

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

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"Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God"



Final Examinations and Report Cards

Students were issued their report cards on Tuesday November 17th. The exam schedule became available to students the November 25th. Examinations will begin on Thursday January 23rd and conclude on Wednesday January 29th. Thursday January 30th will be Course Reconciliation Day. During that day, students can meet with their teachers to discuss their progress over the semester. Students will begin Semester 2 classes on Monday February 3rd.

Final Report Cards will be issued to students on Wednesday February 12th.

Arts News

The Music Department will offer their December Band Concert at 7:00 pm. on Thursday December 19th in the Cafetorium. The Sr. Wind Ensemble, the Junior/Intermediate Concert Band, and the Jazz Ensemble will perform. Don't miss this annual Christmas Event!

The Jazz Ensemble will perform on December 5th in the foyer at lunch. The Wind Ensemble will perform on December 12th in the foyer at lunch.

PASTORAL SERVICES UPDATE:

Our Beatitude theme for this month is, "*Blessed are the Peacemakers*" and there is no doubt that "*Peacemaking*" has never been so important as right now given the strong possibility of war in Iraq and elsewhere.

One way of entering into the true spirit of this season is by giving to others in need. Our annual Advent Food Drive begins on December 2nd. This year Holy Cross is challenging Regiopolis-Notre Dame as we both support our Partners in Mission Food Bank and other local charities.

Our school choir is busily preparing songs to entertain senior citizens and people in local hospitals. Students continue to volunteer at Martha's Table. Our next School Mass will take place on December 18th and our Advent Reconciliation Liturgies are scheduled for December 5th.

Let's Hear It For...

...the Varsity Girls Basketball team who are KASSAA and EOSSAA champions. They will be competing in OFSSAA on Thursday November 28th in Ottawa. Special thanks to coaches Kelly Dixon and Alf Demelo.

...our students who successfully competed in the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Poster contest. Winners in the senior colour poster category include Heather Brady (1st) and Jessi Cooper (3rd). In the

intermediate colour poster category, Ayrton Potter placed first. In the intermediate black and white poster contest, Nicholas Reed placed first and Sarah Roney placed second. In the Senior division for black and white poster, Laura Cooney placed first, Heather Brady placed second and Lauren Markowski placed third.

...The Jr. Boys Football team who are the KASSAA champions. Congratulations to the boys, and to the coaches, especially Mr. Coyne who will be leaving Holy Cross a very happy man!

Non-Uniform Days

There are no non-uniform days in the month of December.

Early Dismissal Day

Holy Cross teaching staff will be participating in professional development on Friday December 6th. Classes will be dismissed at 11:00. Buses will depart at 11:10.

Student Services Update

Student Services is now producing a weekly newsletter that is distributed on Mondays to all homeforms. Extra copies are available in Student Services. Check the newsletter and website for events related to the post-secondary application process.

December Calendar

Please see the reverse for December's calendar of events. The most current event information is available at our website at www.alcddb.on.ca/~hcsc/
Re: University and College Applications

University Application Process

Four days have been dedicated to informing eligible university and college applicants of the process for applying to university and college. All applications will be done online this year and students require PIN numbers before they can actually submit their applications.

The university PIN numbers are now in but we are still awaiting the college PIN numbers. Students may submit their applications as soon as they receive their PIN numbers, and we have suggested that they submit their applications by the middle of December to ensure there is no deadline anxiety.

If your son or daughter has not taken part in any of the information sessions at the school we suggest that they make an appointment with their guidance counsellor as soon as possible.