



SENIOR PARENTS' MEETING 2018:

Graduation:

- 28 credits required
- All students participate in Baccalaureate
- Students may participate in the commencement ceremony so long as they are not failing more than 1 full credit.
- Friday, May 17th at Bellarmine University

Senior Gear:

Senior Gear orders will be taken starting around the first week or so in September. You will be able to complete an order form on the Holy Cross website. The order form should be available for about 3 weeks. We will send out an e-mail to senior parents and announce to the students when the order form goes live. The deadline will be given at that time. We hope to be able to put a picture on the order form of what the design will look like. Items offered will include a short sleeve and long sleeve t-shirt, hoodie, sweat pants, and senior ¼ zip sweatshirt. The ¼ zip sweatshirt can be worn any day in place of the regular school sweatshirt or sweater. Students must wear their uniform shirt under these sweatshirts. The t-shirts and hoodie can be worn instead of the regular uniform shirts on Mondays. Senior gear is not mandatory. No one is required to purchase any of the items.

Junior/Senior Prom:

Date: March 23, 2019

Where: The Gramercy

Address: 620 South Third Street #200

Louisville, KY 40202

The cost of the prom is not yet determined but should be around the same as last year. The tickets for last year's prom were \$50 per person and this did include dinner. The price could vary a little in either direction depending on the number of students who attend and the food cost. As soon as the price is set, students and parents will be notified. We will begin collecting this money around the first of February and it will need to be paid in full about a month in advance, which will be around the third week in February. You will be notified of exact dates as they are set.

Senior Lock-In:

The senior lock-in is scheduled for May 1, 2019. This event take place from 11 pm until 5 am. The last several years it has been at Altitude Trampoline Park and I anticipate it being held there again. The cost is usually around \$25 to \$30 per student and this is collected a couple of weeks before the event. More info will follow as it is scheduled. Any student who attends the lock-in on Wednesday May 1 is excused from school on Thursday May 2.

Senior Yearbook Ads:

Senior yearbook ads will again be available. These are ads at the back of the yearbook that celebrate senior accomplishments. They are traditionally available in varying sizes, ranging from 1/8 of a page to a full page. The cost for the ad depends on the size of the page and the page size determines the number of pictures that can used. Information on these ads and the deadline for their submission will be sent to you when the prices are determined. We just wanted to let you know in advance in case this is something you might be interested in doing for your senior.

Senior Retreat Information:

- The purpose of all our retreats is to provide our students an opportunity to come to know God, themselves and others in a new or deeper way. The length of senior retreat really facilitates this.
- Senior retreat is usually one of the high lights of their senior year. The seniors received an application at Orientation on August 10. These are due back no later than September 28th. Because of accommodations and meals, there is a cost. If there is a concern with the cost, please see me. The dates of the retreat are January 8th through the 11th 2019. Students cannot leave Flaget during the retreat. Coaches are aware of this. Please do not schedule any appointments during this time.
- We ask that students be dropped off at Flaget Center between 5:45 and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and it will conclude around 7:00 p.m. on Friday. No cars can be left at Flaget.
- You will receive a very detailed letter from me (Sr. Maryann) in early November with ways you can be involved. I do ask that you don't discuss this with students as many items are a surprise for them and it means more if kept a surprise. **I do ask that you please try to keep the deadlines asked. There is a lot of work involved and with the holidays, time will be limited.**
- I will also have a meeting with them close to the retreat about what to bring etc. It will have an emergency phone number in case you need this. This will also contain a form to be signed and returned.
- **I do ask for your help – one of the purposes of the retreat is to give them time together and with God. Please keep their cell phones and other devices at home. I know this may not make you popular (I will absorb the blame), but they could**

spend time texting friends not on the retreat etc. This takes away from everyone on the retreat. They really will survive.

- If you have concerns or questions – the fastest way to get an answer is my email – mtarquino@holycrosshs.com or to call the school and they will get me the message.

College Information:

Application Process

1. Students are strongly encouraged to apply to as many schools as they would like, and to take advantage of early applications and applications in which application fees can be waived.
2. Individuals can only report the scholarship money they receive/offered from schools if they apply and are accepted by those schools.
3. The application process can be tricky. Students will often have to report their GPA and class rank. Mr. Hammerstrom can give this information upon request. Mr. Hammerstrom will also walk students through application process at a later meeting.
4. Students may list Mr. Hammerstrom as their counselor. This will send an email to Mr. Hammerstrom so that I can submit a transcript. Then the application process can be completed.
5. Early application date is generally December 1, depending on the school.
6. Other application date is generally February 1, depending on the school.
7. Early applicants are placed first in priority with financial aid.
8. We ask that students share their acceptance letters with us here at school. Mr. Hammerstrom will keep electronic copies and physical copies as a part of the student’s profile.

FAFSA

1. Student Financial Aid Process
2. We will have an information session here at Holy Cross September 27, 2018.
3. Deadlines – Kentucky is a fund dependent state, funds are on a first come first served basis. You will need tax documents from 2017.

ACT

2018 Test Dates	September 8	October 27	December 8
Registration Deadline	August 10	September 28	November 2
**LATE Registration Deadline (extra fee)	August 26	October 14	November 19

1. Suggest that Seniors take the ACT before the end of 2018. This will allow them to place their score with their application for the February deadline.
2. ACT Test fee = \$50.50
3. There are ACT fee waivers that can be obtained upon request.
4. ACT Academy has free online ACT Test prep.

