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**Perseverance must finish its work so that  
you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

*James 1:4*



**Going From Good To Great!**

**Tiger Times Community Newsletter**

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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### An Irish Prayer

May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.

~ Talented Tigers ~



*Congratulations to all of the following Talented Tigers!*

- Three members of the Holy Family Girls Varsity Basketball team volunteered their time to encourage and mentor some elementary school girls. Sierra Williamson, McKenzie Zeman and Sarah Talamantes spent their afternoon and evening yesterday running a basketball camp for the girls at Assumption Catholic School. There were 27 girls total in the widget, JV and Varsity programs who were thrilled to have the high school girls spend some time with them. Assumption has a small basketball program compared to some of the larger Catholic schools around the area which is why it was selected. They ran drills, played games and scrimmaged with the young girls. Our HF girls really seemed to have a huge impact on these young girls. This was the second year in a row that they have done this. The athletic director and coaches were very pleased. While all the success the Varsity girls program is unparalleled on the court, it is these kinds of endeavors that leave a lasting impression on the community and our family.
- Rachel Anderson received an Appointment to the US Military Academy (West Point)
- Angela Harder is a Prudential Spirit of Community state finalist and a President's Service Award recipient
- Claire Donovan qualified for the President's Volunteer Service Award
- Congratulations to the wrestlers on an excellent showing at regional's. We had 5 state qualifiers...
  - 119-Joey Pendleton took 4th and qualified
  - 125-Daniel Carvalho took 5th and won a wrestle back to qualify
  - 135-Michael Luca took 2nd and qualified
  - 171-Morgan Dorr took 4th and qualified
  - 189-Jake Matthews took 4th and qualified
- **NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS!!!** Congratulations to two of our very talented Sophomore Tigers: Kelly Dempsey and Maeve Donovan!! The two girls have taken **first and second place** respectively in a national essay competition sponsored by Maryknoll Missionary Magazine. The two winning essays will be published this spring with Kelly's winning essay going into their print edition. This edition is read all over the world by thousands of people with an interest in missions. The girls essays were chosen out of over 3,500 essays submitted for the contest this year.

Maryknoll sponsors this annual contest, which is open to students from all around the U.S. in two categories: Middle school and High school. The contest was part of a class assignment in their Theology class this fall, and even though the girls knew they were competing against upperclassmen they were undaunted! Their theme was: "Preaching the Gospel in the Digital Age". These essays may be accessed through Maryknoll's website, [www.maryknollmagazine.org](http://www.maryknollmagazine.org). Their Theology teacher Dave Good worked with Maryknoll in Tanzania prior to teaching at Holy Family and frequently recounts stories from those days and uses the monthly magazine in classes.

The representative from Maryknoll, Deacon Matt Dulka, told Holy Family that the magazine has **never** had the first and second place winners from the same school in the history of hosting the contest!

A representative from Maryknoll will be on hand Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at a special all school assembly to give the girls their awards for winning the contest: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,000 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$300!!! **WAY TO GO KELLY & MAEVE!!!**



**~ IMPORTANT DATES ~March and April**



March 4, 2011.....	ACT Reg. Deadline	
March 5, 2011.....	Freshman Registration	
March 8, 2011.....	Spring Concert	7:00 p.m.
March 9, 2011.....	Ash Wednesday Liturgy	10:15 a.m.
March 11, 2011.....	Faculty/Staff Conference	No classes
March 12, 2011.....	SAT Test Date	
March 13, 2011.....	Daylight Savings Time Begins	
March 17, 2011.....	Lenten Prayer Service	
March 22, 2011.....	12th Grade Mass	
March 22-25, 2011.....	Kairos III	
March 28-April 1, 2011....	Spring Break	No School
April 2, 2011.....	Tiger Tornado Track Meet	
April 6, 2011.....	Lenten Prayer Service	9:25 a.m.
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 19, 2011.....	9th Grade Mass	
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.....	Holy Monday	No School
April 28, 2011.....	Awards Assembly	10:00 a.m.
April 29, 2011.....	May Crowning/Color Day	
April 30, 2011.....	Tiger Gala– Omni Interlocken	



~ **Important Announcements** ~

**There will be no school on Friday, March 11th due to a faculty/staff professional development day.**

**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.

**Longtime Educator Sister Aline Dalton dies**

Former principal and educator, Sister Aline Dalton, has died at the age of 91. Sister Aline served as Principal of Holy Family High School from 1965-1970, and as Alumni Director and Bookkeeper at Holy Family for many years. The annual Tiger golf tournament is held in her honor every year as a fundraiser for student scholarships. A memorial mass will be held on March 2nd at 7p.m.in the chapel at the Loretto Center, 4000 S. Wadsworth Blvd., in Littleton.

**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)

**The Archdiocese of Denver and Holy Family would like to thank the following teachers for their long-term years of service!**

Mr. Mike G. Gabriel– 35 years  
Mr. Steve Blair– 25 years  
Mrs. Peggy Greaney– 25 years  
Ms. Carolyn Goddard– 20 years

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
TAKE ANOTHER LOOK



## ~ 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

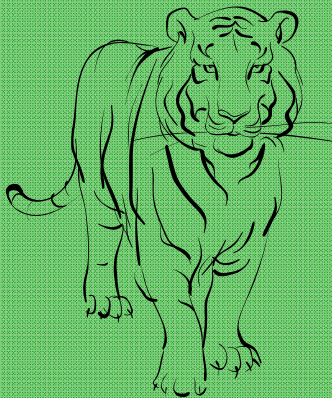
A \$350 non-refundable registration/holding fee is due at the time of registration. This fee is deducted from the 2011-2012 tuition. Registration deadlines are:

- 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 Booklet**

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

**~ Academic Letter Winners ~  
1ST Semester 2010-2011**

**SENIOR**

**Amy Baumberger  
Christopher Belisle  
Rachel Cavalier  
Elisabetta DeWitt  
Claire Donovan  
Morgan Dorr  
Thomas Erb  
Nathaniel Golter  
Carolina Gutierrez  
Heidi Hanson  
Meghan Jonikas  
Austin Lucero  
Elizabeth Miller  
Adam Schultz  
Michelle Skrzelowski  
Oliver Smith  
Adam Thornburg  
Megan White  
Millicent Whitemore**

**JUNIOR**

**Stacia Affelt  
Alexander Chopyak  
Collin McGillin  
Aria Nguyen  
Lauren Oliva  
Samuel Quinn  
Kyle Willis**

**SOPHOMORE**

**Lakota Bennett  
Bridgette Harney  
Nicholas Harris  
John Kern  
Laura Melcher  
Conley Rozek  
Thomas Spitzer  
Monica Stokes**

*Congratulations!*



~ Fall 2010-2011 Honor Roll ~

Principal's Honor Roll

Senior

Anderson, Rachel  
Baker, Jessen  
Golter, Nathaniel  
Gutierrez, Carolina  
Talamantes, Sarah  
Whitemore, Millicent

Junior

Andrasova, Adriana  
Fallet, Braeden  
Prieb, Walker  
Quinn, Samuel  
Wilcomb, Sophia

Sophomore

Ankarlo, Sean  
Arenas, Luke  
Ballard, Trevor  
Dempsey, Kelly  
Doherty, Meghan  
Donovan, Maeve  
Flesher, Abigail  
Greco, Julianne  
Hsin, Tyler  
Medearis, Danielle  
Stone, Joslyn

Freshman

Ariniello, Thomas  
Coca, Andrew  
Fross, James  
Granberg, Devlin  
Laschinger, Taryn  
Miller, Christopher  
Pena, Claudia  
Quinn, Olivia  
Shupe, Amanda  
Weber, Alexandra  
Willis, Ryan  
Wilson, Gabrielle

"A" Honor Roll

Senior

Ariniello, Robert  
Baumberger, Amy  
Belisle, Christopher  
Brienza, Kayla  
Carattini, Joseph  
Cavalier, Rachel  
Cribari, Cole  
Dalton, Alexandra  
DeWitt, Elisabetta  
DiGirolamo, Nicole  
Dolan, Mackenzie  
Donovan, Claire  
Dorr, Morgan  
Erb, Thomas  
Gutierrez, Amalia  
Hanson, Heidi  
Harder, Angela  
Jolly, Marcia  
Jonikas, Meghan  
Kudma, Jordan  
Lucero, Austin  
Matthews, Jacob  
McNeal, Bailey  
Medearis, Timothy  
Miller, Elizabeth  
Munger, Clare  
Munoz, Kyle  
Plonski, Anna  
Regelin, Briana  
Rudisill, Kelsey  
Sanelli, Dana

Junior

Affelt, Stacia  
Brower, Patrick  
Burk, Ashley  
Cambe, Mariel  
Cheng, Hua Hui  
Chopyak, Alexander  
Clay, Connor  
Dalton, Gabrielle  
Doyle, Megan  
Duran, Hannah-Jayne  
Fisher, Molly  
Franz, Mary  
Gerry, Alexis  
Gills, Cassidy  
Giltner, Stephanie  
Gonzales, Monique  
Gosselin, Madison  
Hackbarth, Karolyn  
Homer, Andrew  
Illing, Cyprian  
Koral, Christopher  
Lyle, Andrew  
McGillin, Colin  
Metzger, Abigail  
Mikesell, Blaire  
Montgomery, Anna  
Nguyen, Aria  
Noe, Alissa  
Oldham, Bryan  
Oliva, Lauren  
Roth, Genevieve

Sophomore

Alberi, Kurtis  
Arguello, Preston  
Bennett, Lakota  
Blanchard, Micaela  
Cao, Peter  
Carlson, Kayla  
Dickerhoff, Abigail  
Do, Adrian  
Elliott V, James  
Fagundo, Michael  
Fiorino, Daniel  
Gardon, Nicole  
Golter, Amy  
Harney, Bridgett  
Harris, Nicholas  
Hill, Ryanne  
Hollwedel, Chuck  
Kern, John  
Kintzle, Carissa  
Larson, Eric  
Lasswell, Kayla  
Melcher, Laura  
Miller, Ian  
Nguyen, Jennifer  
Phillips, Adele  
Polednik, Katherine  
Rozek, Conley  
Schafer, Brenna  
Silverstein, Kailey  
Spitzer, Thomas  
Stokes, Monica

Freshman

Abeyta, Lauren  
Aragon, Kathryn  
Benalcazar, Briana  
Borer, Patrick  
Boyd, Jack  
Cartin, Tess  
Chavez, Lindsey  
Coufal, Joseph  
Doan, Jeannie  
Doyle, Mary  
Fallet, Palmer  
Fonseca, Rohit  
Garcia, Alexander  
Garcia, Christine  
Hixson, Erich  
Johnson, David  
Kailey, Francis  
Karty, Taylor  
Lau, Andres  
Lonardo, Nicola  
Marcia, Joseph  
Middlemist, Robert  
Pardoe, Matthew  
Park, Gimin  
Plonski, Marta  
Ray, Stephen  
Reichert, Meghan  
Rosa, Thomas  
Seaman, Molly  
Severino, Ashley  
Smiens, Tyler

~ Fall 2010-2011 Honor Roll cont.~

**"A" Honor Roll Continued**

Senior

Schneider, Beverly  
 Schultz, Adam  
 Seivley, Bianca  
 Skrzelowski, Michelle  
 Smith, Oliver  
 Thornburg, Adam  
 VanHoudt, Thomas  
 White, Megan  
 Williams, Lisa  
 Wojnar, David  
 Yoshida, Haley

Junior

Sardello, Tia  
 Schumacher, Melanie  
 Simpson, Louis  
 Smith, Madeleine  
 Sniffin, Kaitlyn  
 Spengler, Kyle  
 Stuhr, Tanner  
 Tewahade, Yaphet  
 Weber, Rebecca  
 Willis, Kyle  
 Wood, Rachel  
 Zeman, McKenzie

Sophomore

Webber, Karen  
 Weerstra, Sarah

Freshman

Smith, Tristan  
 Sommers, David  
 Spink, Daniel  
 Tran, ViVi  
 Wilkin, Melissa  
 Wisell, Madelyn  
 Woeste, Joseph  
 Zinke, Joseph

**"B" Honor Roll**

Senior

Abraha, Amanuel  
 Abraha, Illen  
 Aragon, Wesley  
 Ariniello, Mark  
 Bartlett, Brittany  
 Bovine, Nicholas  
 Caldwell, Mary  
 Clark, Kelsey  
 Connor, Dillon  
 Eastman, Grant  
 Elliott, Emily  
 Fagundo, Natalie  
 Franz, Elizabeth  
 Gambell, Sarah  
 Gonzalez, Laura  
 Granberg, Reilly  
 Gross, Brett  
 Helbig, Taylor  
 Jarasius, Daiva  
 Jensen, Angela  
 Kickbush, Dominic  
 Kilgore, Jessee  
 Kuczak, Alexandra  
 Langfield, Zachary  
 Lund, Daniel  
 McCandlish, Robert  
 McLean, Matthew  
 McManus, Katherine  
 Miller, Matthew  
 Nees, Robert  
 O'Connor, Patrick  
 Petersen, Elizabeth  
 Pritchard, Jennifer  
 Robles, Eric  
 Sanabria, Mabel

Junior

Andresen, Kevin  
 Aylward, Maria  
 Balthazor, Jacob  
 Barnes, Kendall  
 Bradshaw, Daylan  
 Brown, Alexa  
 Buchanan, Kelly  
 Cannella, Gina  
 Carson, Michael  
 Chavez, Megan  
 Chiovitti, Meghan  
 Connor, Devon  
 Cox, S. Scout  
 DePinto, Matthew  
 Disberger, Zachary  
 DiTirro, Jordan  
 Eldrige, Matthew  
 Fejka, Martin  
 Gallic, Noelle  
 Girtin, Emily  
 Gonzalez, Veronica  
 Hill, Kyrie  
 Jarasius, Gintas  
 Jaros, Kaitlin  
 Kaniecki, Robert  
 Keefe, Clayton  
 Kribs, Forrest  
 Locricchio, Rebeka  
 Lombardi, Juliana  
 McCourt, Stephanie  
 Middlemist, Cassandra  
 Middleton, James AJ  
 Pardoe, Bryan  
 Pena, Dominic  
 Rosa, Emilie

Sophomore

Adducci, Dominic  
 Bollman, Blake  
 Chavez, Kyle  
 Connelly, Steven  
 Cribari, Kelsey  
 Dillon, Brandon  
 Everson, Alicia  
 Gallegos, Joshua  
 Gallic, Katrina  
 Horning, Erin  
 Howorko, Samantha  
 Im, Seowoo  
 King, Zachary  
 Kubistek, Daniel  
 Lukas, John  
 Marcello, Danielle  
 Martineau, Jack  
 Martinez, Jason  
 Moncivais, Jacqueline  
 Olufson, Sara  
 Perez, Robert  
 Roll, Reyna  
 Schafer, Ryan  
 Shumas, Lauren  
 Sutton, Jacqueline  
 Tewahade, Aichan  
 Vu, Michael  
 Willden, Mary Kate  
 Woeste, Lauren

Freshman

Abraham, Benjamin  
 Anderson, Jordan  
 Ball, Jeffrey  
 Bartoletti, Joseph  
 Bowles, Mark  
 Cowell, Dante  
 Dalton, Nathaniel  
 Dedin, Zachary  
 Diestel, Tessa  
 Dudden, Tyler  
 Erb, Matthew  
 Harris, Aydan  
 Heneghan, Patrick  
 Hill, Haley  
 Hodge, Stephan  
 Holm, Kirsten  
 Kinoti, Timothy  
 Kribs, Joseph  
 Larson, Luke  
 Lonardo, Marco  
 Long, Robert  
 Lopez, Anelisa  
 McDonald, Bryan  
 Mikolajczak, Brian  
 Nguyen, Annie  
 Pomerinke, Sylvi  
 Roddy, Dillon  
 Sears, Madeline  
 Shumas, Audra  
 Stone, Mary  
 Stuhr, Delaney  
 Sutton, Alexander  
 Wood, Kaycie

~ Fall 2010-2011 Honor Roll cont. ~

"B" Honor Roll Continued

Senior


Severino, Erica  
Shunk, Emily  
Silva, Ryan  
Trahan, Amy  
Tran, Bryant  
Treece, Nathan  
Vonasek, Kendra  
Weaver, Katherine  
Weerstra, John  
Willden Jr., Jon  
Williamson, Sierra  
Wittenberg, Barbara  
Woods, Andrew  
Wrapp, Blake

Junior

Russo, Anna  
Saccomanno, Anthony  
Sakong, Jiyoun  
Sand, Trevor  
Sand, Tyler  
Sanders, Brooke  
Spitzer, Holly  
Sullivan, Alejandra  
Thompson, Preslee  
Vigil, Michelle  
Walls, Joseph  
Walters, Alec  
West, Garrett  
Williams, Veronica  
Wolfe, Brayden  
Work, Breanne

Sophomore

Freshman



*Congratulations to all the students  
who earned an Academic Letter or  
made the 2010-2011 Fall Semester  
Honor Roll!*

~Development Department News~

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tiger Gala “We’re on a Mission from God” ...  
Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**



**59 days  
and  
counting!**

Calling all NHS and Student Ambassadors!  
If you are interested in helping the Gala Team with student marketing phone calls after school on Monday, March 21 and/or Tuesday, March 22, contact Marianne Alonzi or Patty Gabriel in the Development Office. This is an opportunity to earn service hours.

**COMPLIMENTARY BLUE MOON BEER & BAREFOOT WINE ALL EVENING**

We are happy to announce that this year, for the first time, it is possible to make your Gala reservations on line. Click <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=c7b7a1> to secure your spot today. This year prices are \$90/person. OR take advantage of the special \$800 Table Sponsorship which includes 10 reserved seats along with company/family name recognition at your table. Watch for your personal invitation in the mail mid-March.

The evening will open with cocktails and appetizers while you shop the exciting items in our silent auction—let the bidding frenzy begin! A four-course gourmet dinner will follow in the Omni Ballroom. We plan to have 10-15 exciting live auction items, including GOLF WITH THE BRONCOS again!! The Gala Team is working hard behind the scenes to offer a memorable evening with many surprises in store. This year’s theme, borrowed from the classic film, “The Blues Brothers” will lend itself to fun and fundraising throughout the evening. We plan to showcase our HF Show Choir who will entertain us with favorite songs from the film.

This year’s Fund-A-Need is two-fold. Part 1 is the new Concession Building with restrooms at the Football, Track and Baseball Stadiums. Completion date of the concession project is scheduled for September. Dollars are needed to support the cost of purchasing concessions equipment and building materials. Part 2 is the New Stage in the School Theatre. Gifts and donations for the theatre will support the purchase of comfortable, portable seating.

The evening will wind down with music and dancing provided by Mark Martinez and ALL REQUEST MUSIC. If you want to make it a long weekend getaway, the Omni is offering special \$99 room rates to HF gala-goers. Mention HF when booking your reservation.

Tuition Raffle tickets are now available. This year the prize will be Tuition for 2011-12 school year OR \$1,000.00 CASH. Tickets are \$25 each and are going fast. Contact Patty Gabriel for information.

We are grateful to our confirmed sponsors to date for this year’s event: Pentras/Ariniello; KM Construction Services, Inc; Thomas J. Melcher, DDS, MS, PC; Broomfield Dental; Personal Benefit Services; Wal\*Mart; Allstate Insurance/The Larcada Agency; Regis University; United Power; Wells Fargo; Belco Credit Union; Cavill & Company. Exciting sponsorship packages with incentives are still available. Contact Marianne Alonzi for details.

Our next Gala Team meeting is set for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM in the HF Library.



~Development Department News cont.~

Gala Gift Gathering Party Recap



The Fun!



The Guests!



The Hosts!



The Girls!



The Chairs!

Our first gift gathering party was held at the home of Jim & Denise O'Connor. Thanks to our gracious host and hostess and to everyone who came out on that special Valentine weekend. The next party is scheduled for Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Steve & Lucille Cannella "Mancave" themed party. We hope you are planning to attend. Watch for the party recap with pictures on the Gala website and in the next Tiger Times.

The gift gathering parties were created as a fun way to bring in donations for the Gala live and silent auctions. They offer a great opportunity to parents—new and seasoned—to network and meet fellow HF parents. ALL HF parents are invited, welcomed and encouraged to attend these fun parties!! PLEASE JOIN US!!!! To download your personal invitation go to [www.holyfamilyhs.com](http://www.holyfamilyhs.com) gala website.

Upcoming Gift Gathering Party Schedule

Saturday, March 5, 7PM Tom & Pam Ariniello 3877 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Drive, Westminster  
Contact 303.469.5691 "Anything Goes"

Saturday, March 12, 7PM Chris & Susan Kingsley 3704 Braeburn Place, Longmont  
Contact 303.827.3180 "All Things Wine"

**Important Gala Dates to remember in March & April**

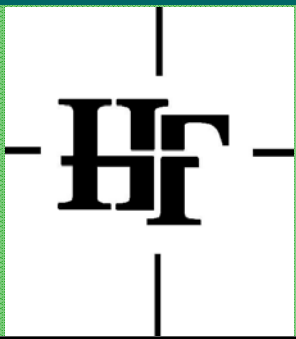
Ariniello Gift Gathering Party	Saturday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>
Kingsley Gift Gathering Party	Saturday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>
Gala Team Meeting	Monday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> (6:30 p.m.)
Mail Invitations	Mid-March
Gala Team Meeting	Monday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>
Gala Team Meeting	Monday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Gala Team Meeting	Monday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>
Gala Team Meeting	Monday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Gala Programs Delivered to Attendees	Wednesday April 27 <sup>th</sup>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**22<sup>ND</sup> 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.



# Holy Family High School

# College Counselor

March 2011

by Mr. William P. Wilson

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**Catholic College Fair** (approximately 30 Catholic colleges)  
Wednesday, April 27, 2011 6-7:45 p.m.  
@ Holy Family High School

**Denver College Fair** (approximately 400 colleges)  
Sunday, May 1, 2011 1-4 p.m.  
@ Lakewood High School

### **-Senior Decision Time**

The time is approaching when seniors will be expected to make one of the most important decisions of their lives—where to go to college. Letters of acceptance, financial aid offers, and detailed information about academic programs, facilities, and living opportunities should be in hand by early April. A senior’s decision can be a complicated one that creates a fair amount of anxiety. Parents are encouraged to carefully balance their input and support with the understanding that this should be their child’s decision. If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to call.

In order to facilitate this process, be sure that everything a college needs has been provided. **If you have not completed your FAFSA, you are late.** Financial aid offers are based on the results of the FAFSA, and timing is crucial. In addition, if a college needs first semester grades or any other updates, do it now.

If you filed a FAFSA, you should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). This report reviews the responses which you provided on the FAFSA and discusses your eligibility for certain federal grants. It also indicates the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that has been calculated based on the income and asset figures you provided

The colleges that you selected get a copy of this report, and they will attempt to formulate a financial aid package to make up the difference between the EFC and the Cost of Attendance (COA) at their institution.

Later, when you receive financial aid offers from your colleges, review them carefully and call the college’s financial aid office with any questions. Understand that they will not “negotiate” with you, but they are open to working with you concerning special circumstances.

Many seniors will need to make additional campus visits as part of their decision making. Given proper notice, colleges will provide overnight accommodations for accepted students. Our spring break is an ideal time to make these visits since most colleges are in session that week. Take advantage of these opportunities; the visit experience can be a very important factor in making a decision.

Whatever the decision, you must make a deposit at the college of your choice before May 1. After that date, admission and financial aid offers may be withdrawn and/or campus housing may no longer be available.

### **Loans for College**

Federally subsidized Stafford and

Perkins student loans require the family to demonstrate need through the FAFSA. These loans will be a part of need-based financial aid offers if you qualify. You do not have to accept them. The typical student graduates college with \$19,000 in loans.

There are many other loan options including Parent Loans (PLUS), loans from banks and insurance companies, etc. I am not a financial expert, but I caution students against borrowing more than \$20,000 over four years. I suggest you consult your financial advisor to review your options.

### **Advanced Placement Tests**

Students in AP courses are required to take the AP exam. There is a fee of \$87 per test paid to Holy Family. Holy Family will then send one check to the College Board. Many colleges grant credit or advanced standing when students score well on AP tests.

### **Junior College Search**

The spring of the junior year is a critical time for the college search. It is important to do significant research this year. Juniors should make use of information resources, register to take both the ACT and SAT (see schedule), and have their parents call to arrange an individual conference with me. I also expect juniors to review the College

Planning Handbook. In addition, parents are encouraged to complete the Parent Evaluation Form which is available on the counseling webpage. This form gives me valuable insight that is very helpful as I work with your students.

**College Campus Visits**

I cannot overstate the importance of college visits as part of the college search process. High school students at any level can learn a great deal about themselves and their options by touring college campuses. Whether you make a college visit an objective of your travel or just a side trip within your vacation, take advantage of what you can learn by putting your feet on a campus. It can be a great family experience.

**Local College Fairs**

Holy Family High School is co-sponsoring a Catholic college fair on Wednesday, April 27th. The fair will be held at Holy Family from 6-7:45pm. Students, along with their parents, are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gather information and meet with college admission officers. Over thirty Catholic colleges will have representatives on hand to distribute materials and answer questions. Students will be given a program the week prior that contains a list of the colleges planning to attend and suggested questions to ask.

The Denver College Fair will feature well over 100 colleges, including all of the Colorado public institutions. It will be held at Lakewood High School on Sunday, May 1st from 1-4pm. Programs will be distributed the week prior to the fair.

**Course Registration**

In early February, students met with counselors to register for courses for next year. The selection of courses is an important task that can have far-reaching implications. Parents are strongly encouraged to take an active role in this process. Selection forms have been mailed home. Be certain to

closely review your student's selections. 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.

**Underclassmen**

Earning good grades is of primary importance. Admission to the college of one's choice is primarily related to the academic record in high school. Virtually every college admission director cites high school curriculum and grades as the first factor in admission decisions. Other factors such as ACT/SAT results, extracurricular involvement, recommendations, and essays are secondary. Working hard to get good grades should be the main concern for underclassmen in their college planning. It is that part of their future over which they have present control.

**Test Preparation**

Many students do not approach college entrance tests with an appropriate level of seriousness and sophistication. Even though these tests have been widely criticized, they remain a key factor in college admission and scholarship decisions. Failure to recognize and act on this fact can and has resulted in missed opportunities.

Evidence shows that repeated testing and thorough preparation produce positive results. The test companies readily admit that students who are more familiar with the tests will have more accurate results. It is becoming clear that students who have not spent time preparing are at a definite disadvantage.

There are many preparation options: purchase a guidebook or software, take a course, or find online practice opportunities. Be sure to go into the tests as familiar and comfortable with them as possible.

HF has partnered with TPR for an SAT prep course. Call TPR at 303-939-9100 for more information.

**Summer Programs**

Many colleges and other agencies sponsor summer programs for high school students. Topics include all academic areas, leadership, community service, and travel. Many programs offer college credit. These programs are widely recognized by admission offices. A list of opportunities can be found in the counseling center and on the HF website. [www.enrichmentalley.com](http://www.enrichmentalley.com) has a large searchable database on such programs.

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

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

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

<b>Test Dates</b>		
<u>AP</u>		
May 2-11		
<u>SAT</u>		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
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
Students should register on-line at <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> and <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> .		

*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 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](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 fourth in a of a series of articles dealing with issues affecting teenagers and the law*

**CAR SURFING AND OTHER FATAL BAD IDEAS**

The first autopsy I ever attended as a deputy district attorney was that of a 15 year old male named Brian , who attended a Longmont high school. Brian had been a star football player and was popular among his fellow students. Although Brian was dead, the only visible injury on him was an abrasion on his left elbow.

Three days earlier he had been at McDonald's with his friends when he and another male jumped on the top of a third friend's car, laying on their stomachs and holding onto the top rim of the windshield. The friend drove his car in a fast, wide circle. As the car picked up speed, Brian's friend slipped off the top and landed on his feet as the car sped by. Brian wasn't so lucky. As the car gathered speed, Brian began to lose his grip and slid off on the outside of the car, hitting his head on the asphalt. McDonald's employees were alarmed at the teens' behavior and had called the police. When the police first arrived, Brian was walking around and laughing about what had happened. He had a vicious headache, but otherwise seemed ok. The driver of the car was cited for careless driving and Brian went home.

About an hour later, Brian slipped into unconsciousness and was rushed to the hospital. His brain began to swell and three days later, he died. The autopsy showed that his cerebellum, the bottom part of the brain that controls breathing and heartbeat, had been crushed to about half its normal size when Brian landed on his head. This brain injury resulted in his death.

The charges against the driver were changed to a felony, vehicular homicide, an offense punishable by two years incarceration.

A second Longmont teen named Tom was severely injured in his high school parking lot about 4 years ago when he jumped onto the back bumper of his best friend's SUV. The driver gunned his car and it lurched forward. Tom didn't have a good hold on the back window and fell backward off the car. He hit the back of his head on the pavement. He immediately fell unconscious and was rushed to a hospital.

Fortunately Tom survived after being in a coma for a week. However, he suffered some brain damage as a result of bleeding in his brain. When he came out of the coma, he couldn't speak and had no memory of what had happened. He entered into rehab to learn to walk correctly, to speak again, and to relearn how to write.

Because he was healthy otherwise and was a young man, he regained nearly all his functions after a year of rehab. He had to repeat his senior year in high school and was unable to compete in any sports because the risk of re-injury was too great. The driver in his case was charged with Careless driving resulting in serious bodily injury, which carries a possible jail sentence.

One summer, a young couple headed up to a small outdoor amphitheater on Flagstaff Mountain above Boulder for their wedding ceremony. Coming down the road toward them was a car being driven by a 19 year old male named Nick. For fun, his friend Warren was on his roller blades, holding onto the side view mirror of Nick's car, which was travelling at about 45 mph down the hillside. By holding onto the mirror, Warren was about a foot and a half over the centerline of the narrow road. As the two cars came around a tight curve, the young couple's car struck Warren, knocking him off the roadway and killing him instantly. The driver of that car was not charged with any crimes, but their wedding day was ruined by a senseless tragedy. Nick was charged with reckless driving, but Warren's death was attributed to his own actions.

A group of Boulder High school students regularly met on Flagstaff mountain to party and have a good time. A junior named Tina climbed onto the top of her boyfriend's van and dared him to drive. He moved his van slowly forward a few hundred feet, suddenly slamming on the brakes. Although he wasn't moving very fast, the sharp braking caused Tina to slide forward off the car. Unfortunately, she landed on a large boulder, hitting her head. She received a fractured skull and eventually she died as a result of bleeding in her brain. Her boyfriend was charged with careless driving,. He suffered from years of depression because he had caused her death.

All of these tragic stories are true. Not one driver who injured or killed the victims intended for their deaths to happen. They were all just goofing around and did not imagine the terrible consequences of their careless behavior. Worse, many of the drivers killed some of their best friends and have had to carry that burden for the rest of their lives.

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