



Holy Cross Academy PTO Newsletter

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Dear Holy Cross Academy Families,

As the PTO began to plan for the 2025 Grandparents' event, we took into consideration all of the feedback we received from the 2025 PTO parent survey results. The survey feedback was an invaluable tool that helped us plan and host a wonderful event on Friday! Over 370 grandparents and their grandchildren filled the halls, classrooms, cafeteria, Immaculate Conception Hall and the playground of HCA with the most joyful noise! It was a pleasure to watch so many grandparents enjoying their special visit and lunch with their grandchildren.

The PTO is filled with absolute gratitude for all of the volunteers, HCA staff members and students who stepped up and made the event possible! **We could never have hosted such an amazing event without each and every one of you!** The team effort of all involved was beyond amazing! Thank you!

We were so blessed to have Father Joseph join us, lead us in Grace, and wrap up the day with a special mass! Thank you, Father Joseph!

We are always looking to improve, so the PTO will be posting a brief survey to give grandparents the opportunity to share feedback if they attended the event and volunteers who helped with the event. In the meantime, here is feedback from a grandparent of 11 HCA students! event.

"Grandparents Day was very nice and welcoming and beautifully

organized to handle the number of crazy-devoted in-love grandparents, who like us, loved every moment spent with their grandchildren. After considering the number of people who attended, the food and hospitality; it was a wonderful afternoon. We loved it all especially sitting with my saints, scholars and leaders at Mass!!"

With much gratitude,

The 2025–2026 HCA PTO
HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com



Prayers & A-Helping-Hand!

Please continue your prayers and support for the Xhaferi family, pray especially for our brave student Ariyon! Please consider signing up to

bless the Xhaferi family with a meal or Door Dash gift card. Mrs. Xhaferi is preparing for the joyful, yet demanding blessing of a new baby as well.

<https://mealtrain.com/13e2dq>**Expanded Ways to Earn Service Hours**

What's happening in October?

PTO FUNDRAISER -\$10/Raffle Tickets

DRAWING -FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th

at the HCA Trunk or Treat

1st Prize -\$3000

2nd Prize -\$2000

3rd & 4th Prizes -\$1000

5th -10th Prizes -\$500

**Please email HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com,
if your family hasn't received raffle tickets or
if your family would like to sell additional raffle tickets.**

The Holy Cross Academy PTO will use all proceeds to support the school community, students, and teachers & for PTO annual events!

Thank you for your support!

When selling the raffle tickets, please make sure the buyer's first and last names are clearly printed on the raffle ticket you will bring back to the school and make sure they include their phone number. You can return sold raffle tickets back to school at any time!

Please return all raffle tickets whether they are sold or not! We are required to keep track of every ticket! When returning the raffle tickets to school, please make sure the raffle tickets are in a sealed envelope with your last name, and oldest student's first name. All raffle tickets must be returned by Wednesday, October 22nd!

Although buyers will pay in cash for the raffle tickets, please consider paying for the raffle tickets using the payment link below so that we can avoid having a large volume of cash at the school. If you use the payment link, you will only need to return the raffle tickets.

[Payment Link for \\$10 Raffle Tickets](#)

All families with one or more full-time students will receive 10 raffle tickets to sell. If you only have one child at HCA who is enrolled in PreK for 2 days per week, you will receive 4 raffle tickets and PreK for 3 days per week will receive 6 raffle tickets. There is no "buy-out" option.

However, the Race for Education on November 21st will provide another opportunity for families to reach their annual fundraising goal. More information will be sent out later this month.

Families can sign up to sell raffle tickets after mass the weekend of October 18-19, 2025.

Per Father Mosimann, to ensure each family who signed up to sell their raffle tickets after masses on 10/18-19 gets the same credit toward their raffle ticket sales; the total number of raffle tickets sold after masses on 10/18-19 will be divided by the number of families who signed up to sell the tickets. Example: If 10 families signed up to see their tickets after masses, and a total of 100 raffle tickets are sold -each family would receive credit for selling 10 raffle tickets.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845A9A728A7F49-59188486-sign>

If you have any questions or concerns about the fundraisers, please email: HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com.

Used Uniform Sale Dates

-Friday, October 17, 2025, 1:30-4:30pm -in Library

-Saturday, October 18, 2025, 1:30-4:30m -in Library

Uniform Sale Volunteers Needed!!

Please consider volunteering to help with the used uniform sales next Friday and Saturday! Younger siblings are welcomed If you can fold your laundry while watching them at home; they will be good to go at the sale as well! **Use your best judgement!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA5A72AA5FFCE9-59377562-used>

The PTO is seeking pictures of US Military Veterans!

The PTO is putting together a slide show honoring members of the HCA community who are Veterans or served in the military! The slide show will be played the morning of the Race-for Education on November 21st! If you, or your spouse, or an HCA student's sibling, parent, aunt/uncle/grandparent or close friend served in the military - Please email a picture of them, preferably in uniform, by November 14th to HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com.



Volunteers Needed! (YCF)

Decorate your trunk & give out candy = 3 service hours! Enter a pre-carved pumpkin in the contest! Donate snacks or drinks! Click on the sign-up link today and help us make this year's Trunk or Treat the best one yet.

Trunk or Treat Candy Donations Needed!!

There is a big slightly spooky "monster" in the HCA lobby that is excited to gobble up candy donations for our Trunk or Treat Event!

Earn 1 service hour if you spend \$20-39, 2 service hours if you spend \$40-59, 3 service hours if you spend \$60-79, and 4 service hours if you spend \$80-99. Turn your receipts into the Trunk or Treat Event Planner to get credit- Maryanne Harring via the HCA office PTO mailbox.

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER YOUR PET IN THE



Enter your pet in the Cutest Pet Contest!

Email a picture of your pet to HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com.

All pictures must be submitted before October 24th!

(One pet entry per family)

Winners will be announced October 31st.

COMING SOON.....

DONUTS WITH DAD

Join us before school for donuts, hot coffee, and quality time together.



NOVEMBER 14
7:00 - 8:00 AM

Hosted by the HCA PTO

BEYOND HCA -Our students accomplish a lot at HCA, but there are also a lot of great things our students accomplish beyond HCA. Between November 3rd and December 19th, parents can email HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com a brief description of their student's "Beyond HCA" accomplishment along with a picture. Depending on response; submissions will be included in the January PTO newsletter, or a special release PTO newsletter "Beyond HCA" edition.



[Quick PTO Volunteer Sign-up links](#)

Opportunities available throughout the year!

Friday, October 24, 2025 - TRUNK or TREAT

HCA Trunk or Treat: 2025 HCA Trunk or Treat

Friday, November 7, 2025

Bring your best chili for our Faculty & Staff Lunch! Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Holy Cross Academy: Foodie Friday PTO Sponsored Chili Cook-off

Friday, November 7, 2025 **3:30-5pm -FULL

Holy Cross Academy: Father/Daughter Dance Event Planning Committee Kick-off Meeting

Friday, November 14, 2025 -FULL

Holy Cross Academy: Help w/ Donuts with Dad!

Friday, May 15, 2026, 7-8am

Holy Cross Academy: Help w/ Muffins with Mom!

*The PTO will announce additional events as the school year progresses.
However, the core PTO events are scheduled for the year on the calendar below!*

PTO Calendar of Scheduled Events

October			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
Fri, Oct 17	Foodie Friday Grade 7		Volunteer Opportunity for 7th Grade Families.
Fri, Oct 17 Sat, Oct 19	Used Uniform Sales	1:30-4:30pm	HCA Library
Fri, Oct 24	Trunk or Treat	5:30 pm Concessions Open	Rain Date -Oct 25 Volunteer Opportunity

November			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
Fri, Nov 7	Foodie Friday/PTO Chili Cook-off	11-2pm	PTO Sponsored 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards
Fri, Nov 7	Father Daughter Dance Planning Committee Meeting	3:30-5pm	Volunteer Opportunity
Fri, Nov 14	Donuts with Dad	7-8am	Volunteer Opportunity
Fri, Nov 21	Race-for-Education		PTO Fundraiser

December			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
Fri, Dec 12	Foodie Friday Grade 6		Volunteer Opportunity for 6th Grade Families
Fri, Dec 19	Open PTO Meeting w/ Coffee	9-10am	

January 2026			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
Fri, Jan 16	Foodie Friday Grade 5		Volunteer Opportunity for 5th Grade Families
Jan 26-30	Catholic Schools Week		PTO sponsored student treats

February			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
Fri, Feb 13	Foodie Friday Grade 4		Volunteer Opportunity for 4th Grade Families
Sat, Feb 21	Father Daughter Dance	6-8pm	HCA Cafeteria Volunteer

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March			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
TBD	Used Uniform Sale	TBD	Time & location comng soon
Fri, Mar 13	Foodie Friday Grade 3		Volunteer Opportunity for 3rd Grade Families

April			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
All Month	Month of the Military Child		Mrs. James - Point of contact
TBD	Used Uniform Sale	TBD	Time & location coming soon
Fri, Apr 17	Foodie Friday Grade 2		Volunteer Opportunity for 2nd Grade Families
Sat, Apr 25	PTO Auction Event		Save the Date! Location & Details depend on survey results.
TBD	Mother/Son Event		April/May

May			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week		See daily lunch assignments PTO sponsors "Appreciation Activities" throughout the week
Mon, May 4	Teacher Appreciation Lunch First Grade		Volunteer Opportunity for 1st Grade Families
Tues, May 5	Teacher		Volunteer

	Appreciation Lunch Kindergarten		Opportunity for Kindergarten Families
Wed, May 6	Teacher Appreciation Lunch 7th & 8th Grade		Volunteer Opportunity for 7th & 8th Grade Families
Thurs, May 7	Teacher Appreciation Lunch 5th & 6th Grade		Volunteer Opportunities for 5th & 6th Grade Families
Fri, May 8	Teacher Appreciation Lunch 3rd & 4th Grade		Volunteer Opportunities for 3rd & 4th Grade Families
Fri, May 15	Muffins with Mom	7-8am	Volunteer Opportunity
TBD	Great Train Race YCF		Volunteer Opportunity

June			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
June 5	2025-2026 PTO Board Final Meeting & Handoff to 2026- 2027 PTO Board	12:45-2:45pm	Tentative -time may change since 1/2 day.
June 5	8th Grade Final Walk Treats		Sponsored by PTO

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