

# Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

## *Newsletter February 2003*

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### **Grade 8 Parent/Student Information Night**

Grade 8 students and parents are invited to attend our Grade 8 Information Night on *Wednesday February 5th* at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium. This is a great opportunity for students who are considering Holy Cross for Grade 9. The Grade 9 program will be presented and students and parents can later tour the school.

### **Early Dismissal Days**

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board in conjunction with the Limestone District School Board will be having early dismissal for all students, elementary and secondary on *Tuesday February 25th*. The Ministry of Education has instructed District School Boards to conduct in-service sessions for teachers on secondary school reform.

Secondary students will be dismissed at 11:00 and buses will depart at 11:10.

### **Spring Uniform Sales**

The **optional** Spring uniform will go on sale for grade 9 students *Monday February 17th through 21st*. Grade 10 to OAC students will be able to purchase items *February 24th through 28th*. A memo outlining the details of the sale will go home to all grade 9 students and will be available on the web site. The price for golf shirts will be \$20 and shorts will be \$30. **Please note, Holy Cross is the only supplier of crested Spring uniforms.**

### **Pastoral Services Update**

As we begin this new semester, we ask for God's blessing upon all our students and staff that each of us can live out this month's Beatitude: **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."** This will be a busy month for Pastoral Services as our school choir visits Rosewood Retirement Home and Providence Manor early in the month to share their wonderful gift of music with seniors. Students from Holy Cross will also be taking part in a diocesan Vocations' Day at Heathfield on *Feb. 12th*. After school that same day, members of our C.I.C.S.' student club will join students from Regiopolis-Notre Dame for a three day Social Justice Experience in Toronto. We will be hosted by the Redemptorist Religious Community as we participate in and learn about Mission and Service work in inner-city Toronto. On *February 28th*, student leaders from all our Catholic secondary schools will participate in a Justice & Peace Retreat at the Board office in Napanee. If students are interested in any of these activities, or our regular outreaches to Martha's Table or

Rosewood Retirement Home, please see either Chris Forster, Fr. Labelle, or Sr. McCallum. May all our activities over these first few weeks of Semester 2 lead us to a deeper experience of God.

### **February Non-Uniform Days**

The non-uniform days for the month of February will be *Thursday February 27th and Friday February 28th*. *Friday February 7th* will be Green and Silver Day. Uniforms or green and silver only please!!

### **Semester One Report Cards**

Semester One Final Report Cards will be issued on *Wednesday February 12th*.

### **School Council News**

Our next meeting is *Wednesday February 12th* at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.. Dr. Philip Carney will address the parent community on "Surviving the High School Years." All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

### **Staff Changes.....**

Mrs. Janice Shea will be returning from leave to resume teaching and librarian duties. Ms. Kim Grady of the English department will be on leave for second semester as will Ms. Carrie Rose from the Arts and English departments. Mrs. Kelly Dixon will be on leave second semester enjoying the arrival of her new daughter. We also welcome Mrs. Alison Boyle as Learning Resource Technician.

### **Literacy Test Results Will be Released Soon**

All schools are currently being asked to verify documentation that will clear the way for EQAO to release the results of the October Literacy Test. We anticipate that this information will be released to students in March. We will be contacting any persons who have failed in their second attempt of the test. We cannot yet verify failure for first attempts.

### **The Memorial**

Holy Cross and RND boys' basketball teams will play in "The Memorial" in Queen's Gym on *Sunday February 9th*. All proceeds will be supporting cancer research. During the week of *February 3rd-7th*, Holy Cross will offer a variety of activities at lunch in the gym to bring attention to cancer research.