

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Newsletter April 2002

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Student Report Cards

Students received their Early Diagnostic Report Card on **Monday March 4th**. Any parent who missed parent-teacher interviews and would like an opportunity to speak to a teacher concerning academic performance of their child should contact the school.

Mid-semester Report Cards will be distributed on **Monday April 22nd**.

School Dance

The next school dance is **Friday April 26th** from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm with Sound on Sound as the DJ. Admission is \$7 at the door or \$6 with a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

PASTORAL SERVICES UPDATE

Among the highlights of the past month was the visitation of the World Youth Day Cross as well as our Holy Week Liturgical Drama on March 28th.

We have just finished another successful Share Lent Collection which this year will be given to the Kingston Youth Shelter, Canadian Food for Children, Birthright and Development and Peace. The Share Lent Challenge was to raise enough coin to match the weight of our big, strong student Chris Coyle at 290 lbs. Students raised 352 pounds of coin. We thank our students and staff for their generous support of this campaign.

We send a special thank you to those who supported our 25-Hour Thinkfast on March 22nd including Keith's Deli, Tony's Pizza, Ramekins, and Classic Bakery all of whom donated food to our Solidarity Supper.

We now look ahead to our next **School Mass on April 11th** as well our **Senior's Retreat on April 12th** and our **Graduates' Retreat on April 19th**. May God continue to bless our community with Easter Peace and Joy.

April Non-Uniform Days

The non-uniform days for the month of April will be **Thursday April 25th and Friday April 26th**.

School Council News

Our next meeting is **Tuesday April 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

Town Hall Assembly

Student voters will have an opportunity to meet the candidates for Students' Council 2002-2003 on **Wednesday April 24th**.

On the Road with...

...Grades 9 to 12 from the Arts Department will be going to Toronto to visit the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario on **Thursday April 18th**.

...Communications Technology Students will be heading to Toronto on **April 8th** to visit MuchMusic and CBC.

...the Symphonic Band and the Jazz Ensemble will be in Boston, Massachusetts **April 12 to 15** to participate in the Classic Music Festival.

Mathematics Contest

The Euclid Math Contest for Grade 12 students will take place on **Tuesday April 16th** and the Descartes Math Contest for OAC students will take place on **Wednesday April 17th**.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will begin on **Sunday April 28th and will end Saturday May 4th**. There will be a variety of activities held at schools throughout the week to celebrate.

Mathematics Assessment Results

We have determined that there is a significant error in our Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment results. Twenty-five of our students from Mr. Jesson's semester one academic class were excluded from our results, and twenty-five students from another school were substituted.

We believe that this error makes the reporting of our results by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) invalid. EQAO has informed us that they are sure that our students' results are correct; but we have no means of validating this. Students who did not receive their individual student reports because they were part of the excluded group will receive them when EQAO prints them.

Early Dismissal Day

There will be an Early Dismissal Day on **Thursday April 25th**. School will be dismissed at 11:30 am and buses will depart at 11:40 a.m.

April Calendar

Please see the reverse of this page for April's Calendar of Events.