



Holy Cross Academy PTO Newsletter

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Dear Holy Cross Academy Families,

It's been a busy few weeks and we just weren't able to get the newsletter out yesterday (Tuesday), which is our usual goal!

At the open PTO meeting on Friday evening, the PTO was asked to identify volunteer opportunities that a parent could bring their younger child with them without having to worry about distracting or disrupting an event. We will begin to mark these events as "younger child friendly" or YCF for short!

The discussion brought forth the idea of having a volunteer babysitter system for parents with younger children. For instance, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Bell all have younger children. They want to volunteer to help with the Grandparents Day event. However, they need babysitting for their younger children. So, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Bell volunteer to help with the Grandparents event while Mrs. Jones volunteers to watch the younger children of Mrs. Smith and Mr. Bell. While the concept is a great idea, the PTO does not have the time to facilitate babysitting services. Parents are encouraged to explore this idea together. Perhaps parents with younger children could work together to create a system where they take turns providing an opportunity where parents can drop off younger children at another parents' home, while they volunteer.

The PTO also received the suggestion for a parents' night out in early December, so parents can "shop" for the holidays without their children

for a couple of hours. We have reached out to the Saint Mary youth group leaders to see if this idea could be fundraiser for them and whether they would be interested in coordinating this for HCA parents. We will let you know if there are any updates.

We have requested contact information for Saint Mary high school youth group & young adult group members who are interested in babysitting. We will share that information as soon as we receive it from the Saint Mary youth group and young adult group leaders.

We loved meeting everyone who came to the meeting and look forward to seeing even more parents attend the next open PTO meeting in December!

With much gratitude,

The 2025–2026 HCA PTO

HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com



The 8th grade sponsored Foodie Friday on September 26th was a HUGE success! The faculty & staff loved it! Kudos to Mrs. Danielson, the 8th Grade PTO Liaison & to the Preschool parents who provided back-up support!

We are especially grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Arellano, owners of **AGAVE** in downtown Fredericksburg for providing the chicken, beef tips, & rice and beans! Everything was delicious!

Home | Agave Bar & Grill

We appreciate the 13 parents who participated in the Open PTO Meeting on September 26th! We announced the fall PTO fundraisers, shared some of the PTO Parent Survey results, had good discussion and were presented with a lot of great ideas that the PTO will look into!



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**

The PTO is happy to provide this update regarding the Grandparents Day Event, Friday, October 10th!

We have over @ 154 grandparents & @131 students who have signed up to attend this event! Families were required to sign up Grandparent(s) and student(s) to attend this event. Sign-up closed today - October 1st.

A big thank you to the additional volunteers who signed up to help with this event! We could still use some more volunteers to help with 12:30-2pm! Click here: [Holy Cross Academy: Friday, 10/10 Grandparents Event attendee sign-up \(closed 10/1\) & volunteer sign-up.](#) We have a lot of students and grandparents, and we need to make sure the event goes smoothly! Some volunteers will serve as safety observers to ensure nobody falls or gets knocked over! Safety observers will be strategically placed during the luncheon.

Please note that the Grandparent event schedule has been amended. Please see schedule below. The Sign-ups Genius has also been updated.

FINAL GRANDPARENTS' EVENT SCHEDULE **October 10, 2025**

12 - 12:30pm: HCA Lobby

-Grandparents will check - in and immediately go to student classrooms.

12:15-12:45pm

-Grandparents will have the option to tour the newly expanded areas of the school, including the chapel & middle school. (Lunch will be in

the cafeteria. Students can show grandparents the new playground before or after lunch.)

1-2pm Lunch

2:15pm Lunch Wrap-up

2:30pm Mass - Father Joseph will be offering mass in Immaculate Conception Hall for Grandparents and students.

3:30pm Event concludes immediately after mass.

Update on 2025-2026 Yearbook Committee!

-Mrs. Tomayko is in the process of working with a new Yearbook Committee chair! All contact information for the volunteers who have signed up has been provided to Mrs. Tomayko. Be on the look-out for an email from the new committee chair in a few weeks.

What's happening in October?

PTO FUNDRAISING

The PTO fall fundraisers specifically *raise funds for PTO to accomplish their annual core events and the annual teacher stipends that are provided to HCA faculty to help with classroom set up.*

Each HCA family has an annual \$100 fundraising goal. The PTO is offering two fundraising opportunities this fall to help HCA families reach their goal. The PTO decided on the following fundraising initiatives with the goal of limiting out of pocket expenses for HCA families.

- **\$10/Raffle Ticket Sale** -launches this week! An envelope with information will be sent home on Friday, with your oldest child!
- **Race-for-Education -November 21st.** -information will be sent home 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.

Spirit Event for students not attending GP event!

Friday, October 10th 11:30-6pm

Baskin' Robbins & Capriotti's

2203 Plank Road

Enjoy an ice cream cone or lunch or both!

****Plese mention that you are a Holy Cross Academy Family! The owner will generously donate 15% of all HCA sales back to the HCA PTO!**

7th grade families are assigned the 10/17 Foodie Friday! Please be on the lookout for an email from the 7th grade PTO Liaisons who want to know your preference donate vs. sign-up!

Used Uniform Sale Dates

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

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



Volunteers Needed! (YCF)

Decorate your trunk! 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. [HCA Trunk or Treat: 2025 HCA](#)



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

HCA Business Highlights

HCA families can email HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com details about your business and if applicable, any specials you'd like to offer the HCA community. HCA Business Highlights will be added to the November PTO Newsletter.

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!

HCA Families: HCA Lunch/Recess Duty 2025-2026

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 10	Grandparents Day Event	12:30-2:30pm	12-12:30 Sign-in 12:10-12:45 Classroom Tour 1-2:15pm Lunch 2:30pm Mass
Fri, Oct 10	Spirit Event Baskin' Robbins & Capriotti's 2203 Plank Road	11:30-6pm	If you're not attending the GP event; you can grab an ice cream cone or a sandwich or both with your friends.
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	9-10am	

	Meeting w/ Coffee		
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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 Opportunity

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 Appreciation Lunch Kindergarten		Volunteer 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	12:45-2:45pm	Tentative -time

	Board Final Meeting & Handoff to 2026-2027 PTO Board		may change since 1/2 day.
June 5	8th Grade Final Walk Treats		Sponsored by PTO

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