for some of our events and or committees. Once all of the sign-up sheets are distributed to their specific chairperson expect a call or an email from that person shortly. PTO is looking forward to a very exciting school year filled with plenty of fun filled events for all to share. Our next event will be the *Saint Mary Parish Cake Walk and Ice Cream Social*. So keep your calendars open and see you on Sunday, September 12th from 4-8 p.m. right here at Holy Cross Academy for ice cream and fun. Thank you, Kelli Tarasca, PTO President



World's Finest  
Chocolate is back!  
Our students will be  
selling the candy bars  
from October 15th-October

29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to "opt out" of this mandatory fundraiser, see the attached PTO Candy sale BUYOUT form. It will be posted next week.

Students will receive the candy on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. You will have two weeks to sell the bars, with all monies due back in the office by November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be sign-up sheets in the office to sell the candy

at St. Jude, Holy Cross, and St. Mary for the weekends of 10/17 and 10/24 after all Masses.

The opt-out date is firm because we need to pre-order the chocolate. Please send in your BUYOUT form (plus \$75 check) by September 17<sup>th</sup> if you are not selling the candy. Please contact candy chairman Jennifer Lupi via email if you have specific questions. We will be using volunteers to deliver the candy on 10/17. Please email [Lupisoccer@comcast.net](mailto:Lupisoccer@comcast.net) if you are available to assist with this task.

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