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## [Test] Holy Cross Parent and Family Newsletter - Living on The Hill

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OFFICE OF PARENT AND FAMILY  
ENGAGEMENT



*The Joanne Chouinard-Luth Recreation and Wellness Center (The Jo) is one of the newest buildings on campus having opened in 2021. It contains sports courts, a jogging track, weight rooms, locker rooms, and rooms for yoga, spinning, and other fitness classes. The Department of Public Safety is housed in the lower level of the building.*

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### Greetings, Families!

As June comes to a close, we hope your families have been enjoying celebrating your students' achievements via graduation ceremonies and parties! This newsletter will feature information regarding safety, security, and student accountability on campus.

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**Living on the Hill:**  
***Campus Safety and Community Expectations***

With more than 90% of the student body living on campus, the residential experience is integral to the strong sense of community at the College. Holy Cross is students' home away from home, a place where students live with and learn from their peers, a place where life-long friendships are formed, and transformative experiences unfold.

Several offices work to educate community members on matters pertaining to student safety and are also tasked with addressing concerns when they arise. Today we are highlighting three of these departments and we encourage you to learn more about each of them below:

## Department of Public Safety

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**Chief Shawn de Jong**

Chief of Police, Director of Public Safety

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**Kevin O'Connell**

Director of Student Integrity and  
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## Office of Student Integrity and Community Standards

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**Derek DeBobes, J.D.**

Chief of Police, Director of Public Safety

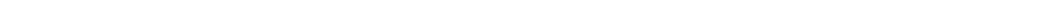
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## Title IX and Equal Opportunity

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## A MESSAGE FROM HEALTH SERVICES

[Health Services](#) would like to remind incoming families and students of the importance of understanding your health status and medical insurance. Health Services does not bill insurance or charge students for our care. They have a robust stock of medical supplies and medications on hand to be dispensed free of charge. A student's insurance plan will be accessed if the provider sends bloodwork to the lab (Quest Diagnostics), a prescription is sent to the local pharmacy, a diagnostic test such as an x-ray is performed at a local site, or a referral is made for care off campus. It is important for students to be familiar with their insurance plan, including potential costs and any specific requirements. To learn more, review the recent webinar "[Know the Importance of Student Health Insurance Coverage](#)." (Recording will be available online in a few days)

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# HC CONNECTS

Holy Cross may be coming to a city near you! This summer, join us for one of our HC Connects events, a series of regional meet-ups for students getting ready to join us on the Hill in the fall.

HC Connects is an opportunity to meet other students and families who are new to Holy Cross. You'll also have the chance to connect with student leaders, alumni, and staff. These events are free. Students can register themselves and up to two family members.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## FROM THE HILL TO YOU WEBINAR SERIES

### Student Accounts - How to View and Pay the eBill

Tuesday, July 9 | 7:30 PM ET

Join staff from the Student Accounts/Bursar's Office as they review important dates, details, and resources related to the student account statement for the fall semester. This session will bring parents, guardians, and other support people up to speed on how students access their eBill in the TouchNet system; how students may add a user to view and pay the eBill; and how to enroll in or waive the Student Health Insurance Plan. We are eager to help get students prepared for financial success for the fall.

[Register Here](#)

Checkout the upcoming webinars and view recordings of past webinars on our website.

## A Light Read For The Summer

If you are looking for a resource to think more about how you might prepare yourself and your student for the transition to college this fall, consider reading [College Ready: Expert Advice for Parents to Simplify the College Transition](#), edited by: Chelsea Petree, Ph.D. (Available in English and [Spanish](#).)

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## Conversation Starters

- Which courses did you decide to preference for Montserrat and why?
  - What things do you want us to do before you start at Holy Cross?
  - Do you already have your own bank account? If not, should you consider setting one up?
  - How are you planning to finance your books and other academic supplies?
  - If you knew one thing was going to be challenging this year, but you got to choose what it was, what would you choose? How would you plan to handle that? What if you got to pick one thing to go smoothly to balance it out, what would it be?
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## Coming Up For Students

Just a reminder about these upcoming important deadlines for students. For a full listing of upcoming deadlines visit the [forms and action due dates](#) section of the incoming student website.

- Due **June 28**: First-Year Roommate Matching Survey, Housing & Board Agreement, and Housing Accommodations Request
- Due **July 15**: [Submit photo](#) for student ID
- Due **July 15**: Students with disabilities, submit accommodations

**Save the Date**  
**Family Weekend**  
September 20 – 22, 2024

**Hotel Information**



Sincerely,



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