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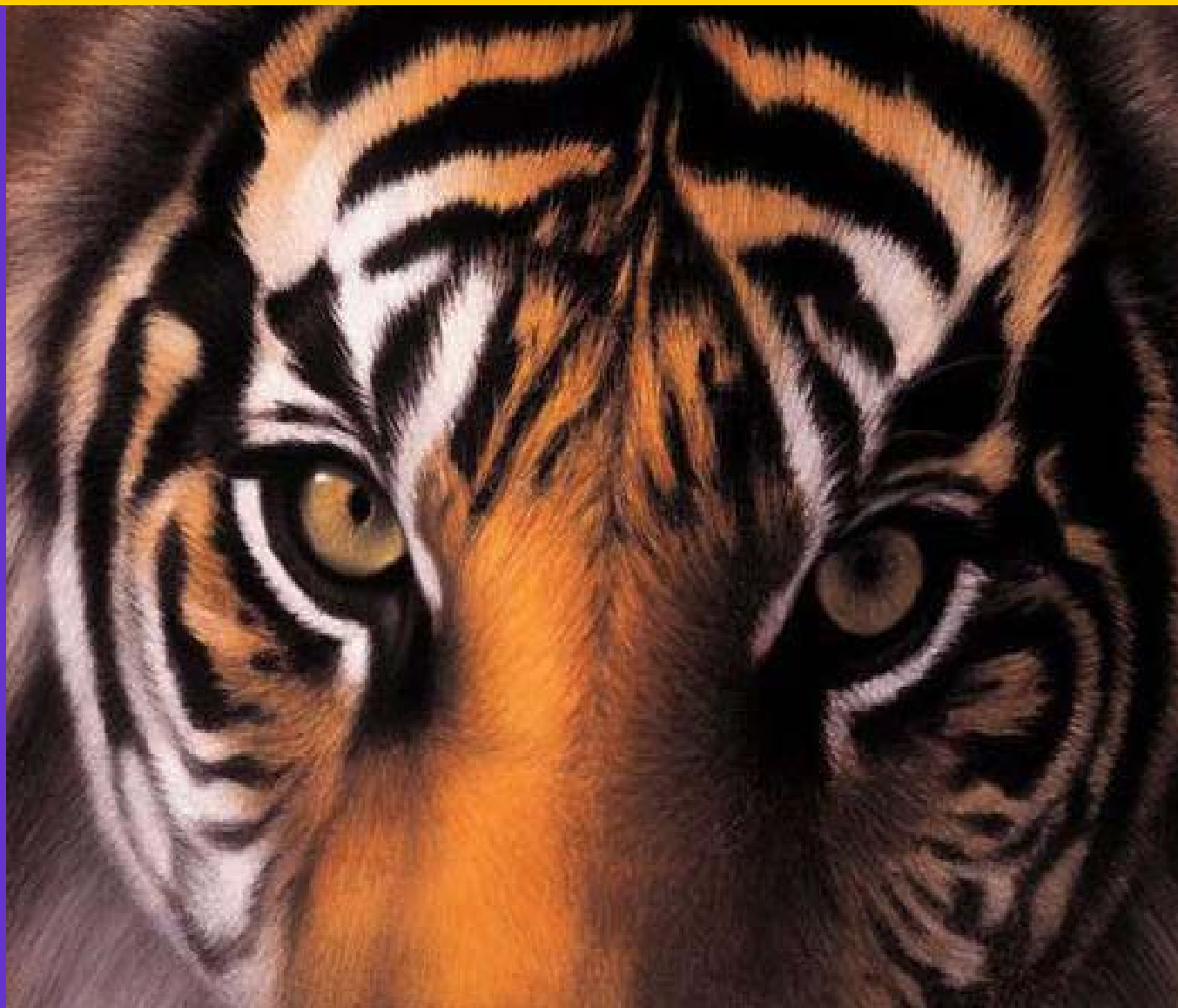
Tiger Times

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“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed to us.” *Romans 8: 18*



Going From Good To Great!

Tiger Times Community Newsletter

Dear friends,

The School year is coming to a close and the fruits of all those happy moments of study are about to be harvested. The graduates will very soon walk down the path toward the dais where upon they will receive their certificate of graduation then will sit down ready for the prescribed moment to switch the tassels which from side to side. So comes the culmination of all these years of effort in front of parents, siblings and friends, with grandparents and aunts and uncles, and with the staff of the school. The celebration will commence shortly.

For many others, the underclassmen, the task, the journey continues on. In a few short weeks they would take their exams, finish their classes, and go into summer break. The teachers will grade and grade and grade until they cannot see anymore, will tidy up their rooms and make their plans for the summer and next year then they too will go on break. After that the building will be for the most part empty.

While the rest of you are vacationing several of us will be working like mad to ensure the school is in top-notch condition when you return. We will be painting and spackling, fixing cracks and polishing floors; we will clean desks and mow grass. The effect of all of this work should be noticeable. It is a way for us to let the world know how much we love our school and are rightfully proud of it and the work done in it.

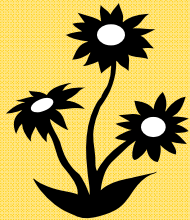
At the graduation, those who are able to attend will get a chance to see a newly renovated football field and track complex. The landscaping, paid for by the capital campaign of a few years ago, allows us to make the Stadium a beautiful spectacle to behold. I hope all of you can come to the graduation which we will be having a week from this Wednesday at 10 AM.

May all of you have a restful and productive summer, may you be safe in all your travels, may work be plentiful and profitable, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand and give you peace.

Until August ,
God bless, Godspeed and goodbye,

Pax,

Timothy Gallic, Principal
Holy Family High School



**Enjoy
your
summer!**



**Congratulations
2011 Holy Family
Graduates!!!**

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~ IMPORTANT DATES ~ May and June ~

May 9, 2011.....	AP Biology Exam	8:00 a.m.
May 10-13, 2011.....	Senior Exams	Schedule- Page 7
May 10, 2011.....	AP Government Exam	8:00 a.m.
May 11, 2011.....	AP Language Exam	8:00 a.m.
May 16, 2011.....	Senior Banquet— Arvada Cener	6:00 p.m.
May 17, 2011.....	Senior Book Buy Back	8:00 a.m.— 10:45a.m.
May 17, 2011.....	Baccalaureate Mass- Spirit of Christ	7:00 p.m.
May 18, 2011.....	Graduation— HFHS	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	10:50 a.m.
June 3, 2011.....	Book Buy Back— All Students	8:00 a.m.— 12:00n

~ IMPORTANT Announcements ~



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

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.

Attention Parents of the Class of 2012!!!
 It's time to start thinking about senior pictures! Information will be coming home shortly- your student will receive a packet with flyers/discounts from local photographers in their theology classes and a letter will be mailed home with specific requirements and dates for submitting your student's portrait. Photography sessions should be scheduled as soon as possible this summer- don't wait! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brittany Lane at yearbook@holyfamilyhs.com.

Talented Tigers

Holy Family High School

Colorado Junior Classical League Convention

Students did very well at the Colorado Junior Classical League convention in April. Dillon Connor and Cyprian Illing won trophies, meaning they were one of the top ten students of the 400 at the Latin competition this year.

The following students also won first place awards:

- Daniel Carvalho-program cover design
- Trevor Ballard-map
- Larissa Hofmann-mosaic
- Cyprian Illing-jewelry
- Megan Doyle- textiles
- Ania Plonski-pottery
- Daiva Jarasius-small model
- Forrest Kribs-large model
- Patrick Brower-pencil drawing
- Joseph Zinke-photography
- Alex Chopyak-dramatic interpretation
- Tess Cartin-English oratory
- Jacob Matthews-Laocoon's javelin; Deucalion's throw
- Erich Hixson-Phidippides' Run
- James Fross-Greek History exam; Roman History exam, Level 1
- Dillon Connor-Ancient Geography exam; Greek History exam, Level 4

Biana Seivley was honored by the City of Westminster for her outstanding service over 3 years and received a special commendation on behalf of the Mayor and City Council. Congratulations!

Congratulations to James Fross for winning a gold medal, and Dillon Connor and Reilly Granberg for winning silver medals, on the 2011 National Roman Civilization Exam.

Congratulations to the following gold medalists on the 2011 National Latin Examination:

- James Fross
- Thomas Rosa
- Palmer Fallet
- Gabrielle Wilson
- Trevor Ballard

Congratulations to the following silver medalists on the 2011 National Latin Examination:

- Tess Cartin
- Marta Plonski
- Devlin Granberg
- Joseph Marcia
- Aaron Hillman
- Amanda Sadler
- Danielle Medearis
- Alexandra Dalton
- Anna Schaefer
- Meghan Doherty
- Thomas Spitzer

Holy Family 2011 graduates earn \$11 million dollars in merit-based scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year. Congratulations to all!

Talented Tigers

Holy Family High School

World Language Day

Congratulations to all of the students who attended World Language Day. And, congratulations especially to the following students who placed in their competitions:

Bryant Tran – 1st place for French Art

Sam McCourt – French treasure hunt

Ayden Harris, Amanda Shupe and Mary Stone – 1st place French level 1 commercial

Mabel Sanabria, Kallie Hackbarth, Jacob Kingsley and Sam Mccourt – 1st place French level 3 commercial

Anna Montgomery – 1st place individual talent

Alejandra Hernandez – 1st place level 1 heritage speaker who am I competition

Meghan Reichert – 1st place level 1 who am I competition

Karen Webber – 2nd place level 2 heritage show and tell competition

Joslyn Stone – 3rd place level 2 show and tell competition

Monique Gonzalez, Kendall Barnes, McKenzie Zeman and Rachel Wood – 2nd place level 3 skit

Briana Regelin – 2nd place level 4 poetry recitation

Ivan Franco – 2nd place native speaker extemporaneous speaking

Olivia Quinn and Claudia Pena – 1st Place level 1 commercial

Ashley Severino and Tessa Diestel – 2nd place level 1 commercial

Holly Spitzer, Blaire Mikesell and Emilie Rosa – 1st place level 3 commercial

Alissa Noe, Blake Bollman, Kurtis Alberi – 2nd place level 3 commercial

Stacia Affelt, Melanie Schumacher, Kelly Buchanan, Gen Roth, and Kaitlin Jaros – 1st place level 4 commercial

Archdiocese Juried Art Exhibit

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Archdiocese Juried Art Exhibit

1st place: Larissa Hofmann (9) mosaic
Wesley Aragon (12) leather
Barbara Wittenberg (12) sculpture,
Alexander Toderica (10) pastel drawing

2nd place: Adam Schultz (12) leather
Lisa Williams (12) photo
Adriana Andrasova, watercolor

3rd place: Aman Abraha (12) ceramic
Devon Connor (11) sculpture,
Audra Shurnas (9) scratch art
Sean Crowley (11) pen and ink



~ 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!



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Dear Parents, Students, and Community members,

For the 2011-2012 school-year, all students will be required to follow the dress code as it is written in the Tiger Tips.

Dress code shirts must be purchased through Sportline of Arvada. You may order online at <http://www.teamathletics.com/>, then click on shop by sport, Uniforms, Holy Family. Dress code pants may be purchased through Sportline or through other vendors, however, they must be the fit, style, material, construction and solid colors as described in the Holy Family dress code.

All Spirit Pack items can be worn on Spirit Days only. Sweatshirts worn on regular dress days are limited Holy Family Sweatshirts only. Shoes must reflect safety and comfort as listed in the Tiger Tips.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-410-1411 ext. 1002 or by email at miked.gabriel@holyfamilyhs.com.

Sincerely,

Mike D. Gabriel
Dean of Student Life

Enclosures: Copy of the 2011-12 Dress Code as in the Tiger Tips Handbook.

Boys and Girls Wear

Long pleated or flat front style dress pants, knee-length shorts or (Girls may wear Capri pants as well) of solid color: khaki, sand or black. Outside pockets and pocket seams are not to be visible. Stretch pants, low rise pants or any tight material is not permissible.

Collared polo shirt, long or half sleeves with the Holy Family Logo on the left chest and the Archdiocese logo on the sleeve, **WHICH MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH SPORTLINE OF ARVADA**, available at <http://www.teamathletics.com/c-88-holy-family.aspx>. The shirt is to be tucked in. A shirt worn under the school polo which is visible must be of a solid color: navy blue, white, black, school purple or school yellow.

Spirit Sweatshirts with approved Holy Family High School Logos may be worn over a School Polo.

Spirit Wear or Spirit Pack Items

Spirit wear or Spirit pack items are to be worn on Spirit Days only! These days are a privilege and are announced in advance. If a Spirit Day is not announced, no spirit wear is to be worn. Students may wear Holy Family t-shirts, sweatshirts, or letter jackets, on which a Holy Family Spirit Logo is visible. These items must be Holy Family sponsored spirit wear, no handmade or homemade attire is permissible. All shirts must have sleeves; cannot be midriff style, or tight fitting. Student may wear jeans or nice shorts on Spirit days. Pants or shorts cannot be tight fitting or low rise, no sagging; no sweat pants; no gym shorts.

Campus Wear

These are items worn to school sponsored activities on or off campus. Students should wear appropriate spirit dress attire or other appropriate attire. Mini skirts, sleeveless tops, midriff tops, tight fitting, sagging or low rise pants are not acceptable.

No jackets (other than letter jackets), coats, or outside clothing are to be worn in the school between 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. These items are to be locked in lockers during school hours.

Hats, scarves, wallet chains, dog collars, spikes and other such "additions" are not permitted. Alterations of the clothing are not permitted.

Shoes should reflect safety and comfort.

~ From the Library ~

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FROM THE BOOKSTORE

End of Year Buyback for 2010-11 Textbooks – Tech Update

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 |

Instead of filling out forms for buyback, this year students will be able to fill out their buyback form online at myschoolbookstore.com. This new system is being tested and will be ready on May 16, 2011 for Seniors to prepare for the May 17 buyback.

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 May. Click on 2011-12 Booklist. Please note that every care will be taken to list items correctly.

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.



~Development Department News ~



Tiger Gala 2011

**..20th Annual Tiger Gala
SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2011
Building A Lasting Legacy...**

We are grateful to our List of 2011 Gala Sponsors

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Remember to support those who support us!!

Thanks to Eric Nakayama—our fantastic Master of Ceremonies—for a job well done; to the HF Show Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Thalia Burd, for a wonderful performance; and to Toni Verrretta and the HF Art Students. We appreciate all the teachers who attended the event and especially those who helped during the Live Auction as spotters. We had great response from our community of parents, businesses, teachers, clubs, teams and everyone who made donations to our Live and Silent Auctions this year—the number and quality of the items surpassed our expectations. The generosity of all of our donors is appreciated and applauded.

Special recognition and heartfelt thanks to this year's Co-Chairs, Rick & Lisa Matthews, and David & Julie Lewis—and to our entire team of parent volunteers who worked behind the scenes to ensure that this year's gala would be a memorable and successful event.

**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!—SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR
EVENT PICTURES—THANK YOU HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY!!**

Tiger Gala 2011

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MACK PORTER!!
PROUD WINNER OF THE TUITION RAFFLE
AT OUR 20TH ANNUAL TIGER GALA!!**



~Development Department News cont.~

Tiger Golf 2011



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!



The 22nd Annual Tiger Golf Classic/Sister Aline Dalton Memorial Event
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2011 7:30AM
Scramble Format/Shotgun Start 7:30 AM Sharp!

BROADLANDS
GOLF COURSE
4380 WEST 144TH AVENUE
BROOMFIELD, CO 80020

Name _____ Company _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

(Souvenir Circle one) Visor/Hat/Polo

Foursome Request:

Name _____
1 _____ phone _____
2 _____ phone _____
3 _____ phone _____
4 _____ phone _____

Total Golf Fees \$ _____

____ I cannot attend. Please accept my donation: \$ _____

____ I would like to sponsor a staff member \$130.00 \$ _____

____ I am interested in sponsoring the event: Cart \$100 Bronze \$300 Silver \$600 Gold \$1,000 Platinum \$2500

Please make checks payable to: Holy Family High School

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ Charge \$ _____ (Circle one) Visa/MasterCard

Charge Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name as on Card _____ Signature _____

Return to: Holy Family High School, 5195 W. 144th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80023 or fax to 303-466-1935, attn: Marianne Alonzi, Department of Development, 303-410-1411, ext. 1129 marianne.alonzi@holyfamilyhs.com

To participate in or attend any HFHS function where alcohol is present you must be at least 21 years old or with a parent.

Fees: Include continental breakfast, goody bag, range balls, choice of Tiger Golf Classic souvenir, green fees, cart, GPS, awards luncheon (spouse included), prizes and Fun and Fellowship to benefit the Sr. Aline Dalton Scholarship Fund.



Seniors 60+ & Students
(college/hs): \$100.00
Individual : \$130.00
Foursome: \$500.00

Sponsorship Opportunities include golfing, hole sponsorship, corporate signage, ad in tournament program, and recognition in Lamp Post and Tiger Times newsletters.

~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



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College Counselor

May 2011

by Mr. William P. Wilson

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Seniors' Decision

By the time you receive this newsletter, all seniors should have completed their college decision making. Tuition deposits, housing reservations, and acceptance of financial aid offers should have been in by May 1st. *Act immediately if these actions have not been completed!*

If you were offered a need-based financial aid award, you should send your Student Aid Report (SAR) to the financial aid office of the college you will attend. The SAR is the report which you got back after filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). *Make a copy of your SAR before sending it!*

If any admission notice included an offer of "wait list" rather than acceptance, it is essential that you respond if you wish to stay on the wait list. My advice is to also write a strong letter emphasizing your continued interest and include any additional information which was not in the original application, e.g. recent progress report grades, special honors or achievements, etc. Unfortunately, you will still need to make a deposit at your second choice college since wait list decisions do not come until later in May. If you are accepted from the wait list and choose to attend, you will sacrifice the deposit you filed at the other college.

Whatever the decision, it is considered appropriate to notify all of the colleges to which you have been accepted of your plans. A short note to those colleges where you will not be attending is common courtesy. Thank them for their consideration and inform them that you will not be accepting their

offer of admission.

Don't Slow Down!

The next major task facing a college bound senior is successful completion of high school. More than just graduating, colleges expect that a senior's academic record will stay consistent with past performance. **Only after the final high school transcript is received by the college is the offer of admission official.** Occasionally, a college will send a warning letter, or worse, rescind an offer of admission, because of poor performance in the senior year. The message is clear—take final exams seriously and make the most of your last few weeks!

More than just graduating, colleges expect that a senior's academic record will stay consistent with past performance.

Another important reason to have a strong finish to the senior year is the pattern of success which it establishes for college. A "senior slide" does not suddenly reverse itself in college. A student's attitude toward studying and the commitment to reaching one's potential are formed in high school. Do not let bad habits develop which can hamper future accomplishments. Senior year can have an exciting conclusion and still include a good academic finish.

What Not To Pay For

Are you being asked for money for college related services by someone other than a college or test company?

Be wary. Many companies will ask you to pay fees for services; most of them are some sort of scam. Almost all services related to college admission are available for free.

Scholarship search engines are free and plentiful online. NO ONE can guarantee you that you will win a scholarship. Do not pay someone to assist you in finding scholarships! In my mind, the same holds true for athletics as well.

Who's Who, National Honor Roll, etc. are simply trying to sell you their book. These are not real honors and do not belong on a resume.

Letting Go

As you help your senior pack for college and worry about the transition he/she will face in the months ahead, do not underestimate the challenges that you will face as the parent of a college freshman. This is especially true if this is the first child you are sending off to college.

Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger have co-authored *Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years* to help you make it through this difficult time. Coburn and Treeger have been praised for their insights on surviving the freshman transition. They counsel parents to be supportive and understanding of their rapidly changing teenagers as they maneuver their own emotional roller coaster.

Junior & Sophomore Conferences

I have met with the great majority of the juniors and their parents this semester with a few more meetings s

scheduled. So far, the conferences have gone well, and parents and juniors have appreciated the opportunity to discuss the specifics of their situations. I am available to follow up these initial conferences by meeting with the juniors to check on progress with the college search and to set a plan for the summer. If you have not scheduled your initial conference yet, please call me at 303-410-1411 *1119 or email me at will.wilson@holymfamilyhs.com.

I will also begin meeting with sophomores (rising juniors) after the school year ends. I am available over the summer for these initial conferences. Please email or call to schedule an appointment.

Summer College Visits

I expect that by this time all juniors are actively involved in gathering and reviewing information about college choices. The only way to make an appropriate college decision as a senior is to set the groundwork now. Using a variety of resources is an important first step, but establishing contact with any and all colleges that interest you is another critical activity. Refining your list of college options and learning everything you can about those schools is essential. A college’s website provides in-depth information on all of their opportunities.

In addition, perhaps the most important thing that you will do as you consider your options is to visit college campuses. Past students and college admission professionals unanimously agree that the single most important factor in making a college decision is the visit. Hopefully, you are making plans to incorporate college visits as part of your summer travel. There is good information in the College Planning Handbook on how to arrange a college visit and for what to look. Handbooks are available in the main office.

Estimating Your Need

More and more families are seeking Financial aid to help pay for their child-

children’s education. As you review college costs, it would be to your advantage to know what expectation will be placed on you and your family. The federal government has designed a complicated formula to determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Colleges will use this figure to determine your eligibility for need-based financial aid. If you have not done so already, I suggest that you determine what your family’s ability to pay will be calculated as. You can also do this for free on the Internet at www.finaid.org. Click on “Calculators”, then click “Expected Family Contribution”.

Beginning this fall, colleges are required to provide a Net Price Calculator on their website. This tool will tell you how much you can expect in scholarship and aid from a college, and what the actual cost will be to the family for your student to attend.

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Scholarship Searches

Summer presents a good opportunity for juniors (rising seniors) to start to investigate various scholarships that are available through private sources. Identifying possible scholarships and requesting applications during the summer will give students a head start when school starts in the fall. The best resource for private scholarships is the free search that you can access on the Web at www.fastweb.com.

The key word is **free**. Do not pay for someone to do a scholarship search. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission has made it a point to warn consumers about scholarship fraud.

SAT/ACT Preparation

Summer also presents an opportunity for rising seniors to brush up on their test-taking skills before the next round of ACT and SAT testing in the fall. Once we get back to school, it becomes very difficult to find the time to review. Take advantage of any free time the summer may provide. If you have any questions about any of the test preparation resources available, feel free to give me a call or email.

Athletic Recruiting

In order to be formally recruited by an NCAA Division I or II school, prospective student-athletes need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at the end of their junior year. The eligibility center website is www.eligibilitycenter.org. There is a fee. After registering you will need to request your transcript from me and your test scores from one of the testing agencies.

You should create a letter to send to coaches. It should include why you are interested in their school as well as your academic and athletic information.

There are free websites where you can register so that college coaches can find you. Try www.berecruited.com

Test Dates		
AP		
May 2-12		
SAT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
June 4	May 6	May 20
ACT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
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.org and www.studentact.org .		

~ Legal Corner ~

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

Teen Pranks Gone Bad

Probably since the beginning of time, teenagers have engaged in pranks. Most teens don't usually have malicious intent when they set out to pull pranks, but teenagers are sometimes charged with crimes when seemingly harmless pranks result in unforeseen damage to property or injuries to people. Arson and criminal mischief are typically the types of charges taken when pranks go bad.

Such was the case in the summer of 2007. Jason, Eric, Bryan and Ned were walking through their neighborhood when Jason noticed the van of his former friend Cole, parked in Cole's driveway. The 4th of July was a week away and the 4 teens had purchased smoke bombs from a fireworks stand. As they walked by Cole's van, Jason lit a smoke bomb and threw it through the van's open window. The van immediately began to fill with orange smoke that billowed out through the window. What happened next wasn't exactly what Jason had intended when he threw the smoke bomb into the car. Unfortunately, the fuse of the smoke bomb landed against the cloth seat in the van and after smoldering awhile, burst into flame. Eventually, the van itself began to burn. When the flames reached the gas tank, the van exploded. Since the van was parked next to Cole's home, the flames spread and the home also began to burn. Fortunately, the fire department was able to extinguish the flames and kept the home from being burned to the ground. However, there was extensive damage to the home, and the van was completely destroyed. All four teens were charged with arson and criminal mischief which were felonies because of the dollar amount of damage. Eventually, the charges against Eric, Bryan and Ned were reduced when it was decided that they had not participated in the bombing of the car, but Jason ended up with a felony conviction.

Most teens at one time or another spend a late night teepeeing the trees, cars and houses of their friends, acquaintances or even their enemies. Placing toilet paper around a yard does not usually result in damage--just hours of clean-up. However, when the art of throwing eggs is included in this prank, the result can be far different. Patrick and Thomas were out for fun when they went to the home of Patrick's old girlfriend. They applied the usual 30 or so rolls of toilet paper around the yard, but the 2 dozen eggs they brought along ended up causing them problems they hadn't anticipated. They threw eggs at the two cars in the driveway, most of them at the windows of the cars. They threw about a dozen eggs at the house, hitting the garage door, the front door and at various locations along the front of the house. Fortunately, the egg residue washed off both the cars and the house (eggs can sometimes damage the paint on cars). Unfortunately, the eggs chipped paint off the

house when the eggs hit. They were charged with criminal mischief for the damage to the house and had to pay \$600 to repair the paint on the house.

Some pranks are quite funny, but can still cause damage in unforeseen ways. Such was the case with a herd of chickens. Amy and Kate attended a high school where an elevator had been installed for handicapped students. One boring evening, they rounded up several of their friends and went to a nearby chicken farm where they snuck about 10 chickens over a fence. They found a door in the back of their high school door which was propped open by a custodian who had wandered to another portion of the building. They worked quickly and stowed their chickens, then left the building. A short while later, the custodian called the police because he could hear unusual noises in the elevator. When police arrived, they were quite surprised when the elevator door opened and 10 squawking chickens flew out of the elevator and down the hallway. Unfortunately, two of the chickens were injured while being rounded up (a lengthy process) and had to be destroyed. The chicken farmer was not amused and also insisted on having the students charged with theft (the prank was too good not to mention and eventually the culprits were rounded up after being identified--having chicken feathers and chicken poop in the car didn't help prove their innocence). There were also criminal mischief charges taken against them because the carpet in the elevator continued to smell like chickens for some time and had to eventually be replaced.

The one prank that usually backfires on teens is anything involving a fire extinguisher being set off. The damage from the chemicals in a fire extinguisher, along with the costs of clean-up can be much higher than anyone deciding to set off the extinguisher might anticipate.

There will always be teenagers who spend time thinking up strange and "wonderful" things to do to each other. Most of the time the pranks are pretty funny and harmless. Thinking through the possible consequences of the prank--injury to people or animals, or damage to property--will insure that the prank ends up in laughter and not a trip in handcuffs to the local jail..

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