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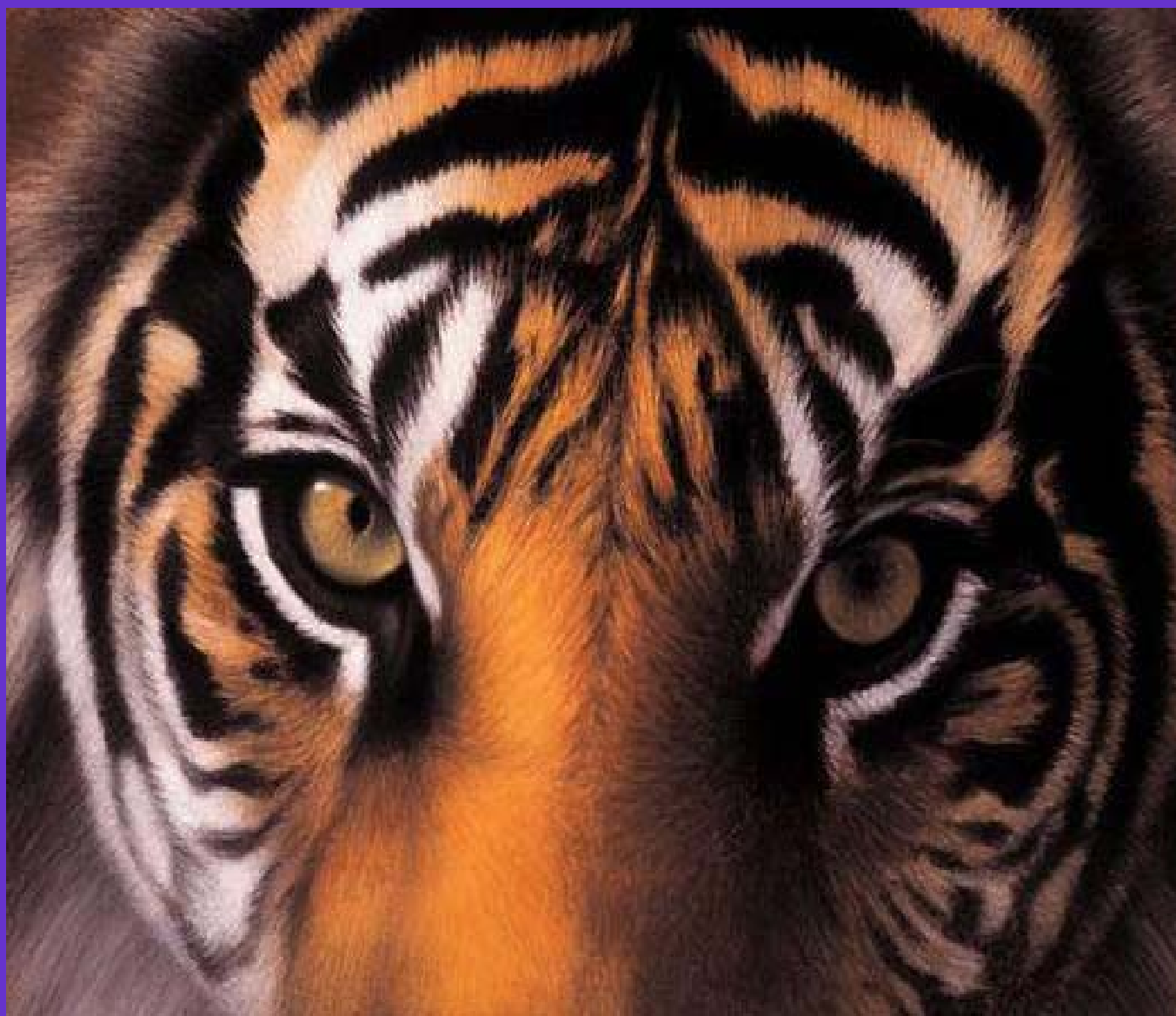
# Tiger Times

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**“I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” Acts 2:25**



**Going From Good To Great!**

**Tiger Times Community Newsletter**

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### Parent-Teacher Conferences

A progress report for this semester will be available for parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences, scheduled for Wednesday, February 16th from 2:30-4:30p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 17th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Grades on these reports represent all work, papers, tests, quizzes, reports and projects in each class through February 14. This report also serves as an official notification for parents and students concerning semester progress in each class. Please address grade and ask course questions with the particular class teacher directly and promptly.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend one or more of these conference sessions in order to discuss their Tiger student's progress with his or her teachers.

Please enter the main lobby of the school for Parent-Teacher Conferences to receive a grade report and a teacher locator. All teachers will conduct conferences in the commons, library or art room on a first-come, first-served basis. Teachers and parents are asked to keep conferences to seven (7) minutes or less. If more time is needed, please arrange to meet at a later date.

~ Talented Tigers ~

The Latin Club voted Josh Gallego's tee shirt design and Tommy Spitzer's program cover as the best representatives from our school which can be submitted to the Colorado Junior Classical League pre-convention contest. The motto on which their artwork was based is "Bene legere saecula vincere" "To read well is to conquer the ages."

On February 11th, Walker Prieb will receive his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor being held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Boulder. For his Eagle service project, he organized volunteers (380 total service hours) and solicited donations for materials to build a 30'x 30' shade trellis for the non-profit Growing Gardens in Boulder.

The following students received recognition for their submissions into the High School Art Invitational and were honored at a reception on January 8 at the Historic Westminster Second Saturday Art Walk:

Katie McManus- 3rd Place- Jimmy Fix-It  
Ian Miller- Honorable Mention- Letter Perspective Forms

Sydney Swenson has been in a team leader training since Sept for the Mountain Madness Retreat held up @ the Y camp/Estes Park over Presidents weekend. Sydney applied to become a team leader because she felt she had a lot to offer the middle school students who they will be working with. Sydney has had quite a journey. At the retreat she will share her personal story in hopes she can help another young teen.

Kelly Buchanan, a Junior at HFHS, competed with her Boulder County 4 H Horse Bowl Team at National Western Stock Show this month and they were Reserve Champions at the National Level. Kelly also received the Boulder County 4H Outstanding Member Award this past fall. She is Vice President of Easy Riders Club, Historian for 4H County Youth Council and a Jr. Coach for the 4H Hippology Team.

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Congratulations to Elizabeth Miller and her horse Ironmaker, who placed 3rd in the World this summer at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show!

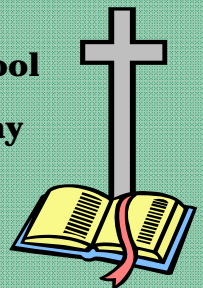
Congratulations to Katie Lambert for being selected as Hidden Heroine! The nomination was made by a teammate as an example of someone who Models The Way. Katie is a senior nutrition major from Broomfield Colorado and is a member of the Blazer swim and dive team. She graduated from Holy Family High School in 2007.



**~ IMPORTANT DATES ~  
February and March**

<b>February 4, 2011.....</b>	<b>Staff In-service</b>	<b>No classes</b>
<b>February 8, 2011.....</b>	<b>10th Grade Mass</b>	<b>2:00p.m.</b>
<b>February 11, 2011.....</b>	<b>SAT Reg. Deadline</b>	
<b>February 12, 2011.....</b>	<b>ACT Test Date</b>	
<b>February 15, 2011.....</b>	<b>School Liturgy</b>	<b>10:15a.m.</b>
<b>February 16, 2011.....</b>	<b>Spring Sport Athletic Registration– Athletic office</b>	<b>7:30a.m.-11:00a.m.</b>
<b>February 16, 2011.....</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Conf.</b>	<b>12n Dismissal</b>
<b>February 17, 2011.....</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Conf.</b>	
<b>February 18, 2011.....</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>February 21, 2011.....</b>	<b>President’s Day</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>February 23 &amp; 24, 2011</b>	<b>10th Grade Retreat</b>	
<b>March 4, 2011.....</b>	<b>ACT Reg. Deadline</b>	
<b>March 5, 2011.....</b>	<b>Freshman Registration</b>	
<b>March 8, 2011.....</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>7:00p.m.</b>
<b>March 9, 2011.....</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Liturgy</b>	<b>10:15a.m.</b>
<b>March 11, 2011.....</b>	<b>Faculty/Staff Conference</b>	<b>No classes</b>
<b>March 12, 2011.....</b>	<b>SAT Test Date</b>	
<b>March 13, 2011.....</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	
<b>March 17, 2011.....</b>	<b>Lenten Prayer Service</b>	
<b>March 22, 2011.....</b>	<b>12th Grade Mass</b>	
<b>March 22-25, 2011.....</b>	<b>Kairos III</b>	
<b>March 28-April 1, 2011..</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>April 4, 2011.....</b>	<b>School Back in Session</b>	<b>Gold Day</b>

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
TAKE ANOTHER LOOK



~ Important Announcements ~

**Assigned Access**

Assigned Access, for students who have an F in any class, will begin on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Grades will be pulled on February 7, 2011.



**Your \$\$ At Work**

You may have noticed the construction crews busy at work in front of the school– they are landscaping with trees and grass to continue to beautify the campus. More to come including a new electronic sign soon!

**Holy Family is Showcased at Applebees Restaurant in Broomfield!**

*Great news!* The Applebee's on 120<sup>th</sup> and Main St. in Broomfield has redecorated their restaurant with photos of students and activities from HFHS. If you have the opportunity, stop in to see what they have done.

**National Latin Exam:**

The 2011 National Latin Exam for all HF Latin students will be administered on Tuesday, March 15, during block 1 in the commons. Please help your child get a good night sleep and eat a hearty breakfast. Students will be preparing for the exam in February.

**Camp Wojtyla- Summer 2011 Youth Camp**

Camp Wojtyla is a Catholic Youth camp for students in Middle School and High School held in June and July 2011. Please see the attached link for information on how your student can attend and for contact information.

[http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/Poster\\_Camp\\_Wojtyla\\_2011.pdf](http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/Poster_Camp_Wojtyla_2011.pdf)

**Congratulations to all of the newly selected inductees into the Papal Order of St. Gregory the Great by our beloved Pope Benedict XVI. The community of Holy Family High School wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to the four couples that have cared so much for our school and our students over the years.**

**Bob and Jean Gryzmala  
Dave and Joanie Holden  
Dick and Judy Thompson  
Bob and Patti Zarlengo**



**May the Lord continue to bless you  
for your unwavering commitment to Catholic education!**

~ Registration and Tuition Information 2011-2012 ~

**\*Registration for Holy Family High School 2011-2012\***

The preliminary operating budget for the 2011-2012 school year which is based on a projected enrollment of 570 students, was presented to the Board of Trustees in January. They unanimously approved the preliminary budget and the proposed tuition rates. The final budget will be sent to the Board of Members for approval:

Holy Family High School's proposed tuition rates for the 2011-2012 school year are:

- Catholics Affiliated with a Parish — \$8,000.00
- Unaffiliated Catholics and Non-Catholics — \$9,300.00

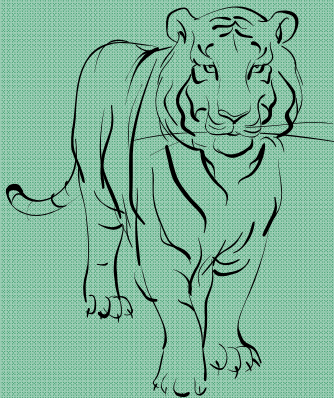
A \$350 non-refundable registration/holding fee is due at the time of registration. This fee is deducted from the 2011-2012 tuition. Registration deadlines are:

- March 5 for incoming freshman
- April 4 for all other returning students

Registration packets will be mailed home to parents of current students by the end of February.

**Course Description Booklets**

Course Description Booklets for the 2011-2012 school year were mailed home to families on Wednesday, January 26th. If you have questions regarding courses please email Dolores Dean at [dolores.dean@holyfamilyhs.com](mailto:dolores.dean@holyfamilyhs.com).



**Tuition Assistance**

Applications for tuition assistance from Holy Family High School Tuition Assistance Fund are now available online at [www.holyfamilyhs.com](http://www.holyfamilyhs.com). **The deadline to apply is March 31, 2011.** You will need to send a copy of your 2010 Income Tax return and W-2's.

We encourage you to submit your application online. The website is: [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com). The Holy Family school code is 119 and the password is hfhs119.

The cost to process the application, either by mail or online is \$25 payable

## Spring Athletic Registration

### *2011 Spring Sports Athletic Registration*

Registration will be in the  
athletic office:  
February 16 from 7:30am-11:00am



Registration packets can be picked up in the front office or download the forms at:

<http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/athletics.html>

or

[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

Yellow packets are for those who **have** already participated in a sport this school year.  
White packets are for those who have **NOT** participated in a sport this school year.

If you have any questions please contact Mitch Martinez at  
[mitchell.martinez@holyfamilyhs.com](mailto:mitchell.martinez@holyfamilyhs.com) or call the school.

Practices officially start on February 28, 2011

Your athlete will be given a **purple** pass once their registration form is complete.  
Coaches will be asking for the purple passes on the first day of regular practice.  
Your athlete will not be able to practice on February 28<sup>th</sup> without their purple pass.

#### ***Spring Sports include:***

*Baseball- Coach Marc Cowell-mcowell34@yahoo.com*

*Girls Soccer- Coach George Connolly-gjconnolly92@gmail.com*

*Girls Tennis- Coach Bob Wathen-robert.wathen@holyfamilyhs.com*

*Girls and Boys Track- Coach Steve Blair-steve.blair@holyfamilyhs.com*

*Girls Golf- Jeff Carter-gonegolfing\_9@yahoo.com*

The registration fee is \$120.00- Checks payable to HFHS

Up to date physicals are required at the time of registration. If your athlete participated in a fall or winter sport please be sure their physical is still valid. If your athlete did NOT participate in a fall or winter sport a new current physical will be required at the time of registration. Physicals must be valid for the entire season.

If your athlete plays a sport at a different school for a sport not offered by Holy Family your athlete must see Mitch Martinez in the athletic office to pick up a form that must be signed by the coach at the other school and returned to the athletic department. Athletes are not allowed to participate at another school without this form on file!

## ~Development Department News~



.....and have **87 days to prepare for our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tiger Gala...  
Building a Lasting Legacy!**

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 5:00p.m.-Midnight** – Mark your calendars and plan to join us at the beautiful Omni Interlocken Hotel & Resort in Broomfield. Invitations will be mailed in March. If you would like us to mail a personal invitation to other friends, relatives, neighbors, etc., please let the Development Office know. The Gala Team is working hard to make our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tiger Gala a memorable evening for all.

We are offering a very exciting and unique sponsorship package this year which includes a **table for 10** in addition to **overnight stay** at the Omni the night of the event. **This \$2500.00 Gold Circle sponsorship is limited and will go fast!** Contact [marianne.alonzi@holyfamilyhs.com](mailto:marianne.alonzi@holyfamilyhs.com) for information or <http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/GalaSponsorPackage-2011.pdf>. Individual ticket prices are \$90/person or a special discounted table sponsorship package for \$800, which includes 10 reserved seats in addition to company/name recognition at the table. **Organize your group and reserve your tables early to guarantee your spot.** Tables will be assigned as confirmed, paid in full reservations are received. The evening includes silent auction, followed by a 4-course meal, live auction, Fund-A-Need—and dancing to the sounds of **All Request Music**.

### **GALA GIFT GATHERING PARTY SCHEDULE**

We are currently accepting donations for the live and silent auction in the Development Office—OR you can bring your donation to one of the planned gift gathering parties! The parties are always fun and a great way to meet fellow HF parents and new friends.

Jim & Denise O'Connor Sat., 2/12 7PM Theme: Patio Party Entertainment  
14562 Homestead Place Broomfield CO 303.469.7093 to RSVP

<http://www.holyfamilyhs.com/GalaGiftGatheringPartyInvitationOConnor-2011.pdf>

Steve & Lucille Cannella Sat., 2/26 7PM Theme: “Man Cave”  
121 Ortega Court Erie, CO 303.993.2270 to RSVP

Tom & Pam Ariniello Sat., 3/5 7PM No theme  
3877 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Drive Westminster, CO 303.469.5691 to RSVP

Chris & Susan Kingsley Sat., 3/12 7PM Theme: Wine  
3704 Braeburn Place Longmont, CO 303.827.3180 to RSVP

**ALL HF PARENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED, WELCOMED, AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE OR ALL OF THE PARTIES!!! Please call for directions and to RSVP**

**COMPLIMENTARY BEER AND WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE  
THROUGHOUT THE EVENING!!**

Attn: NHS Students!! If you would like to be a part of the Gala Student Marketing Team and earn community service hours, you can sign up in the Development Office. We will be holding a “calling night” where students will be contacting parents to inform them about “all things” Gala.

~Development Department News cont.~



2010-11 GALA FUND-A-NEED

Snacks 'n Seats

Our special appeal for this year is to help fund the new auditorium seating for the theater & arts and a much needed concession stand for all of our athletics.



2009-10 FUND-A-NEED UPDATE Electronic Media Sign

The sign has been fully funded as of last week!! We hope to have it installed within the next 60-90 days.

2011 GALA RAFFLE TICKET INFORMATION

Raffle Ticket License #2011-03796 Ticket Number #

ONE YEAR TUITION
or \$1,000.00 CASH PRIZE



Ticket Price: \$25.00 each

Prize drawing for: One Year of Holy Family High School Tuition for 2011-2012 School Year - valued up to \$9,300.00 or \$1,000.00 Cash Prize

Need not be present to win. Drawing takes place at 10:00pm, April 30, 2011 on stage during the HFHS Gala located at the Omni Resort Hotel, 500 Interlocken Blvd., Broomfield, CO 80021.

Tuition prize applies to tuition only and does not include cost of books and fees. Prize applies to the 2011-2012 Holy Family High School year and may not be sold.

Name of License Holder: Holy Family High School Parents Club

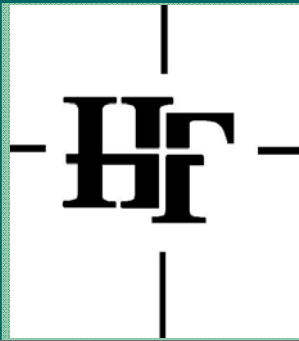
CATHOLIC SCHOOL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

Tuition raffle tickets will be available in February. NEW THIS YEAR-- Winner will have the option of one-year tuition for 2011-12 OR \$1,000.00 cash!!! Contact patty.gabriel@holyfamilyhs.com for information or to purchase tickets. ONLY 1,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.

26th Annual Tiger Golf Classic Set

Mark your calendars NOW—our Annual Tiger Golf Classic is set for Saturday, August 6th, 2011. The shotgun tournament will start at 7:30a.m. with a 4-man scramble format. The event will be held at The Broadland's Golf Course—home of the HF Golf Team. Save this date and join us for a great day of friend and fundraising.





# College Counselor

February 2011

by Mr. William P. Wilson

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## Seniors: Complete FAFSA & Scholarships! Juniors: Register for SAT & ACT, appointment with Mr. Wilson, VISIT!

### Wait Time for Seniors

For many seniors this is a time when they are waiting to hear from the admission and financial aid offices of the colleges to which they applied. By this time, a senior should have:

- Completed and submitted all applications for admission.
- Asked us to send Mid-Year Transcripts to requesting colleges.
- Sent official SAT/ACT scores if required.
- Sent the FAFSA and, if necessary, the *Profile*.
- Sent additional financial aid information if required.
- Responded promptly to requests for additional information.
- Informed recommendation writing teachers of decisions as received.

For most seniors, April will be the big decision month. By that time, all notices of admission and financial aid should be in hand. Perhaps a second (or first) campus visit should be planned to help with the decision. The visit is typically the best way to determine the best place for you. Many colleges have visit programs for accepted students. Whatever the decision, **you must send a deposit to the college of choice by May 1.** This ensures a place in the freshman class. Any deposit submitted now should be refundable if you change your mind and request it in writing by May 1.

### FAFSA and *Profile* Done?

In order to ensure the best chance of receiving need-based financial aid, senior parents should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and, if required, *Profile*, by February 15. Do not delay in sending the FAFSA. If that means using estimated figures, there will be an opportunity to correct these figures when you receive the results. Any corrections should also be sent directly to financial aid offices.

### College Opportunity Fund

To receive your discount as an in-state resident attending a public college, you must register for the College Opportunity Fund. You may do so through [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org). Click on the COF icon. Students of any grade may do this now.

### AP Testing

All of the juniors and seniors currently taking Advanced Placement courses are required to take Advanced Placement tests in those subjects in May. Teachers of the AP classes will be discussing the test format and sample questions in class. Many colleges grant credit or advanced standing when students score well. The fee is \$87 per exam. Financial assistance is available to those with demonstrated need.

### Junior College Planning

With the start of the new semester, the

college selection process for juniors gets into full swing. Hopefully, you attended the College Planning Seminar in January. PSAT & PLAN results were returned and explained, and steps involved in college selection were discussed. If you were not able to attend, please be aware that your son or daughter's test results have been returned to them during school. Handouts were made available as well.

The most important thing for juniors and their parents to do at this point is to take control of the process! Use the Internet, read brochures and guides, plan college visits, and call or email for information. Making preliminary decisions about the criteria that will guide your college selection is essential.

Now that the results of the PSAT are back, it is time to start planning for the SAT and ACT tests. I highly recommend that juniors take both of these tests at least once in the spring. Most juniors will decide to take them twice before summer allowing them to take both tests for a third time in the fall of senior year if desired. Most colleges will review a student using his/her best score from either test on any date.

Some juniors may also need to take the SAT II's, depending on the colleges they are considering. These are subject tests required by many highly selective colleges in addition to the SAT I. The ideal time for the SAT II's is in June of the junior year.

**Individual Conferences**

I look forward to meeting with each junior and his or her parents in the coming weeks to discuss individual college plans. Parents should call me at 303-410-1411 \*1119 to schedule an appointment. These meetings usually last one hour to one and a half hours.

During the meeting, we will review the junior's academic and personal profile and discuss college aspirations. College admission possibilities will be discussed, and suggestions will be made regarding colleges to consider. Specifics about costs and financial aid are often included.

My role as college counselor is to provide guidance in this process. I can make recommendations and offer insight, but the decision making and research is left up to you. Hopefully, when you leave our meeting, you will understand what to do next and how to do it.

Choosing a college is one of the most important decisions in a student's life. A great deal of thought and planning is necessary to make the right choice. With over 3,200 colleges, the task can seem overwhelming. It does not have to be. With an active approach, an open mind, and good guidance, students will end up in an environment where they will grow intellectually and personally.

**All juniors should take both the SAT and ACT at least once before summer!**

**SAT & ACT Preparation**

As I stated at the evening program, I firmly believe that students should prepare before taking the SAT or ACT. There is good evidence to support the contention that students who are familiar with the test and have practiced

sample questions will achieve more accurate results. Some students have the personal discipline to prepare on their own using printed materials or computer software, while others require the time and financial commitment that a formal course offers. TPR is offering a course in our building; register by calling 303-939-9100.

***Catholic College Fair  
Wednesday, April 27th  
@ Holy Family HS***  
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***Denver Spring Fair  
Sunday, May 1st  
@ Lakewood HS***

**College Fairs**

Holy Family High School is co-sponsoring, along with the other local Catholic high schools, a college fair on Wednesday, April 27th. This fair will be held at HF and will feature Catholic colleges from across the country. This is an excellent opportunity for all students, but especially for juniors, to investigate a large number of colleges at one time. Printed programs, including a list of colleges attending the fair, will be distributed about a week before the event.

Another college fair, featuring all college types will be held on Sunday, May 1st at Lakewood HS. Watch this newsletter for more information.

**Campus Visits**

Without question, the campus visit is the single most important factor in the college decision. Juniors should make plans now to tour colleges during the spring, over breaks, and this summer. Call ahead to find out when tours are scheduled and whether individual meetings can be arranged. Handouts and guidebooks are available from me for detailed suggestions.

**Course Registration**

Students registered for courses for next year. The selection of courses is an important task that can have far-reaching implications. Parents are

***VISIT COLLEGE  
CAMPUSES!!!***

There is no better way to determine if a school is the right "fit" for you.

strongly encouraged to take an active role in this process. Please carefully review your student's selections with him/her. Course selection can have a major impact on a student's college admission possibilities. The degree of rigor in a student's curriculum is frequently cited as the most important factor in admission decisions.

**Summer Study Options**

We have been receiving informational brochures in our office that present opportunities for high school students to pursue summer study at colleges and universities across the country. Some involve coursework which earns college credit. The length of these programs varies from one to eight weeks, and the costs range from free to several thousand dollars. Some have application deadlines in early spring. More information can be found on the HF website. If you have questions about the value of these experiences or want to peruse the brochures, call or stop by.

<b>Test Dates</b>		
<u>SAT</u>		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
Mar. 12	Feb. 11	Feb. 25
May 7	Apr. 8	Apr. 22
June 4	May 6	May 20
<u>ACT</u>		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
Apr. 9	Mar. 4	Mar. 18
June 11	May 6	May 20

Registration materials for the SAT and ACT are available in the College/Career Center. Students may also register on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

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

~ Lenten Series ~

**Lenten Series of Talks Scheduled**

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.

March 9	St. Athanasius	Mr. Timothy Gallic
March 15	G.K.Chesterton	Mr. Peter Galmish
March 22	St. Augustine	Dr. Frank Gumerlock
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 7PM until 8PM. Then 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](http://www.holyfamilyhs.com).

~ Volunteer Information ~

All adult volunteers at Holy Family are required by the Archdiocese of Denver to be "Safe Environment" trained prior to assisting at any event where students are present. The Safe Environment classes are offered FREE to our volunteers at locations all over the Denver and North areas on a daily basis. If you have already attended a Safe Environment class through the Archdiocese of Denver please fax or bring in a copy of the certificate confirming attendance to the attention of Tammy Medlin. We will keep a copy on file for future events.

If you have not attended a class and would like to be available to volunteer please visit the following website to sign up for an upcoming class: [www.archden.org](http://www.archden.org). On the left side of the page will be a link to Child and Youth Protection. This will take you to the list of locations offering classes. Once you have taken the class please provide me with a copy of the certificate for future reference.

If you have questions, please contact Tammy Medlin at [tammy.medlin@holyfamilyhs.com](mailto:tammy.medlin@holyfamilyhs.com) or call 303-410-1411 x1018.

~ Legal Corner ~

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

**CAR HOPPING/LOCKER ROOM THEFTS/  
SHOPLIFTING**

Cody and four of his friends spent summer evenings wandering their neighborhood, often bored with nothing much to do. One night, around 2 a.m., Cody and his friend Tony noticed an unlocked car parked on the street. They could see coins in a cup holder inside the car. They opened the car, reached inside and took the change, worth around \$2. No one noticed them inside the car, and even the owner of the car didn't notice the missing change inside his car.

Seems like a fairly harmless act, right? If Cody and Tony had been caught, they could have been charged with Criminal Trespass of a Motor Vehicle and Theft. The trespass charge is a class 5 felony; the theft is a misdemeanor. If convicted, a juvenile could be sentenced up to two years in juvenile detention. If the person is over 18, a class five felony carries a possible penalty of 1 to 3 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Unfortunately, people who engage in "car hopping" aren't usually caught the first few times they enter cars and steal items out of them. It gets easier and easier because the offenders start to believe they won't get caught. Eventually, they start stealing higher priced items such as I-Pods, CD's, and eventually purses or wallets. Wallets and purses often contain credit cards, which are easy to use to pay for gas, or at stores such as King Soopers, Safeway, Target and Wal-Mart.

These stores often have surveillance cameras which record every person walk through the store, make a purchase, and enter and leave the stores. Most have cameras in the parking lots. Using a credit card will subject you to much higher felony charges such as Identity Theft, Criminal Impersonation and Forgery, all carrying jail or prison sentences.

Be aware that although someone might not get caught entering cars the first few times, the police are often able to lift fingerprints off car door handles, dashboards and gloveboxes, and even off of checks! They photograph footprints in the dirt or snow and keep all this evidence on file for years. Eventually, if there is a possible ID on he persons committing the trespasses or other crimes, this saved evidence can be to link all the crimes together.

People who engage in "car hopping" often lose count of the number of vehicles they enter, especially when the crimes are carried out over a series of months. They are shocked when they learn they are being charged with as many as 20 to 50 counts of trespass. The theft amounts can be aggregated into one amount and the restitution in a case like this can exceed \$10,000 to \$20,000.

**Locker room thefts** are similar when the number of offenses begin to add up. Joey, a junior in high school, noticed clothing left in a locker without a lock on it after football practice one night. Adam, the victim, had \$200 in his

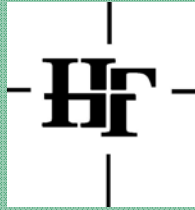
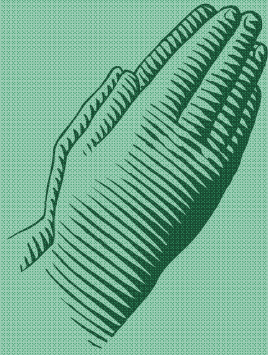
in the locker room and quickly pocketed the money and put the I-pod into his gym bag. Later that same week, he found a pair of shoes sitting in front of a locker with an expensive cell phone in the toe of the shoe. He waited a couple of weeks and then sold the items on Craig's List. He felt a little guilty at first, but then convinced himself that he wasn't really doing anything wrong because the victims were stupid to leave their items unlocked and their rich parents would probably just replace them anyway.

Over the next several months, Joey continued stealing wallets, cash, cell phones and I-Pods out of lockers. He even stole a new pair of Nike basketball shoes. Although he didn't keep track of the dollar value of the items he was stealing, it totaled around \$3000, a felony amount. Nearly 30 people were victimized by Joey, a single thief, although school officials thought there were a number of people involved in the thefts. Finally, school officials put a small camera on the doorway to the locker room. It was eventually discovered that Joey was filmed coming and going from the locker room alone at the time that all the thefts were occurring. Eventually a specific item was 'planted' in an unlocked locker and when Joey was confronted leaving the locker room, he was found in possession of the planted item. Joey was charged with felony theft and kicked out of school.

Another 'seemingly harmless' prank or crime is shoplifting. Kary and Michelle went to Kohl's to get Kary some makeup and earrings. Michelle and Kary took the items to the dressing room, along with some shirts that Michelle wanted. After removing the tags, Michelle put the shirts on (7 in all) and Kary placed her makeup and jewelry in her purse. She put on a couple of shirts as well and placed other items into a shopping bag she'd brought from home. As the two left the store, they were contacted outside by store detectives who had watched the pair on surveillance cameras from the time they'd entered the store. They were both charged with theft (which totaled over \$400), and had to call their parents to come and get them. They were fingerprinted and photographed and had to go to court. Their families were humiliated by the crimes their kids had committed.

Unfortunately what can start out as seemingly fun and harmless "pranks" can turn into crime sprees that seriously affect people who are victimized by having their property stolen, damaged or worse, by having their private space violated, such as their backpacks or cars. The long-term consequences for those engaging in these crimes can be criminal convictions, extended jail sentences and loss of the opportunities for jobs or education.

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# Wish List

## **Athletics**

2 Laptop Computers \$400 each  
1 Wireless Router \$100  
Wrestling Mat for Wrestling Team- \$8,000

## **Campus Ministry**

LCD Projector for school masses- \$2750  
Tall, wooden enclosed wardrobe to hold vestments \$300+  
(2) Ciborium for communion distribution \$200 each  
Tall, accordion type screen for the confessional

## **Development Department**

Hand truck/Dolly \$100  
Digital Camera & Memory Cards \$200

## **English Department**

A video recorder for Speech Classes \$250

## **Fine, Practical & Performing Arts Department**

Drums for football and basketball games  
HD Camcorder– Canon HF200 or comparable with manual audio settings- \$750  
Work bench complete with corner vises for art room  
Used band instruments, especially the larger brass, woodwind or percussion instruments

## **Social Science & Theology Departments**

(2) TVs with ports for DVD and VCR 25”-32” with HD capability \$300+

## **Theology Department**

“Mere Christianity” – One set (30) by CS Lewis  
“Render Unto Caesar” – One set (30) by Archbishop Chaput  
“Letters to a Young Catholic” – One set (30) by George Weigel  
“Twelve Tough Issues” – One set (30) by Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk

## **Training**

Used washer