

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Newsletter April 2003

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"Blessed are the merciful; mercy shall be theirs"



Student Report Cards

Students received their Early Diagnostic Report Card on Monday March 3rd. 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 Friday April 25th.

School Dance

The next school dance is **Friday April 25th** from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm .

PASTORAL SERVICES UPDATE

Our *ShareLent* campaign got off to a great start with our pancake breakfast on March 4th. With generous donations from Loeb's Bayridge Market, The Golden Griddle, and Brown's, we raised over \$850.00 this year. Students and staff are now planning lots of other activities to continue raising money for the three charities that we are supporting this year:

1. Kingston Homebase Housing and its Youth Net program which helps homeless youth
2. Our sister school in Sierra Leone, West Africa which needs help to rebuild after the damaging effects of the long civil war in that country
3. Bridges for Youth, an agency which helps street kids in Toronto, and which our C.I.C.S.' students visited during their Social Awareness Retreat in February.

C.I.C.S. is planning another exciting 25-Hour Think**fast**. Many of our students and staff will be spending the night at our school on April 11th participating in different activities and raising money for our *ShareLent* campaign. Our Lenten Reconciliation takes place on April 1st; on April 10 we will have our annual 'Way of the Cross' after school; and on April 14th we will celebrate a special Holy Week Mass. All these events, we hope will continue to provide opportunities for our students and staff to reflect on and to live this month's beatitude, "*Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy*". May God renew all of us during these weeks of Lent as we continue our journey towards the great feast of Easter.

April Non-Uniform Days

The non-uniform days for the month of April will be Thursday April 24th and Friday April 25th.

School Council News

Our next meeting is Wednesday April 9th 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 2003-2004 on Wednesday April 23rd.

Congratulations to...

* the Reach for the Top team supervised by Mr. Coleman who won the local championship. The team will travel to Toronto on May 9th for the provincial championship.

Mathematics Contest

The Euclid Math Contest for Grade 12 students will take place on Tuesday April 15th.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will begin on Sunday April 27th and will end Saturday May 3rd. There will be a variety of activities held at schools throughout the week to celebrate.

Learning Disabilities Conference

The Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston will be offering a conference called Strategies 2003 on Saturday April 5th, 9 am to 3 pm at Ernestown Secondary School. It is a conference for people working and living with children and young adults with learning disabilities. Please contact 545-0373 if you are interested in attending.

Early Dismissal Day

There will be an Early Dismissal Day on Tuesday April 29th. School will be dismissed at 11:00 am and buses will depart at 11:10 am.

Literacy Test Results

Final results for the Literacy Test 2002 are not yet available. We are expecting that we will receive individual student reports some time in April and we will inform students and parents of results as soon as possible.

The Ministry of Education has provided no details to us regarding their press release concerning offering a new course for students who have failed the test. We will keep parents and students informed as soon as we have more information.