



Holy Cross Academy PTO Newsletter



Good afternoon, HCA Families and Staff!

It is hard to believe that it is the last week of school for 2024! This first half of the school year has flown by! As we approach Christmas and the New Year we want to thank everyone for their continued support. We are going to be starting 2025 off strong with Catholic Schools Week in January and some fun activities to celebrate our amazing students!

We are excited to kick off the Christmas break with our annual Christmas Concert under the leadership of Mrs. Ramos-Burgos on December 20th! Mark your calendars now and get ready to be dazzled by the incredible talent of our students. **The concert will conclude with an early dismissal at 12:30 PM to begin Christmas break.**

Please do not forget that the Open Parent PTO Meeting is this Friday, December 20th. We will also have a Zoom link for any parents that are unable to attend. Please see the below attached flyer for information about the meeting and for the zoom link.

We also have a few more days till the meeting so please fill out the feedback survey if you are able. We are trying to get everyone's opinion!!

Please check out our Facebook page, which is just for the [Holy](#)

Cross Academy PTO. Be sure to like it and follow us for details about events throughout the year!

Check us out [here!](#)

Please remember if you have any questions, feedback, ideas you can email the HCA PTO at hcapto@holycrossweb.com

Upcoming Volunteer Events:

Holy Cross Academy and the PTO are always on the lookout for volunteers.

Did you miss our sign up sheets at back to school events? You can still sign up here: [HCA Volunteer Sign Up Sheet](#)

If you are unfamiliar with HCA's family volunteer program, you can view the program information or print out your volunteer record form here.

Background compliance is required for adult volunteers. Please contact Mrs. James (djames@holycrossweb.com) if you need clarification on your status.

PTO EVENT Volunteers Needed:

School Volunteers:

Did you miss our sign-up sheets at back-to-school events? Don't worry, we've got you. You can still sign up here: [HCA Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet](#)

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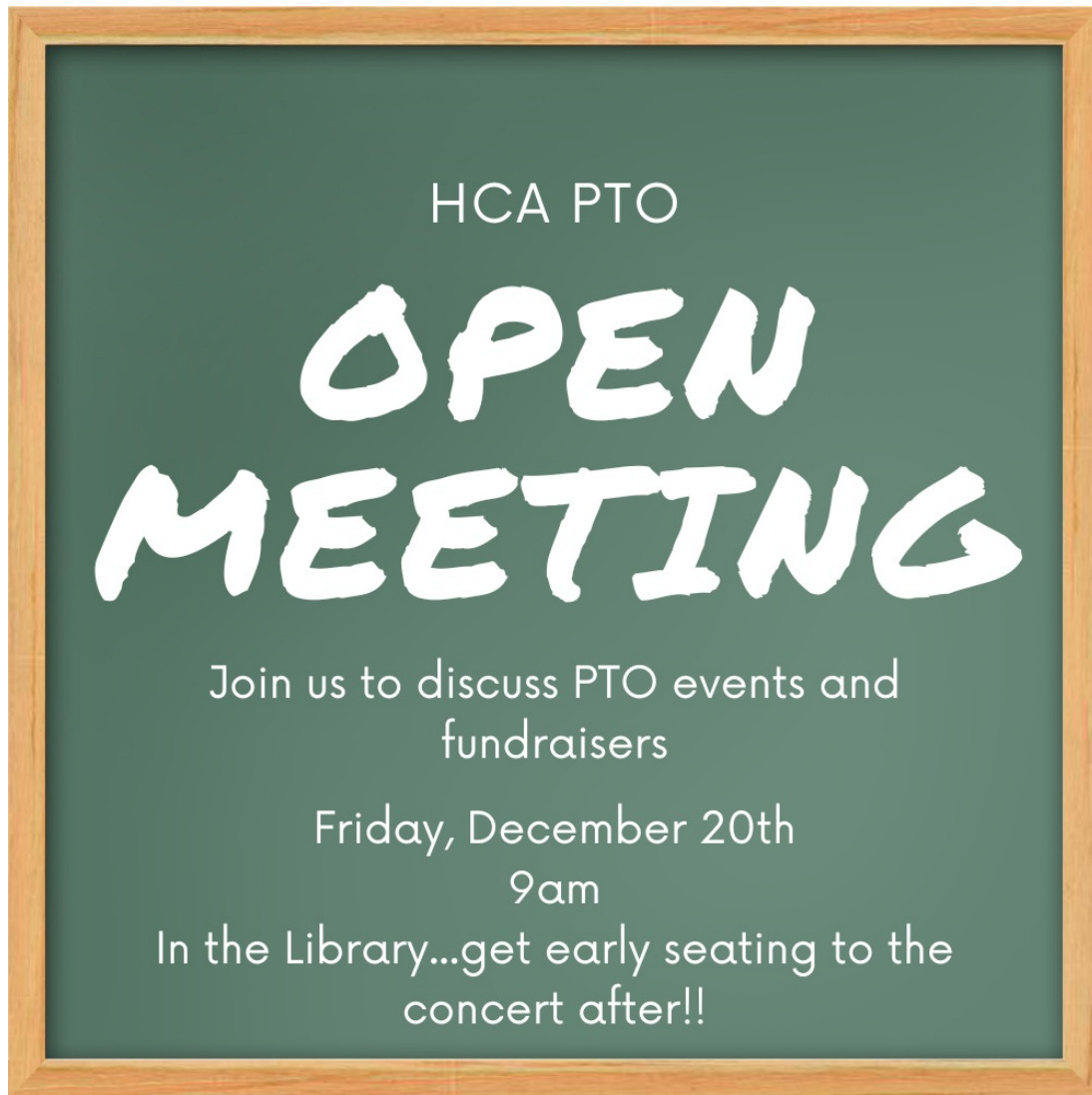
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Parent Survey

Thank you to those who have taken the time to fill out the survey. We would love for more parents to fill it out if possible. Don't worry it is completely anonymous!!

We appreciate any and all feedback that our HCA community has to give! Also, we apologize for anyone who was trying to fill out the survey last week but were unable to thanks to survey issues. We had an awesome Dad fix it for us so here is the new link!!

December Events



Meeting Zoom Link

We hope to see you either in person or via Zoom for the meeting. Here is the Zoom information.

Topic: 2024-2025 HCA PTO: General Board December Meeting

Time: Dec 20, 2024 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86721644459?
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Upcoming 2025 Events



Fundraisers



Greeting Card Fundraiser

**COMING
SOON**

January 2025

Family Corner

If you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out to the PTO or to the Hospitality committee!

Used Uniform Corner

Used Uniform Turn-in

- Turn in your used uniforms for credit to apply to your next sale purchase. The uniforms should be in good shape with no holes, tears, significant stains, etc. Uniform pieces are assessed for quality prior to credit being given.
- Turn-in items can be dropped off in turn in the bin in the lobby at your convenience, but you must have a form with your name on it with items to receive credit (forms available with the bin)
- Turn-in will also be accepted for credit during the uniform sale.
- Any questions on your current family credit amount, please email: hcauniforms@holycrossweb.com
- White Polo shirts are only being taken as donations. They are available free of charge to those who still would like them. No turn-in credit will be given for the white polos.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Uniform Closet

- Parent Volunteers are needed for sales and to assist with inventory organization.
 - Please email hcauniforms@holycrossweb.com if you are currently volunteering, have previously volunteered, or are interested in volunteering so that we can increase our efficiency and volunteer organization.
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Year Round Fundraising Opportunities

BoxTops for Education

\$199 have been earned this year! Check out the app for December offers to earn even more points!

Download the app to your phone and select Holy Cross Academy as your school! Once you have done that, remember to scan your receipt after shopping, and the app will let you know if you purchased a qualifying product.

Don't forget you can link your Walmart account to the BoxTops App!!

We've got Scrip Gift Cards for That

Do you buy groceries at Giant, Publix, Target, Walmart or Weis? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Buy breakfast or Lunch at Chipotle, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Burger King, Hardee's, Sonic, or Panera Breads? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Enjoy fine dining at Red Lobster, Outback, Bravos, Bonefish, Carrabba's, Bob Evans, or Cracker Barrel. We have Scrip Gift Cards for that.

Need a cup of Starbucks coffee? We have a Scrip Gift card for that also! Stop by the Scrip Gift Card table after mass and purchase gift cards or to review the list of all the Scrip Gift Cards that are available. Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Scrip Coordinator at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase or with any questions. Thanks for using script gift cards and supporting HCA!

To set up your account:

1. Go to <https://www.raiseright.com>
 2. Use the following code to set up your account: 9C2L6783188L2 (Saint Mary's in Fredericksburg, VA) Funds go to HCA!
 3. Order gift cards for your favorite brands or to use for your budgeted everyday purchases, such as grocery shopping, eating out and the occasional gift buying. Delivery to HCA is free!
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Important Information

Family Service Program

To log your hours, be sure to "Make a Copy" of the [Family Service Hours Tracking Form](#) and fill it out. Once it is completed, you may send it to Mrs. Burke. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities coming up this year but don't wait until the last minute.

Required for Adult Volunteers

Adults must have completed their Background Compliance to volunteer at Holy Cross Academy. In order to be compliant, you must complete the Background Check Application and attend an in-person VIRTUS training session. Click below to complete the application. Once you have completed the application the Diocese will send you a link to sign up for a VIRTUS session. If you believe that you attended the VIRTUS session in the past you still need to complete the Background Check.

- [Background Check Application](#)

HCA Calendar

December

20 **PARENT PTO MEETING 9:00 a.m.**

Christmas Concert at 10:00 a.m.

Early Dismissal 12:30pm- PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT TIME

23- Jan 5th Christmas Break

January

6 School Resumes

8 School Mass 8:15am

10 Rosary 11am

EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30am

15 School Mass 8:15am

17 Rosary 2:40pm

20 NO SCHOOL- MLK JR DAY

22 School Mass 8:15am

24 Rosary 2:40pm

25 & 26 HCA Students to Speak after St Mary's Masses

26 HCA Open Houses 1:00pm to 3:00pm

29 School Mass 8:15am

31 Faculty vs 8th Grade Basketball Game 10:15am

EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30am





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