
SHINING FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD

Dear Parents,

July 20, 2015

Welcome to school year 2015-2016. This is an exciting time for Holy Cross of San Antonio as we begin the process of helping our students grow academically and spiritually. We hope to welcome 450 students to Holy Cross and we expect to peak at about 460. Our excellent professional teaching staff numbers 25 and we are supported by 20 administrators, counselors, administrative assistants, cafeteria personnel, grounds and maintenance personnel and custodians. Together, we want to provide the best educational and spiritual setting for our students and our parents.

Especially significant is the responsibility we bear to teach and to live the themes of Holy Cross education: Building Respect, Educating Minds and Forming Hearts, Being Family, and Bringing Hope. The example we provide to the students, and to our families, of living these themes with integrity is truly a work of resurrection. From Father Moreau's perspective, this living example is a solid foundation upon which we can build our quality of life for now and for the future.

Please encourage your student to prepare for a great Holy Cross experience. Our Code calls all students to regard learning as a duty, and intellectual perfection as an honor. In the tradition of Father Moreau our students recognize that Holy Cross is their training ground where they must mold themselves into useful citizens and excellent students.

I would also like to remind all students and parents that Christian Service hours are required for all students. The procedure calls for service hours to be pre-approved by our Theology teachers before the service is completed. The completed form signed by the adult certifying the service is then turned in to the Office of Brother Mike Winslow, Director of Christian Service.

To ensure success, we want to communicate with our parents continuously and we ask that you communicate with us whenever you have a question or a need. Parent involvement in school makes a very positive difference in the education of our children. Please visit our website, www.HolyCross-SA.com often to keep informed about school activities and events.

Our PTC is committed to parent involvement and to providing Holy Cross of San Antonio with the support we need. Please consider getting involved in the many activities that our PTC will sponsor this year.

As we begin this school year, I want to remind our parents how important your influence is on our children. The Catholic Church tells us that "parents are the primary educators of their children." What an awesome responsibility! Certainly, raising children is a joyful experience and at times it is overwhelming. Some of the ways that we can positively influence our children are:

- Pray together at home
- Attend Mass together and receive the sacraments regularly
- Model honesty and fairness for your child
- Use everyday experiences to teach your child moral and ethical values
- Always treat others the way you would want your child to treat them
- Remember that everything you say and do, your child is listening and watching

Never underestimate the influence you, the parents, have on your child and on their faith development. Your child's greatest and most lasting learning takes place right in your own home. Parents truly are the first and most important teachers their children will ever have. What a marvelous gift God has placed in your hands!

In Holy Cross,
Henry Galindo
Principal

***"We will not cultivate the mind at the expense of the heart."
Blessed Basil Moreau***