



Holy Cross Academy PTO Newsletter

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Dear Holy Cross Academy Families,

The parish picnic was so much fun this past weekend! The PTO sponsored the inflatables and wow, was it worth it! The kids really enjoyed themselves! We are so grateful that all of the inflatable volunteer slots were filled! We appreciate the volunteers who stood by to ensure everyone was playing safely. Make sure you keep track of your service hours!

[Confirmation Service Hours Form](#)

If you didn't check-in with a PTO member, please email HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com regarding credit for your service hours.

Please continue your prayers and support for the Xhaferi family. Ariyon is a brave HCA 4th grader undergoing treatment for a DIPG brain tumor. The family is also preparing for the joyful, yet demanding arrival of a new baby. Please consider signing up to bless the Xhaferi family with a meal or Door Dash gift card. <https://mealtrain.com/13e2dq>

We have a parent who is looking for help with afternoon pick-up/transportation home to the **Leeland Station Subdivision**. Please email HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com if you can help and we'll put you in touch!

****8th grade families** please check the sign-up genius below for items need for the upcoming 9/26 Foodie Friday! See below to learn how to earn service hours for purchasing requested items on a PTO sign-up

genius! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845A9A728A7F49-58714720-8thgrade>

We appreciate Mrs. Danielson for volunteering to be the 8th grade PTO Liaison! **

Used Uniform Sale Dates

- Friday, October 17, 2025, 1:30-4:30pm -in Library
- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 1:30-4:30m -in Library

Please take note of this important announcement regarding the Grandparents Day Event, Friday, October 10th -1-3pm.

This year families are required to sign up the Grandparent(s) and student(s) who wish to attend the event by October 1st. This will help the PTO plan properly! Please see the below sign-up link.

We have developed a plan to host a lovely afternoon for the Grandparents and students. However, **the PTO will need to have the requested parent volunteer slots filled by September 30th to be able to move forward with the event.** Please see the below sign-up link.

Most of the PTO Board members work full-time like most HCA parents, and we need the support of volunteers so that we can host events. We appreciate your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845A9A728A7F49-58567398-friday#/>

Save the Date! Friday, September 26th 5-7pm

Open PTO Meeting for Parents

-Attend and earn (1) service hour

Pizza & Drinks - Please sign up below to give us a headcount!

Holy Cross Academy: Friday, September 26, 2025 Open PTO Meeting 5-7pm -Please sign up if you plan to attend!

We look forward to seeing you at the open PTO meeting on 9/26. Please email us if you have any questions or comments related to PTO matters.

With much gratitude,

The 2025–2026 HCA PTO

HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com



Thank you to the 65 parents who completed the PTO survey! The PTO has already begun using the information we received from your feedback/input. Results will be shared in the coming months.

Thank you for the parent volunteers who signed up for the Father/Daughter Dance Planning Committee & Donuts with Dad event! All of our requested volunteer slots for these events have been filled!



Expanded Ways to Earn Service Hours *(Trial for 2025–2026 Only)*

Families can earn service hours through the following PTO-approved methods:

- Attend Open PTO Meetings (1 hour)
- Participate in Trunk or Treat (1 hour for decorating a car)
- Donate items requested on PTO sign-up genius for Foodie Friday, Teacher Appreciation Week, Trunk or Treat etc. t (see posted tables)
- Donate raffle baskets or solicit donations from local businesses.
- Complete VIRTUS Training (Earn 4 hours)

Receipts are required to earn service hour(s) for purchasing items that are specifically requested on a PTO sign-up genius (e.g., food, supplies). To receive service hour(s) credit for such items, you must turn in your receipts to the PTO event lead who will validate the items were received.

Purchase Amount = Service Hour(s)

\$20 - \$39 = 1

\$40-\$59 = 2

\$60 - \$79 = 3

\$80 - \$99 = 4

Purchase amounts >\$99 must be preauthorized by the PTO.

Note: Service hours are *not* granted for direct monetary donations or non-PTO-sponsored activities (e.g., First Communion, Confirmation, Teacher gifts, meal trains, etc.)

What's happening in September?

Holy Cross Novena

The PTO provided each student a Holy Cross Novena prayer card. Students began praying the Holy Cross Novena on Monday, September 15th. Throughout the nine days, students will remember the special prayer intentions of our donors. The Novena will conclude on September 23, 2025.

The Holy Cross Novena Holy Cross Novena / Intercede

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the discovery by Saint Helena of the True Cross of Christ. Pray this Holy Cross Novena to draw closer to Christ Crucified.

PTO Email Response Time

Thank you for your patience as we do our best to respond to emails sent to HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com & HCAUniforms@holycrossweb.com

- We aim to reply within **3-5 business days** (often sooner)
- Please note: we cannot guarantee same day responses.
- The **Used Uniform Closet** does not have a full-time attendant or on-call volunteers.

If you have an urgent uniform need that cannot wait 3-5 business days, please call the HCA main office at 540-286-1600 for staff assistance.



Enter the Cutest Pet Contest by emailing a picture of your pet to HCAPTO@holycrossweb.com between **September 29th - October 24th**. **One entry per family! Winners will be announced October 31st.**



HCA Athletic Golf Tournament Raffle Sale

Regular Raffle Tickets are \$2/each or 3 for \$5

Premium Raffle Tickets are \$10/each or 3 for \$25

Click on link below to see raffle prizes and order form!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r4jU2dbI_ZnI_KHF0pMx37kqifi1rdDxR9C9yOIUZCqw/edit?usp=sharing

Monday, September 29th at Gauntlet Golf Club

2025 Holy Cross Academy Golf Tournament

****All proceeds benefit the HCA Athletic Department****

A great cause & we're going to have a fun casual day of golf! Don't take yourself too seriously! Register today!



Parents-

We kindly ask that you **do not park in the handicap spaces closest to the school entrance** unless you have the proper permit. These spaces are reserved for families who have the legal authority and genuine need to use them; especially during **afterschool pick-up and activities**. Thank you for helping us care for all members of our HCA community.

Virtus Training at HCA

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10am-2pm

Before attending, you must complete the OPCYP background check:

[Visit the Arlington Diocese Volunteer Background Check Page](#)

Contact Mrs. Dina James at djames@holycrossweb.com for questions.

BUILDING COMMUNITY COMING SOON.....

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

All grades already have at least one PTP Liaison signed up! Having 2 per grade would be amazing! Sign-up here to be a PTO LIAISON for the 2025-2026 School Year

[Holy Cross Academy: Grade Level PTO Liaison for 2025-2026 School Year](#)

Opportunities available throughout the year!

[HCA Families: HCA Lunch/Recess Duty 2025-2026](#)

Join the 2025-2026 Yearbook Committee!

[Holy Cross Academy: 2025-2026 School Year Yearbook Committee](#)

Friday, September 26, 2025, 5-7pm

Earn (1) Service Hour for attending!

Holy Cross Academy: Friday, September 26, 2025 Open PTO Meeting 5-7pm -Please sign up if you plan to attend!

Friday, October 24, 2025 -TRUNK or TREAT

Holy Cross Academy: 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

September			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
Sept 15-23	Novena of the Holy Cross		Sponsored by PTO
Fri, Sept 26	Foodie Friday Grade 8		Volunteer Opportunity for 8th Grade Families
	PTO Meeting Open to Parents!	5-7pm	Pizza & Drinks provided by PTO

October			
Date	Event	Time	Notes

Fri, Oct 10	Grandparents Day Event	12:30-2:30pm	*Tentative-need volunteer support
Fri, Oct 10	Spirit Event Baskin' Robbins & Capriotti's 2203 Plank Road	11:30-4pm	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 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 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		Volunteer Opportunity

June			
Date	Event	Time	Notes
June 5	2025-2026 PTO Board Final Meeting &	12:45-2:45pm	Tentative -time may change since 1/2 day.

	Handoff to 2026-2027 PTO Board		
June 5	8th Grade Final Walk Treats		Sponsored by PTO

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