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I can do everything through him, who give me strength.
Philippians 4:13



Going From Good To Great!

Tiger Times Community Newsletter

Spring is here! And finally after a long wait, so is Easter!

Each year as we contemplate the end of winter and the start of spring our thoughts turn to the growth our students have had over the year. June is not far off and before we know it homework and assignments will be replaced with vacations and jobs. Of course the hardest part of the journey is the final phase. I once heard a pilot say there were only two parts of his job that were critical, take off and landing. We are getting ready to land for the year and I ask each of you to do what you can to encourage the students to work to their potential so as to finish strong and land safely.

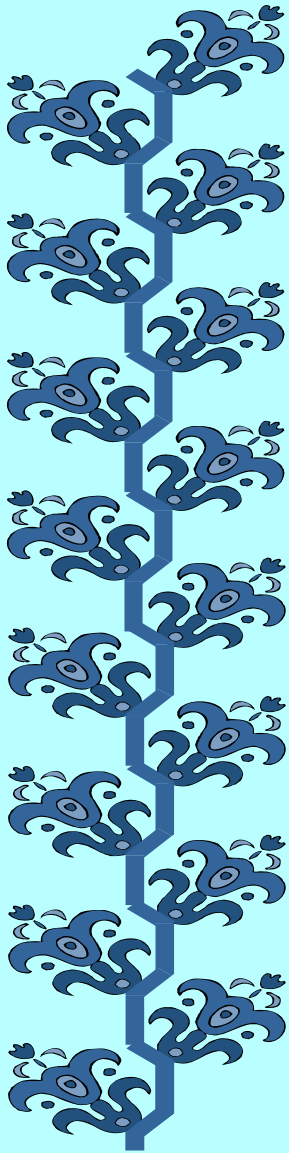


We are also heading into prom. While we all want the young people to have a great time, we are mindful of the dangers present and ask that all of us encourage the attendees to refrain from those activities which have unhappy consequences.

Finally, as we celebrate Easter, let us thank the good Lord for his blessings on us. For family and friends for Holy Family and the ability to learn, for our faith in Christ Jesus, for His church on earth and for the most sublime of His blessings, our salvation.

God Bless You!
Tim Gallic
Principal

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Happy Easter!

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~ IMPORTANT DATES ~April and May

April 2, 2011.....	Tiger Tornado Track Meet	
April 5, 2011.....	French Mass	7:20 a.m.
April 6, 2011.....	Lenten Prayer Service	9:25 a.m.
April 7-8,2011.....	Latin Convention	
April 8, 2011.....	SAT Reg. Deadline	
April 9, 2011.....	Prom/After Prom	
April 9, 2011.....	ACT Test Date	
April 11, 2011.....	NHS Induction	6:30p.m.
April 13, 2011.....	Ring Blessing Liturgy	10:15 a.m.
April 13-16, 2011.....	Spring Musical	7:00 p.m.
April 20, 2011.....	Lenten Prayer Service	9:25 a.m.
April 21, 2011.....	Holy Thursday	Noon Dismissal
April 22, 2011.....	Good Friday	No School
April 24, 2011.....	Easter Sunday	
April 25, 2011.....	Easter Monday	No School
April 28, 2011.....	Awards Assembly	10:00 a.m.
April 29, 2011.....	May Crowning/Color Day	All Day
April 30, 2011.....	Tiger Gala– Omni Interlocken	5:00 p.m.
May 2, 2011.....	AP ChemistryExam	8:00 a.m.
May 4, 2011.....	AP Calculus Exam	8:00 a.m.
May 4, 2011.....	POPS Concert	7:00 p.m.
May 5, 2011	9th Grade Mass	2:20 p.m.
May 5, 2011.....	AP Literature Exam	8:00 a.m.
May 6, 2011.....	AP US History and Euro Exams	8:00 a.m./ 12:00n
May 6, 2011.....	SAT/ACT Registration Deadlines	
May 7, 2011.....	SAT Test Date	
May 9, 2011.....	AP Bio Exam	8:00 a.m.
May 10-13, 2011.....	Senior Exams	
May 10, 2011.....	AP Government Exam	8:00 a.m.
May 11, 2011.....	AP LanguageExam	8:00 a.m.
May 16, 2011.....	Senior Banquet	
May 17, 2011.....	Baccalaureate Mass	7:00 p.m.
May 18, 2011.....	Graduation	10:00a.m./No Classes
May 30, 2011.....	Memorial Day	No School
May 31-June 2, 2011.....	Semester 2 Final Exams	
June 2, 2011.....	Last Day of School	Noon Dismissal

Talented Tigers

Congratulations to Phillip Diestel who was granted the Hansen Award by the Boy Scouts of America. Phillip also earned his Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 69 in February 2011. It been 12 years of persistence and hard work that he was granted these honors!

Volume XIV:2 (Winter 2011) issue of *The CoJCL Torch* recognized four winners from Holy Family of an art and poetry contest held in January by the Colorado Junior Classical League. Clare Munger, a senior and Latin IV student at Holy Family, won first place in the poetry contest; and sophomore Ryanne Hill, a Latin 2 student at Holy Family won 3rd place. In the art contest Holy Family also had two winners—Sean Ankarlo, 2nd place; and Tommy Spitzer, Honorable mention. Both Sean and Tom are sophomores in Latin 2. The four winning entries are displayed in the hall upstairs near the library. Congratulations, Tigers!

Nick Eden (HF Alumni Class of 2010) will be bowling in the 2011 Intercollegiate Singles Championships for Sectionals on March 11 in Euless, Texas. Live streaming of the event can be seen on <http://www.facebook.com/1/2bb714OLjJ4wKQ8JbUiIge345XA/bowl.com>

Regis University offers a full-tuition scholarship to the top performer on their math, chemistry, and physics exams. This year, two of the three were won by HF seniors!

Please congratulate Dana Sanelli who won the full-tuition Chemistry Scholarship and Marcia Jolly who won the full-tuition Math Scholarship!

Congratulations to Holy Family's 2011 Salutatorian, Sarah Talamantes and Valedictorian, Jessen Baker! Both girls have worked hard over the past four years to earn these prestigious positions. They both attribute their strong work ethics to their parents.

~ Important Announcements ~

NHS Induction

The National Honor Society will induct new members on **Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:30pm** in the school commons. If you have questions please contact Peggy Greaney at peggy.greaney@holyfamilyhs.com.

Calendar Reminder

There will be no school on Friday, April 22nd and Monday, April 25th in celebration of the Easter Holiday. Thursday, April 21st is a half day with dismissal at 12:00n.

Annual Awards Assembly

The 2010-2011 Annual Awards Assembly will be held on **Thursday, April 28, 2011** at 10:00am in the school gym. Students will be recognized for their accomplishments throughout the school year. All are welcome to attend!

Reading List for Summer and 2011 School Year

You can now access the Summer Reading list and required reading for the 2011 school year by clicking on the following link:

http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/SummerReading_2011.pdf

Yearbook Sales

Attention all parents!
Last chance!!! We are re-opening yearbook sales online for one last chance to purchase

Lenten Talks Schedule

Join us as we spend each week examining a saint's life, finding out where they struggled, how they succeeded and what real world lessons we can draw from them.

April 5	St. Gianna Molla	Miss Brittany Lane
April 12	St. Therese's Parents	Miss Suzie Powers
April 19	St. Benedict	Mr. Dave Good

We will be meeting in the library from 7 p.m. until 8p.m. Following the talk there will be time for discussion. I hope you can make it and please spread the word!

All are welcome, student and parent alike!

The audio recordings from last year are still available on the homepage of the school website at www.holyfamilyhs.com.

TENTATIVE 2011-2012 Academic Calendar

A TENTATIVE copy of the 2011-2012 academic calendar can be found by clicking on the following link :

http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/AcademicCalendar2011_12-TENTATIVE.pdf

Or by visiting the NEWS page on the website.

Keep in mind this calendar is subject to change until the official calendar is mailed home to parents in July.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL
TAKE ANOTHER LOOK



~ Semester 2 Exam Schedules ~

Exams – Seniors Only:

May 10	Block 7 Exam Block 8 Exam
May 11	Block 3 Exam Block 4 Exam
May 12	Block 5 Exam Block 6 Exam
May 13	Block 1 Exam Block 2 Exam

Exams *Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors*

May 31		
8:00		First Bell
8:05		Prayer and Announcements
8:10 – 9:25		Block 2 Exam
9:35 – 10:50		Block 4 Exam
11:00 – 12:15		Block 1 Exam
June 1		
8:00		First Bell
8:05		Prayer and Announcements
8:10 – 9:25		Block 7 Exam
9:35 – 10:50		Block 5 Exam
11:00 – 12:15		Block 8 Exam
June 2		
8:00		First Bell
8:05		Prayer and Announcements
8:10 – 9:25		Block 3 Exam
9:35 – 10:50		Block 6 Exam

Exam Directives

1. Students are to be in dress code for exams.
2. All exams are administered for 75 minutes in the regular classroom according to the schedule above.
3. Students are to remain in the exam room for the entire 75 minutes. Bring a book to read in case you finish early.
4. Please do not go to lockers or be in the hall during any exam.
5. You only have to come to school for your scheduled exam. If you don't have an exam you may leave. Good Luck!

~Prom –April 9, 2011~



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March 11, 2010

Dear Juniors, Seniors and Parents:

This special letter is for your information concerning two junior-senior social events which are planned for Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10, 2011. These events are Prom, which is sponsored by the junior class, and the After Prom Party which is sponsored by the Holy Family Tiger Parents' Club. Both events are meant to provide safe, fun and memorable year-end experiences for junior and senior students.

The following information, directives, and regulations about each event are important for parents, juniors and seniors to know and to follow:

HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Date & Time: Saturday, April 9, 2011, 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. Students should arrive no later than 10:00 pm.

The Gate House at Lionsgate
1055 South 112th Street (Hwy 287)
Lafayette, CO 80026
Phone: 303-665-6525

Theme: A Night at the Oscars

Tickets: \$35.00 per person. Purchase tickets at the school, in advance. **Tickets cannot be purchased at the door on Prom night.** The final day to purchase a prom ticket is Friday, March 28, 2011 at 3:30 pm. Tickets will be sold Monday, March 14th – Friday, March 28th after school in the student store.

Expectations: Holy Family High School junior and senior students and their dates may attend Prom. The Prom is a formal affair. Students and their prom guests are expected to be dressed appropriately. Young men should be in suits or tuxedos. Dresses should not expose any cleavage or midriff, and should not be backless. Dresses should be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee in order to be considered an appropriate length. **School personnel always reserves the right to refuse admittance to prom attendees whose dress is outside the expectations of modesty and good taste for a member (or guest) of a Catholic School community.** If you have any questions about the dress requirements you should contact the school before Prom.

~After Prom—April 9-10, 2011~

AFTER PROM PARTY

- Date & Time: April 9-10, 2011– 12:00am-3:30am.
All students must arrive at the party by 12:30am.
Students may not leave the After Prom early.
- Place: Paul Derda Recreation Center- 13201 Lowell Blvd., Broomfield
(A changing room will be available for changing clothes)
- Activities: Casino Games, Athletic Contests, Swimming, Music, Arcade Games,
Free Food, drink, prizes and much more- and lots of fun!!
- Who Can Attend?: Holy Family juniors and seniors and their prom dates as
well as any other Holy Family junior or senior. Holy Family faculty
who are helping with and/or chaperoning the After Prom Party.
Students must arrive by 12:30 a.m. and stay until 3:30 a.m.
- Contract: ALL attending students MUST return this After Prom Contract with a
parent’s signature to the school office in order to attend the After Prom
Party. If a student is bringing a non-Holy Family guest to After-Prom
the enclosed Guest Contract must also be signed and returned. Both
forms must be returned by April 6, 2011 to the school office.
- Dress: Casual; yet, appropriate.

Both of these events are considered to be school functions; therefore, all "norms of conduct" as described in the Community Handbook, Tiger Tips, and the consequences for not meeting these norms will be enforced. Members of the Broomfield Police Department will be on hand.

My son/daughter will attend the After Prom party and will stay until 3:30am. I understand that Holy Family High School is not responsible for my student or their whereabouts after they leave the After Prom Party.

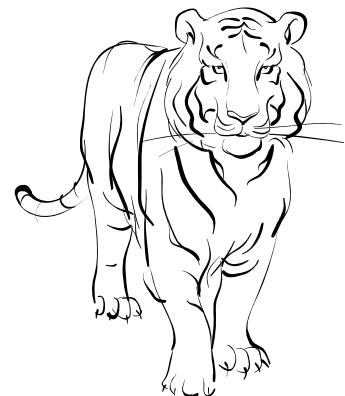
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE STUDENT NAME- please print DATE

Thank you in advance for supporting and cooperating with the directives in this letter.

Sincerely,



Tim Gallic
Principal



~Prom and After Prom~



HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL

PROM DANCE/AFTER PROM PARTY
GUEST APPLICATION

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PROM:

In order to ensure the safety and security of all Holy Family High School students and guests at the Spring 2011 Prom dance and After Prom Party, it is necessary for the following information to be registered with Holy Family High School prior to the dance date. Please understand that all of Holy Family High School's policies apply.

If you are attending the Holy Family High School Prom Dance and After Prom party and are bringing a guest that does not attend Holy Family High School, please complete and return this application form to the Dean of Students by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. All visitors must attend the Prom Dance and After Prom Party with a registered Holy Family High School student, must be in at least ninth grade, and must have a valid Photo Identification card to enter the dance. The Dance begins at 8:00 and ends at 12:00 am. All Prom attendees must arrive no later than 10:00 pm and remain in attendance until 12:00 am.

GUEST'S INFORMATION:

(for guests from other schools)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

The above is in good disciplinary standing at _____
Current school of enrollment or place of employment

(Guest's School Administrator)

(Administrator Phone Number)

Holy Family Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____
Please print first and last name

AFTER PROM PARTY:

(for both the HF student and a guest from another school)

_____ My guest and I will also be attending the After Prom Party.

As a visitor at Holy Family High School's after prom party I have read and understand the time requirements of the event. I must arrive before 12:30 am and remain in attendance until 3:30 am. I understand that the Broomfield Police will be on site to help ensure my safety.

My guest, my guest's parents, my parents and I understand the Prom Dance and the After Prom Party are school-sponsored functions and any violations of Holy Family High School's Tiger Tips will result in disciplinary action and/or police intervention. Also we understand all students and guests must remain at the activities and may not have in and out privileges. In the event your student does not arrive at the After Prom party a parent/guardian will be contacted. Please provide an emergency phone number.

HFHS Student Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Guest Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Holy Family Student's Signature

Guest's Signature

Holy Family Parent's Signature

Guest Parent/Guardian Signature

~ From the Library ~

HFHS Newsletter April 2011

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

End of Year Buyback for 2010-11 Textbooks

The scheduled dates for the buyback of textbooks by myschoolbookstore.com are:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| May 17: Senior Buyback | 8-10:45 |
| (before graduation practice) | |
| June 3: All students | 8-12:00 |

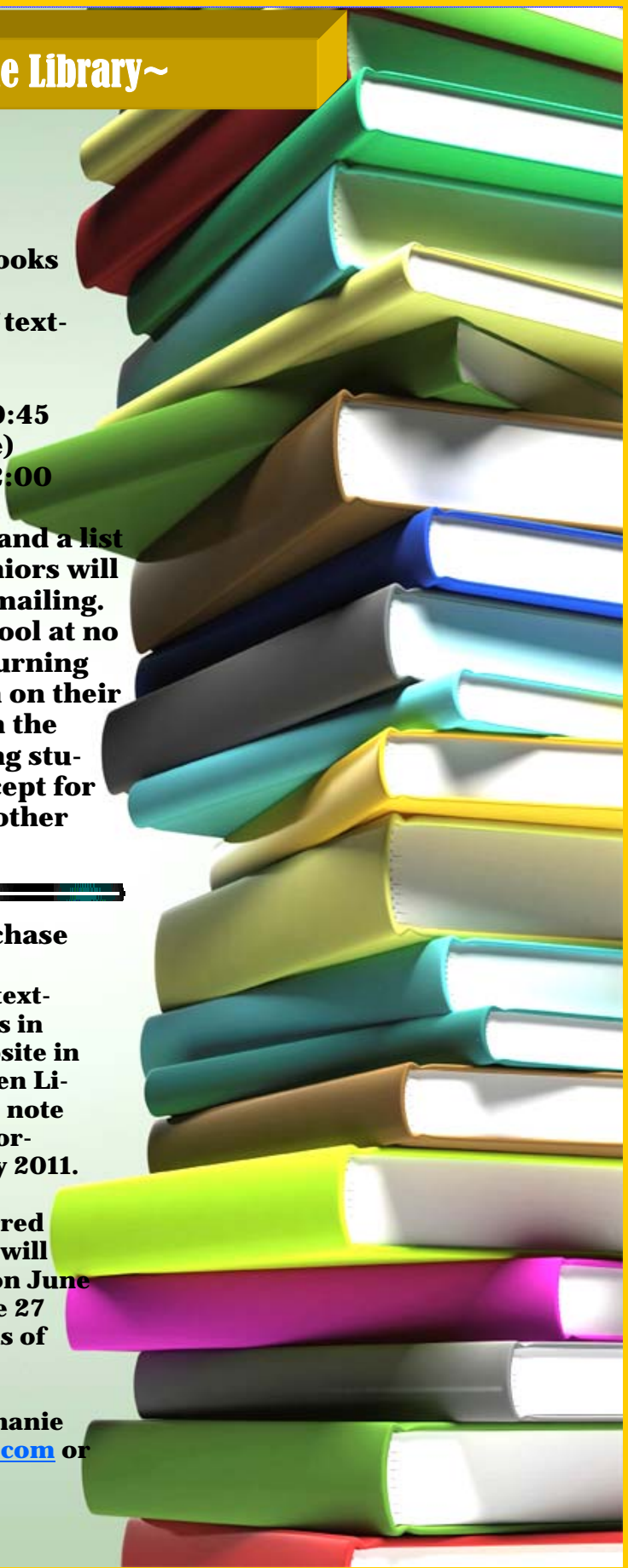
Parents will be mailed a buyback form and a list of books being bought back in May. Seniors will receive the list in the late April Senior mailing. The books will be shipped from the school at no cost to parents. Credit will be given returning students from myschoolbookstore.com on their 2011-12 order. A check will be mailed in the summer to graduates and non-returning students. Myschoolbookstore.com will accept for buyback needed texts purchased from other sources.

Information for 2011-12 Textbook Purchase

In response to parent requests, the list of textbooks and their ISBNs to be used in classes in 2011-2012 will be posted on the HFHS website in late April 2011. Click on the Academics, then Library, and choose 2011-12 Booklist. Please note that every care will be taken to list items correctly. A finalized list will be posted in May 2011.

Myschoolbookstore.com will be the preferred vendor for HFHS for 2011-12. The website will open and begin taking orders for 2011-12 on June 27. They will offer free handling from June 27 through July 5. Both new and several levels of used books will be available on their site.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Brown at stephanie.brown@holyfamilyhs.com or at 303-410-1411 ext 1219.



~ From the Library cont. ~

SUMMER READING (and MORE): HFHS BOOKFAIR 2011

From May 2-7, 2011, HFHS will sponsor a Summer Reading Bookfair at the Westminster Barnes & Noble (93rd and Sheridan). On Monday, May 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. students and faculty will be on hand to provide booklists and direct you to the special display of HFHS Summer Reading. This year the list and display include not only summer reading but all books requested by teachers for additional reading throughout the 2011-12 school year. The book list is available on the Holy Family website on the front page. Many of these selections are also available in electronic form, for an e-reader such as NOOK or Kindle.

Our all-school summer reading book is *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. All community members should read this exciting adventure before the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

You may purchase books with one of the vouchers attached, or pick up vouchers at the HFHS Front Desk. Just mention Holy Family at the checkout counter, present the voucher, and Barnes & Noble will make a contribution to the school. The vouchers are valid through from May 2nd through Saturday, May 7, 2011 and are good for all books purchased during the book fair.

You have additional opportunities to purchase books this year:

1. If you cannot make it to the store, you may purchase books with the voucher at another Barnes & Noble store OR online at www.barnesandnoble.com during this week and still give credit to HFHS. Enter Holy Family's code 10454221 in the promotion code box at the online checkout.
2. Barnes & Noble once again will be coming to the school at lunch time with a selection of books and NOOKS for sale on Thursday May 6 and Friday May 7, 2011.

The Bookfair is an excellent and effective way to help the school. With the proceeds from the 2010 Bookfair, we were able to purchase five (5) additional nooks for library and classroom use.

If you have any questions regarding the Reading List for Summer and School Year 2011-12 or the Bookfair, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Brown at stephanie.brown@holyfamilyhs.com or (303)-410-1411, ext. 1219.



**SAVE
THE DATE**

HOLY FAMILY HS

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

**May 2 – 7, 2011
Barnes & Noble
93rd and Sheridan
Westminster**

**Opening Event: May 2, 2011
4:00 – 7:00 pm**

Find your summer reading selections!

Meet Faculty and Students who will be there to help you.

**Barnes & Noble
BOOKFAIR**
Supporting

HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL

**May 2 – 7, 2011
Opening Event: May 2, 2011
4:00-7:00 pm**

Barnes & Noble

93rd and Sheridan, Westminster

**Please present this voucher prior
to making your purchase.
A percentage of the net sale will
be donated to your school/organization.***

HFHS Code: 10454221

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, text books and magazine subscriptions are not included in bookfair totals. Our discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.



~Tiger Gala News~



The countdown is on.....25 days to our 20th Annual Tiger Gala!!! Reservations are coming in daily, decorations are being finalized, Show Choir is practicing Blues Brothers songs, the War Room is filling with auction items, raffle tickets are selling, the gift gathering parties have come and gone and the student marketing campaign is complete. After months of planning, the event is almost here. It promises to be a fun-filled night of reconnecting and socializing as we join forces to raise \$150,000+ to meet the needs of all Holy Family High School students. Below is a list of important facts as the event draws near:

- If you haven't reserved your tickets, click <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=c7b7a1> to secure your spot today. Ticket prices are \$90/person **or** organize your table of 10 for \$800. (Since the Show Choir will be "**our stars**" during the event, this is a great opportunity to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors.) Please indicate on your reservation if you prefer the vegetarian option. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis with all paid reservations. Please know that every effort will be made to honor seating requests. If no preference is specified, guests will be seated according to grade, sport or other HF affiliations.
- If you haven't purchased raffle tickets—or would like to increase your odds of winning Tuition for 2011-12 school year **or** \$1,000, contact Patty Gabriel. The program for the evening will culminate with the tuition raffle drawing. Tickets are \$25 each and only 1,000 tickets will be sold (need not be present to win). Patty and her team will be selling tickets in the car-pool line after school during April.
- The Omni hotel will be offering a special \$99 room rate the night of the event, along with free valet parking. Go to <http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/gala/index.html> and click on the Omni Hotel to make your reservations.
- Complimentary Blue Moon Beer, Barefoot Wine and special Blue Brothers Martinis will be available throughout the night.
- Gala Programs will be delivered to all reserved gala-goers on April 27th or 28th.

The Gala Team is working hard to make this year's event the best ever. Volunteers are needed up to, during and after the event. If you have not committed to a team and would like to help with program distribution, transportation of auction items to hotel, set up, check-in or check-out, contact Anna Lucero at 303.718.9477 or austys@comcast.net to sign up.

It's almost time to put on your party clothes and strap on your dancing shoes! We are looking forward to a great event and hope to see you there!!

~ Tiger Gala News cont.~

Honor someone special in the Tiger Gala Program!

You can honor your student, favorite faculty member, winning team, or family accomplishments in the Tiger Gala Program. Purchase a business card size ad in the program and offer congratulations, way to go, or thanks for the memories for only \$100.00!! Contact Patty Gabriel or Marianne Alonzi in the Department of Development if you would like more information.

Examples of business cards:



Gala Gift Gathering Party Recap



Jim and Denise O'Connor



Steve and Lucille Cannella



Pam Ariniello and Martin Barrett



Susan Kingsley and Co-Hosts

Kingsley Party Celebrates Girls 4th State Championship

Special thanks to Annagiulia DeWitt for leading the Gift Gathering Party Team to success once again this year! Annagiulia lined up parties and themes at the homes of Jim & Denise O'Connor/Outdoor Garden Party; Steve & Lucille Cannella/Mancave Party; Tom & Pam Ariniello/Anything Goes; and Chris & Susan Kinglsey/All Things Wine. For the complete recap of each party go to <http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/gala/index.html>

Thank you to all of our hosts and to all the families that attended the parties. The food was fabulous, parties were fun, and the partygoers were very generous and came out in full support of the themes and gift items. Attendees included future HF parents, current HF parents, staff, families and even some alumni parents! Some of the exciting items from the parties will be featured in the Live Auction, including "The Mancave", The Wine Connoisseur Package, EReaders, garden treasures, etc. For a sneak peek of donated items go to <http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/gala/GalaDonations2011.pdf> and/or watch for your gala program that will be delivered the week of April 25th.

2011 Gala Sponsors



We are grateful to our Elite List of 2011 Gala Sponsors to date:

Gold Circle

Dan & Helen Ankarlo, KM Construction Services, Pentras/Ariniello,
Thomas Melcher, DDS, MS, PC

Purple Sponsors

Ave Maria Mutual Funds, Broomfield Dental Care, PC,
Middlemist, Crouch & Co., Personal Benefit Services Wealth Management

Stripes Sponsors

Larcada Agency/Allstate Insurance, Mile High Otolaryngology, Regis Uni-
versity,

SJ Ward Landscapes, United Power, Walmart, Wells Fargo

Cub Sponsors

Bellco Credit Union, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Rick & Judy Roth

Remember to support those who support us!!

*(Exciting sponsorship packages are still available. Contact Marianne
Alonzi)*

~Development Department News cont.~

Upcoming Events

THE 4TH ANNUAL ITALIANS OF AMERICA

Red Lion Swap Meet - May 21, 2011

Car/Truck/MC/Anything

WHERE: 5195 WEST 144TH AVE (HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL 7 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Sellers space \$20.00-Sell anything and everything including garage sale items
Licensed Vendor Space - \$40.00

Pancake Breakfast - 8 AM to 10 AM and Lunch - 11 AM to 2 PM

For more Swap Meet information please contact
Sam Roskopf 720-290-2730 or sam.roskopf@holyfamilyhs.com
or Tony Frazzini 303-907-1745 or dagobiker@yahoo.com

New this year: Bocce Tournament -\$25.00 per person
hosted by Holy Family High School and Alumni Association
contact Patty Gabriel patty.gabriel@holyfamilyhs.com
or Marianne Alonzi marianne.alonzi@holyfamilyhs.com

Free Car show Hosted by the
"GOODFELLAS" NORTH DENVER CAR CLUB



CAR SHOW INFORMATION CONTACT
RALPH 303-907-8362
Sponsored by



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2011**

**22ND ANNUAL TIGER GOLF CLASSIC- THE SISTER ALINE
DALTON MEMORIAL EVENT**



This year's tournament will be dedicated to the memory of Sister Aline Dalton, founder of the Tiger Golf Classic and Alumni Scholarship, who passed away in January, 2011. A great day is planned to celebrate her life and legacy at Holy Family High School.

We are looking for sponsors for this event! Click on the following link for information regarding sponsorships and donations.

http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/HolyFamilyGolfSponsorDonor_2011.pdf

Get your registrations in early! Click here for a registration form:

http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/GolfRegistration_2011.pdf



Holy Family High School

College Counselor

April 2011

by Mr. William P. Wilson

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*Catholic College Fair (30+ Catholic colleges)
Wednesday, April 27, 6-7:45pm @ Holy Family HS*

**Senator Udall's United States Service Academies Information Day
Saturday, April 16, 1pm-4pm @ Lotus School for Excellence (Aurora)**

*Denver Spring College Fair (over 200 colleges)
Sunday, May 1, 1-4pm @ Lakewood HS*

Seniors

Seniors should receive all the information which they need to make their college decisions by mid-April. If you have not received an expected admission notice or financial aid offer by April 7th, call the college.

Once you receive information from all of the colleges where you have applied, review and compare all information carefully. Call the college, or me, for any clarifications.

The final decision about which college to attend is often made with considerable attention given to the bottom line cost. Financial aid awards typically include a total cost figure, the amount expected from the family, and the amount of the award. Understand that the total cost is an estimate which includes tuition, room & board, books, and personal expenses including transportation costs. The family contribution is calculated from the FAFSA together with any requested supplemental information. If there is need shown, the financial aid package will probably include a combination of scholarship, need-based grant, loan, and work study. Obviously, the free money (grants and scholarships) is best, but most colleges will first make use of the federal work-study program and subsidized loans. These "self-help" programs force a degree of responsibility on the students

to help pay for their education. It is expected that students receiving a need-based financial aid award will work on campus about 10 hours per week and pay back loans after graduation. The national average for student loan debt at graduation is \$19,000.

Accepted Student Visits

Many colleges welcome accepted students with special weekends and visit programs. Seniors should make these campus visits part of their decision making process, especially if they have not previously visited the college. I strongly advise students not to decide to attend a school without first visiting. If they are given notice, colleges will usually provide meals and overnight accommodations for accepted students. If you did not use Spring Break to make these visits, you may need to use school release time to visit in April.

Deposit by May 1st

Whatever the decision, students must have a deposit at the college of their choice before May 1. After that date, admission and financial aid offers may be withdrawn and/or campus housing may no longer be available. If you send in a deposit before May 1 and then change your mind, you can usually request, in writing, to have the deposit refunded. However, after May 1, colleges probably will not honor a refund request. Try to be sure before you send

a deposit, and do not mislead colleges by depositing at more than one school. Furthermore, it is appropriate to send notes or make calls to the other colleges that admitted you telling them that you have other plans.

Residence Hall Choices

Usually when you confirm your intention to attend a college, you will be sent options for housing. You may be able to choose certain buildings and roommates, as well as make choices about quiet hours and non-smoking and/or alcohol free dorms and floors. If these are issues which are important to you, be sure to specify that in your housing contract. Also, if you do smoke, do not reply that you do not.

Education Tax Credits

When you completed your federal tax forms, you may have learned about the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credit. Eligible college students, graduate students, and students returning to school for job skill training and their families may benefit from these tax credit programs. You can potentially save up to \$1500 per year in taxes. These credits are phased out for joint filers earning between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and single filers earning between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Check with your tax consultant for the details of these credits.

College Fairs

The Catholic College Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 27th from 6-7:45pm at Holy Family HS. Over thirty Catholic colleges from across the country will be present. The Denver Spring Fair will be held on Sunday, May 1st from 1-4pm at Lakewood HS. This fair will feature over 200 colleges, including all of the in-state schools. ALL 9TH, 10TH, AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS SHOULD ATTEND THESE FAIRS!

Service Academies and ROTC Opportunities

Any junior who is interested in attending a service academy or receiving an ROTC scholarship should begin the process of application this spring. These options allow students to combine their college experience with preparation for military service. Attendance at the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, or the Coast Guard Academy in New London is basically free, although highly selective. In addition, three and four year scholarships are offered through the various branches of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Of course, all of these options include military service after graduation.

If you are interested in pursuing any of these options, the time to begin the process is in the spring of the junior year. Contacting the academies, congressional offices, and ROTC scholarship offices is an important first step. Applications should be completed at the start of senior year..

Senator Udall is hosting an Academy information day on Saturday, April 16th from 1pm to 4pm at Lotus School for Excellence in Aurora.

Plan Campus Visits

As you set out to visit college campuses this spring or summer, there are several important steps to take that will make the experience more rewarding. Most importantly, plan everything care-

fully. Spend time before you leave planning your route and deciding what colleges you want to see. Call each college you intend to visit and find out when they have tours and information sessions scheduled. Although you may be tempted to try more, limit yourself to two colleges each day. If you end up with extra time, stroll the campus, talk with students, and eat in the student dining center. You may also want to schedule time to enjoy the area as tourists. This is especially true if you have younger children who could care less about college at this time.

Grades

As I meet with juniors, I make a point of emphasizing the importance of their high school grades in the college admission process. This, of course, applies to freshmen and sophomores as well. You should be aware that the official transcript which a college will see includes the semester grades for each course taken. As we move toward the end of the year, I hope that everyone works to have the best record possible for the second semester transcript entry.

Summer Options

Informational brochures arrive practically every day presenting opportunities for high school students to pursue summer study at colleges and universities across the country. Most involve coursework that earns college credit. The length of these programs varies from one to eight weeks, and the cost ranges from free to several thousand dollars. Many have application deadlines coming up soon. If you have questions about the value of these experiences or want to look through the various brochures that we have received, visit the Holy Family website, click on Counseling, then click summer programs in the left sidebar.

Standardized Testing

The best way to improve your standardized (SAT & ACT) test scores is to read! Taking practice tests is another great method. You can find free practice tests online at

www.collegeboard.com, www.actstudent.org, www.kaplan.com, and www.princetonreview.com. You can also purchase guidebooks and software at most bookstores for \$20-25.

Students considering our nation's most selective colleges should check their testing requirements to see if the SAT II: Subject Tests are required by the college. June is often the best time to take these tests as subject specific information may be at its freshest.

ALL JUNIORS SHOULD TAKE THE SAT AND ACT BY THE JUNE TEST DATES!

College Opportunity Fund

Students of any age can register for the in-state tuition voucher at <https://cof.college-access.net/cofapp/>.

Consultants

I discourage families from paying for any services related to college admission, scholarship, and financial aid. Everything you need is available for free through me or online resources! You have already paid tuition at a college preparatory high school for appropriate assistance and information related to the college process; there is no need to pay for additional services.

Test Dates		
AP		
May 2 -12		
SAT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
May 7	Apr. 8	Apr. 22
June 4	May 6	May 20
ACT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
June 11	May 6	May 20
Students may register on-line at www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org .		

HFHS Counselors: Freshmen-Sister Leandra Schaller, Sophomores-Steve Blair, Juniors & Seniors-Will Wilson, Student Life-Albert Castillo

~ Legal Corner ~

The following is the fifth in a series of articles dealing with issues affecting teenagers and the law

EXPELLED?? BUT ITS ONLY AN AIR SOFT GUN!!

Everyone knows that carrying a firearm into a public building spells big trouble for the person carrying the weapon. But do you know the sanctions for carrying a BB gun, a paint gun, or an air soft gun onto a school ground? Teens and parents are shocked at the harsh consequences.

Josh, a high school senior at Centaurus High in Lafayette, was a top student planning to attend the School of Mines after graduation. He was a passenger in his friend Levi's truck, sitting in the school's parking lot, when he noticed Levi's air soft gun on the floor. Several of his friends walked by the truck and he pointed the air soft gun at them, yelling for them to drop to the ground. They all laughed and kept walking, but a parent driving by to pick up her freshman was not amused. Unfortunately, the air soft gun had the appearance of a real handgun, so the parent called the police and reported what she had seen. Josh and Levi were in for the surprise of their lives as a result of this harmless prank. Both teens were contacted by the police, arrested and charged with Possession of a Handgun by a Juvenile, and Prohibited Use of a Weapon for pointing the gun at other people. Both offenses are misdemeanors, carrying a possible penalty of incarceration in a juvenile facility. **Handgun** is defined under Colorado law as "a pistol, revolver, or other firearm of any description, loaded or unloaded, from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged". Josh and Levi weren't charged with possession of a weapon on school grounds, because that statute only applies to "deadly weapons", a definition that doesn't include air soft guns.

When they went to criminal court, both teens luckily received deferred sentences for the weapons offenses, performed some community service, and were later able to expunge the convictions from their records. They weren't so lucky at school. Both students were expelled from Centaurus High. Even if they had not been charged with any crimes, Colorado law takes a tough stance on weapons on school grounds. The principal and many teachers at Centaurus were outraged at the severity of the sanction—expulsion—so the high school devised a system to allow the students to remain suspended for a month (during which time they had to complete courses online) and then return to the school on a type of probation for the duration of the school year. Unfortunately, that information became part of their school records, available to their chosen colleges.

John, a middle school student in Broomfield, received a large air soft gun for his 14th birthday. Unfortunately for John, his home bordered the middle school where he lives. Many of his neighborhood friends were playing basketball right outside the school. He took his new birthday gift and ran over to show his friends. The gun wasn't loaded with pellets, but looked like a real firearm. It was 4 p.m. on a school day and there was no one at the school, except for one teacher who

happened to walk between buildings and saw the gun. He called the police and informed the principal of the school where John was an 8th grade student. John was charged with a municipal violation of Possession of a Weapon and had to go to Broomfield municipal court where he too received a deferred sentence.

Unfortunately, because of Colorado law, John was also "expelled" from his middle school. Although he was scheduled to graduate from the 8th grade three weeks later, John was forced to finish his schoolwork at home. He was not allowed to attend any 8th grade festivities on school grounds, although he was allowed to graduate from the 8th grade and briefly attend the graduation ceremony. Worse, John wasn't allowed to be on any school grounds for the entire summer, even though his backyard was connected to the school grounds. In addition, although he was allowed to attend public high school for his freshman year, he was on a year of probation. He was required to maintain a B average and could not have any unexcused absences or problem behavior during his freshman year. Doing so would mean automatic expulsion from the high school. These same laws apply to BB guns and paint guns. But firearms are not the only weapons that can result in suspension or expulsion. Tory, a high school junior at Boulder High School, had a job at a grocery store after school. As part of his job, Tory carried a box-opener in his pocket, so he could use the razor blade to slice open cardboard boxes and put groceries on the shelf. Tony, forgetting that he had the box cutter in his pocket, went to a high school football game at Boulder High. Tony and his friends decided to drink beer in the parking lot outside the school stadium. A police officer spotted the group and issued them tickets for Minor in Possession of Alcohol. The officer could see the outline of the box cutter in Tony's pocket and asked Tony to show him what was in his pocket. Tony gave the officer the box cutter and was immediately charged with Possession of a Deadly Weapon on School grounds, a felony. A knife is defined as a deadly weapon under Colorado law. "Knife" is defined as "a dagger, dirk, knife or stiletto... or any other dangerous instrument capable of inflicting cutting, stabbing or tearing wounds."

Unfortunately, Tony wasn't a top student, and had unexcused absences and a grade average of 2.0. Since he was charged with a felony, Tony was expelled from Boulder High and had to finish at another alternative high school.

Colorado's expulsion laws don't apply to private schools. According to the Denver Archdiocese, the principals at individual Catholic schools determine the punishment for students who bring weapons onto Catholic school property. Expulsion is not automatically required, but is left to the discretion of the principal.

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