

March 2018

Dear New HCCA Families

As Holy Cross Catholic Academy begins the enrollment process for the 2018-2019 school year, we want to thank you for your interest in our school. We are looking forward to welcoming you son or daughter as a part of our community and we promise to offer him or her an excellent Catholic secondary educational experience, both in and outside the classroom.

Registration for the 2018-19 school year has begun. We have enclosed registration forms for your convenience. Please complete these forms and then make an appointment for a registration meeting with Mrs. Seidenberger. At this meeting you can return the forms in person, ask any questions you might have, and sign your tuition contract.

For the 2018-19 school year, the cost of educating each student at Holy Cross Catholic Academy was a little under \$10,000. In other words, tuition payments cover only about 60% of the expenses associated with running HCCA. The other 40% of those expenses were covered by the support from the parishes in the central deanery, diocesan assistance, grants secured by the diocesan development office, individual donations, and our fundraising efforts.

Upon the recommendation of the HCCA Advisory Board, tuition for the 2018-2019 school year will be \$7200 for the first student and \$6380 for the second student. This small increase will help offset anticipated increases in our utilities, building insurance, health insurance for personnel and a cost of living increase in salaries.

The registration fee for the 2018-2019 school year remains the same at \$500 per student. However, if you register before Friday, April 13, you will receive a **\$200 per student discount**. If you register between April 16 and April 30, you will receive a **\$100 per student discount**. Please be aware that no registration fee discounts are available after May 1. The registration fee is payable in full at the time of enrollment. **It is critically important that we have an accurate count of the number of returning students by May 1**, so please be sure to register your son or daughter before that date.

The Central Deanery Scholarship of \$800 is awarded to each Catholic student whose family is registered and active in a parish in the central deanery. Please note that HCCA will verify the documentation forms already on file through the parish offices. New verification forms for those who have changed parishes are available and must be returned before this scholarship can be awarded.

The online application for the **need-based Mustang Scholarship** is open and available at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. You can access this link on our website as well, Please remember that

there is a **\$30 fee** that you will need to pay **before** your application is considered. The **Mustang Scholarship** is awarded on a first come-most needed basis for those whose applications demonstrate financial need (as determined by the professional analysts at FACTS). HCCA received grants from various Catholic foundations and organizations to help our families pay for Catholic secondary education, but the amount of money we have available from these grants varies from year to year. Therefore, your application for tuition assistance needs to be completed as soon as possible in order to ensure that the financial help you need is available.

HCCA uses the FACTS system for automated tuition payments. To enroll, please go to the FACTS link on our school's website (www.holycrossama.org) and click on "New Account." Step-by-step instructions will guide you through the process for setting up a FACTS account. The 2018-2019 tuition payments begin in June 2018 and end in May 2019. You may choose a payment due date of the 5th, 10th, or 15th day of the month. All families will be on the FACTS monthly, quarterly, or bi-annual payment schedule, unless you choose to pay the annual tuition in full on or before Monday, August 13, 2018. There is a **\$45 annual FACTS fee** per family which will be charged to your account as soon as your FACTS account is activated by HCCA.

HCCA's fundraising efforts play an important part in its financial stability. **Each family will be expected to actively participate in the school's fundraisers by raising a minimum of \$1000 per family.** Please note that this is the minimum expectation and students are encouraged through various incentives to far exceed that amount. If the \$1000 per family is not met, the balance is added to the family's FACTS account at the close of the Catholic Life Insurance raffle. This ensures that the cash flow is consistent throughout the year. Each family has the option of "buying out" of participation in the required fundraising by paying a \$1000 fee in full at the beginning of the school year or by adding \$100 per month (\$1200) fundraising fee to your monthly tuition payments through FACTS.

Thank you for enrolling your son or daughter in the only Catholic secondary school in Amarillo. We realize the significant sacrifices you make in order to do so, but we are confident that the spiritual, academic, and social benefits make these sacrifices worthwhile.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school. We are willing to work with you as much as possible in making Holy Cross Catholic Academy an affordable option for your son or daughter.

Sincerely,

Holy Cross Catholic Academy

Holy Cross Catholic Academy is committed to educating the whole person in the Catholic tradition, empowering students to become disciples of Christ, life-long learners and responsible citizens with a strong moral foundation, a respect for diversity and a dedication to service.