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Cheerleaders Bring Home NCA Trophy



The Holy Cross cheerleaders show off their trophy and their NCA Championship jackets.

By Frank Benavides
Co-Editor

Twelve girls with a single goal brought home a gold trophy when they won the 2011 National Cheerleading Association championship.

The meet was held Jan. 8 in Dallas.

Fearless is the motto for these girls, not surprising since they practice all year round, defy gravity, and stretch in ways that many people think is not possible. This year's team, led by senior captain Ashley Rubio, has faced many challenges this year, but they feel it has only made them stronger.

It has been four years since the Holy Cross cheerleaders have brought back a national championship, and this year's squad worked tirelessly to end the drought. The Gold Team was as fired up as ever because for some it was the last chance to win a national title, while for others it was their first. As they say in their cheer: "They want us

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Congratulations to the Robotics Team for Their Showing at State in Denton

NHS Collects Cans for Holiday Food Drive

By Adriana Flores-Calderon,
Maria Ayala and Amanda Villasenor
Staff Writers

The Holy Cross family is committed to helping members of the community who are in need.

On Nov. 24, Holy Cross participated in the annual Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive sponsored by the Moreau Chapter of the National Honor Society. Students collected the cans to benefit Inner City Development, which helps out those who are

in need of clothing, food, and support.

This year, students collected over 6,000 cans and raised \$231. "The students usually are very giving; it's in their nature," said Senior and National Honor Society President Omar Sanchez. "We still raised a great amount of cans."

Holy Cross of San Antonio students are very giving and caring. Next year we expect an even greater amount of cans to help more people in need.

PURO HOLY CROSS:

A page to ideas and rituals that are unique to Holy Cross, including the silly and the serious.
Please enjoy these stories and photos that are PURO HOLY CROSS!

Honoring La Virgen de Guadalupe



Each year, the Holy Cross family honors our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe, on her feast day. We commemorate her feast day on Dec. 12, to honor her appearance in the New World, and her devotion and faith to the people of the Americas through Blessed Juan Diego. At Holy Cross, we remember Our Lady with a special Mass, where Holy Cross senior and eighth grade girls present roses at the grotto in memory of the roses that bloomed in the snowy site of La Virgen's appearance in Mexico in the 1500s.

Boys' Basketball Aims to Break Even

By Leslie Barron
Staff Writer

The Knights boys' basketball team neared a break-even point before the semester break with a 6-7 record.

The team continues to work hard and beat their tough opponents. "We are slowly but surely working our way to the level of play we have to be at, and I am confident that this group of guys has what it takes to reach our expectations," said John Libby, junior.

Week after week the team overcomes the doubts they face in tournaments by achieving more than what was expected.

"Our expectations every year are to go to playoffs and win state," said John Libby about the team's hopes this season. The boys' basketball team is working to win, and with the help of supportive fans at games, the journey will be rewarding.

Girls Post First Wins in Soccer

By Serena Balderrama
Staff Writer

The Holy Cross girls' soccer team celebrated the new year with their first-ever victories.

The Knights shut out Southwest High School 4-0 on Jan. 7 and Hawkins Charter High School 6-0 on Jan. 11.

This year marks the first time that Holy Cross has a girls' varsity soccer team. Despite the obstacles they face they continue to push forward.

"I think moving up to the varsity level had been a challenge, but our team had improved, but by the end of the season everyone will see how the team had improved and how much we've grown," said Senior Tiffany Hernandez. Although the team faces many challenges, they continue to push forward and try to improve, to prove they can be a successful team.

"Moving up to the varsity level is tough, but we're playing against girls who have been playing for a long time. Considering most of the girls on the team have never played before, we are doing well," said Senior Paige Fabela.

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-- Senior Tiffany Hernandez



Middle School Wins!

The Middle School Boys A Team took second place in the St. Luke tournament recently. They lost to St. Paul in the championship game. To get there they defeated St. Luke in the first round and St. Pius in the semifinals. Ernest Castillo was selected All-Tournament. There were a total of eight teams in the tournament: St. Mary's Fredericksburg, St. Gregory, St. Monica, St. Cecilia, St. Luke, St. Pius, Holy Cross and St. Paul.

Girls' Basketball Team Reaches for End-of-Season Success

By Carolina Alonzo and Melissa Ortega
Staff Writers

Coach Jesse Arguello guided the girls' varsity basketball team through an interesting season with a 5-8 record before the holiday break.

Now he must prepare them to face the rest of the season.

"The biggest game of the season in district will be against Incarnate Word; it will take our best effort to beat them," said Coach Arguello.

With three seniors on the team, some

say that it is sad that this will be their last year here: "I'm sad because it's my last year here, and excited, because of the team we have," said Senior Jennifer De la Torre.

"I think we'll compete for one of the top spots for district and make the playoffs," said Coach Arguello. "The biggest thing we can do is work hard, build our confidence and get tougher," he said.

This season will be a great challenge for this year's varsity team players but they have what it takes to have a successful season.

Holy Cross Middle School News

Middle School Student Council Hits Busy Season

By Lily Escobedo
Staff Writer

Our Holy Cross Middle School is off to a great start this year! The ambitious middle school students have gotten straight to business and kicked off the year with a car wash in the fall. They washed and scrubbed from 10am to 1pm, and were able to raise \$200. More than 15 cars were washed, including some school buses. The car wash set the student council for success.

Holy Cross Middle School also takes the time of prayer very seriously. They coordinated a Thanksgiving Prayer Service and breakfast with their families. The Prayer Service was precious and brought families closer together. The choir sang beautifully, the readers did well, and the reflection was amazing. It was an event to remember.

Another ingredient of middle school success has to be the cheerleading squad. They had a competition just recently, taking home a first place trophy! This is the first year that Holy Cross has had a middle school cheerleading team, and the tradition will continue. The girls love practicing with the varsity cheerleaders, because it gives them inspiration. Let the legacy of the middle school start now.



Middle School students arrange the cans that helped them win the contest to collect the most canned goods for the Canned Food Drive.

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Cheerleaders Earn NCA Trophy

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to give up, they want us to go! We'll stand up and fight, because our answer is no!"

Winning this title not only boosted the girls' confidence, but it earned them a

new jacket!

"Before we go into competition we have one thing in the back of our minds and its, not to go home cold!" said Kassie Martinez, junior.