

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Arts Department presents

Les Misérables® School Edition



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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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The Holy Cross newsletter is issued on the first school day of each month.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On **October 7th**, we issued our **Early Semester Report Cards** to students. This was an early indicator of each student's achievement in the first five weeks of this semester. The first half of the semester will end on **Wednesday, November 9th** and then on **Friday, November 18th** the **Mid-semester Report Cards** will be distributed in Period One classes. This Report Card provides extensive reporting in each subject including: a percentage grade; class median; absences/lates; Learning Skills and personal comments on the individual student's strengths, weaknesses and next steps. **There is ample time left in the semester for students to improve their marks and do well in each course.** If a student's mark is below 50%, this indicates the need to examine the work to date. This month will be a time to review academic strategies, goals and objectives for the school year. A discussion with the teacher will help you plan for maintaining the achievement level or ways to improve the student's mark.

Fall sports are proceeding well and all of our teams are putting in a great effort. Thanks to the coaches, managers, community volunteers, and students for always making us proud to see the Green and Silver on the courts and fields. Thanks also to the parents for coming to the games and showing incredible support! To view the schedules and standings go to www.coach@gametimes.ca

The **Holy Cross Arts Department** has embraced the challenging production of *Les Misérables* (School Edition). The auditions which began in the second week of September revealed an impressive range of talent inherent in all grades of our student body. The **cast and crew of over 100** are stepping forward and working with full energy and conviction to stretch their own capabilities to pull together what I am sure will be a truly great experience for all. You will not want to miss this student version of the famous Broadway musical *Les Misérables*, the 2nd longest running Broadway musical, which begins on November 30th and runs until December 3rd.

November is also the month when Catholics traditionally celebrate the feasts of **All Saints and All Souls**. At this time of the year, it is customary for us to offer prayers for all of our deceased alumni, parents, relatives and friends. We unite ourselves in prayer for all those who have passed into eternal life.

As the Holy Cross school community we welcome your input and questions on how we are doing as a school. Please feel free

to contact a teacher, counsellor or administrator during school hours. Check our website regularly for important updates on information. Our students, your children, are the centre of our work and their educational and personal accomplishments fulfil our mission.

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 All Souls' Day
- 2 "Take Our Kids to Work" Grade 9 Day
- 2 Honour Roll Celebration (period 1)
- 3 Career Day
- 5 OFSAA Cross Country meet at Camden Braes
- 7 Movie Night at Holy Cross in the Lecture Theatre
- 8 Mid semester Examination Period Ends
- 9 Half Courses End
- 9 Destination Success information evening 7:00
- 10 November School Liturgies
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12 KASSAA Football Championships at Richardson
- 14 KASSAA Volleyball Championships
- 14 Try-outs for Winter Sports Teams Begin
- 15 Grades 9 to 12 Marks Due
- 15 Grade 9 Retreat
- 18 Mid semester Report Cards Issued
- 21 KASSAA Basketball Championships
- 25 PA Day # 2 - No classes
- 28 Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00 at HC
- 28 Advent Food Drive begins
- 30 - Dec 3 Les Misérables School Edition

HOLY CROSS PASTORAL SERVICES

We will be welcoming **Mr. Fabian Brown** to our school on **Thursday, November 10th**. Mr. Brown is the **Executive Director of St. Patrick's Foundation** in Kingston, Jamaica. We will be working with Mr. Brown at projects sponsored by his foundation when we are in Jamaica for our School Mission Trip in March. He will be speaking to our school community after each of the morning Masses on November 10th as well as at Class Assemblies in the afternoon. Our Jamaica Mission Group extends special thanks to **Mr. Rebelo** at the Ambassador, to **Mrs. McLeod** at the Bay, to **Classic Bakery** and to **McGinnis Landing** for their generous donations to our fundraising efforts. The students are looking forward to our Service Learning trip and we thank all those who have helped us with prayers and financial support.

We congratulate **Mr. McDonald** and his Grade 9 Homeform class on their outstanding contributions to our **Thanksgiving K-ROCK Food Drive**. Although we finished second to QECVI again this year, we continue to be impressed with the generosity of our students and staff towards our many charitable fundraisers here at Holy Cross.

During this month of November let us continue to remember and to pray for all our loved ones who have died and gone before us in faith.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the newly elected HC Catholic School Council for 2004-2005 was held on Tuesday, October 4th. Current members include: **Patti Arnold (Chair)**, **Lori O'Connor**, **Greg Heffernan (Vice-Chairs)**, **Rosie Thompson (Secretary)**, **John Walsh (Teacher)**, **Chris Forster (Pastoral)**, **Dawn Neeley**, **Lynn Mortimer**, **Carl Wagar**, **Pauline Smart**, **Ron Robson**, **Nancy Hayes**, **Paul Walsh (Principal)**, **Mike Veryzer (Student)** and **Stephanie Whitaker (Student)**. All interested community members are invited to attend. The next meeting of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council will be held on **Tuesday, November 29th** in the Library at 7:00 pm.

CRUSADERS BECOME BEST BUDDIES!

Best Buddies is a national organization dedicated to enhancing our communities through one-to-one friendships between people with intellectual disabilities and their school peers. Holy Cross is in the process of launching the first area high school chapter of Best Buddies. The programs are designed to meet the needs of those with and without disabilities. An information session was held on **Wednesday, October 5th**.

Students are filling out membership applications and looking forward to participating in this opportunity to broaden their social circles. Once peer buddy and buddy matches have been created the fun will begin!! For further information, contact either **Michelle Carr** or **Mrs. Courneya** in **Room 132** or at extension 3501.

SHOW YOUR CRUSADER PRIDE!

Looking for a new hoodie, a toque, or a way to show your green and silver pride? The **Holy Cross Tuck Shop** has a variety of Crusader items for sale. The staff and students of the **Bridges program** try to keep a number of sample items available. If the item you wish to purchase is not available, it can be readily ordered for you. If you feel the need for something sweet, try our "Gourmet Lollipops", available for \$1.00 a pop or our delicious cupcakes each Friday. The Tuck Shop is located next to Student Services in the main foyer. **Christmas orders are due by November 10, 2005.**

H.C. BRIDGES PROGRAM THANKS LOEB BAYRIDGE

On **Friday, October 7th**, the **Holy Cross Bridges Life Skills Program** celebrated Thanksgiving as a community sharing a turkey dinner prepared by students. **Anna Gervais** welcomed our guests, **Mr. Walsh** and **Mr. Speagle** and invited **Gerry Sears** to say grace. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Loeb Bayridge** for donating a turkey for our celebration.

VETERAN'S WEEK

The week before **Remembrance Day** has once again been declared Veteran's Week by the Prime Minister. It is a week to honour and remember the achievements and sacrifice of Canada's veterans. For background information on Veteran's Week visit the **Veteran Affairs Canada** web site at **www.vacc.gc.ca**

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

The 2005–2006 **Holy Cross DVD Year Disc** is on sale now for \$10.00. The DVD will include 99 videos on Holy Cross students, teams, clubs, arts performances and special activities. The DVD features full screen, moving images, using digital audio and video quality. The DVD comes with a colour case, label, site map and autograph section insert. Order forms are available in homeroom classes, at the front office, and in Room 215. You may also contact **Mr. John Esford** (384-1919 ext. 2215). Students who purchase their DVD Year Disc before the Christmas break will have their names entered in an early bird draw for a free DVD player and TV system.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Friends Photo orders will be accepted until **Friday, November 11th**. Please submit your orders to **Mr. Prior** in Room 129 during the break between periods 1 and 2. Completed orders will be distributed immediately after Christmas. Grad Photo orders will still be accepted. Please bring your orders to **Mr. Prior** during the break between periods 1 or 2. Orders placed at this time, however, will not arrive until after Christmas.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook sales are now over. Receipts have been distributed through home room classes. Home room teachers have asked students to verify the proper spelling of their names which will appear on the front cover of their personalized copy. Students who have not verified the proper spelling of their name should see **Mr. Prior** in Room 129 immediately.

GRADE NINE CLASSES VISIT HOLY CROSS LIBRARY

In September & October each **Grade Nine homeroom** visited the Library for a one-period introduction to the resources and services of our Library. Students also received registration forms to the **Kingston Frontenac Public Library**. When these forms were signed by parents and returned, the student received a free card for the Public Library.

Our students are now well-positioned to take advantage of the tremendous printed and electronic resources offered by these two libraries. If your son or daughter (in any grade) would like to register for KFPL through Holy Cross, please see **Mrs. Shea** or **Mr. Cortis**.

Congratulations to **Ms. Pryal's** and **Ms. Rose's** homerooms, which tied for best participation in this activity, and enjoyed a free pizza lunch for their efforts.

TEXTBOOKS

Each student should now have all in-stock required textbooks for every class. As noted in other newsletters, students must take good care of each book and return all items (by barcode)

which are signed out when exams end. A reminder also that students should write their name and the date in each book to avoid classroom mix-ups. In late semester, a letter will be issued to each student detailing titles and barcodes signed out.

THE ARTS

The Holy Cross Arts Department is excited to present the musical sensation **Les Miserables- School Edition**. Holy Cross is the first Kingston area high school to stage this exciting show! In one of our most ambitious productions ever, the musical will showcase the talents of over **one hundred Holy Cross student actors, musicians and crew**.

Performance dates are **November 30th**, and **December 1, 2, 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Cafetorium**.

Tickets are **\$8.00 for students** and **\$10.00 for adults**. Tickets are available at the door or in the front foyer of the school between 11:15 and 12:00 from November 15-29.

Based on the classic novel, *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables- School Edition* is the epic musical story of the fugitive Jean Valjean, who is pitted against the cruel and self-righteous Inspector Javert in a lifelong struggle to evade capture. The story focuses on the effects of poverty, the need for social justice, and the redemptive power of love and compassion.

CATHOLIC RATEPAYERS

It is particularly important for the Catholic school system that **Catholic parents/guardians, electors and supporters** be identified on the **Municipal Property Assessment Rolls** as **Catholic Ratepayers** by November 15, 2005. If you have any questions regarding your tax support, please call **Angela MacDonald at 613-354-6257 or 1-800-581-1116 ext. 455** at the **Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board**. An insert providing more explanation is included with this newsletter.

NUMERACY PROGRAM

At this time Holy Cross is preparing to offer an **"After School Numeracy Program"** to grade 9 and grade 10 students who are struggling with Mathematics. **Mrs. Melo Jordan** will be using a set curriculum developed by the Renfrew County District School Board to deliver the course. Students will also receive assistance with their homework as time permits.

The course will take place in one-hour sessions twice a week after school in the library at Holy Cross for a period of six weeks. The course will begin on **Monday, November 7th** and will end on **Wednesday, December 14th**. The sessions will begin at 2:45 pm and end at 3:45 pm. Light snacks will be provided. The full schedule is Mondays and Wednesdays as outlined below: **November 7, November 9, November 14, November 16, November 21, November 23, November 28, November 30, December 5, December 7, December 12, December 14**.

If you are interested in this initiative, please contact **Ms. Gallant**.

CAREER FAIR

Holy Cross is pleased announce that it will be hosting a Career Fair on **Thursday, November 3rd, 2005** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Over 30 exhibitors from the Kingston area will be attending. Students, parents and guardians are encouraged

to attend. The Career Fair is sponsored and developed by the Board's **Student Success** initiative in partnership with the **Industry Education Council Algonquin and Limestone and Passport to Prosperity**. This event is part of **Canada Career Week** (www.canadacareerweek.com), October 30-November 5. Canada Career Week is an annual nationwide initiative that promotes career awareness.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Honour Roll Breakfast

A ceremony honouring last year's honour roll students will take place during **Period 1 on Wednesday, November 2nd**. Our guest speaker will be **Chris Whitaker, Vice-Principal (Academic) and Executive Director, St. Lawrence College**.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

On **Wednesday, November 2nd**, our **grade 9 students** have been invited to go to work for a day with a parent, guardian relative or friend. Information sheets including permission forms were distributed to grade 9 period one classes.

Additional information may be viewed at www.takeourkidstowork.ca

Grade 12 Students Take Note!

The policy of the Ministry of Education is that all attempts by students in Grade 11 and 12 courses be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. **The last day for a student to drop a course without it appearing on the transcript is Friday, November 25th**.

College and University Application Deadlines

Recommended date for on-line submission of college applications to **OCAS (Ontario College Application Services)** and university applications to **OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre)** is **December 15th**. (This is not an absolute deadline but rather a Holy Cross recommended deadline). University application sessions were conducted on October 27th and October 28th. **A college application session will be held November 7th**. All sessions are held during the lunch hour. Sign up must take place in Student Services.

Pathway Planning- Destination Success Info Evening

Wednesday, November 9th. Holy Cross Student Services will host an evening for parents of students who are exploring pathways through senior secondary and post-secondary years. The evening will involve workshop presentations and an information carousel and will begin at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Lecture Theatre**. Topics and presenters will include:

- the college/university application process
- OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- OYAP/Apprenticeships/ Co-op programs
- Focus Programs
- Kingston Employment Youth Services
- Job Connect.

PUMPKIN CARVIN' COMPETITION

Students' Council wishes to thank all staff and students who participated in the tremendously successful "Pumpkin Carvin' Competition!" on Friday, October 28th. The judges had a hard time deciding on the winners. The categories and winners; "Scariest Pumpkin"- 12G, Mr. McCombs; "Craziest"- 11F, Mr. Hunter; "Best School Spirit"- 9L, Mrs. Pryal; "Most Original"- 10F, Mr. Esford; "Best Fairytale"- 9D, Bridges classroom; "Best look alike of a teacher"- 9H, Mr. C. MacDonald; "Best look alike of a student"- Jay Cheong, Mrs. McCombs; "Replica of a famous work of art"- 'The Mona Lisa', 12M, Ms. Rae-Dalton; "Best Celebrity"- 10K, Mr. S. McDonald; Best Allround- "The Pumpkin Monster" 12M, Ms. Rae-Dalton. Way to go Holy Cross from your Student Council!

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

30 - Dec 3	Les Misérables School Edition
1.....	Grade Level Reconciliations all day in the library
2 & 3.....	Archbishop Spence Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Tournament at Holy Cross
7.....	Early Dismissal Day #2, Periods 3&4 only Buses depart 11:05
22.....	Christmas Concert
22.....	Advent School Mass
22.....	End of Advent Food Drive
23.....	Final Instructional Day before the Christmas Break
24.....	Christmas Eve
25.....	Christmas Day
26.....	Christmas Break Begins
26.....	Boxing Day
31.....	New Year's Eve

Holy Cross Athletics

The winter sport season **begins late in November** and Holy Cross is again expected to field extremely competitive teams in **Wrestling, Curling, Cheerleading, Badminton, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Volleyball, and Girls' and Boys' Hockey**.

This winter, over 170 student athletes from Holy Cross will attempt to compete in these championships. Approximately 50 staff coaches and 16 volunteers will provide these opportunities throughout the year. Both the KASSAA website - www.kassaa.ca and the OFSAA website www.ofsaa.on.ca are excellent resources for schedules, league rules and any general information regarding high school sports.

Information regarding teams can be obtained through a number of mediums including school announcements, posters, our school's athletic web site - www.alcdsb.on.ca-hcssa, local newspapers and the KASSAA web site - www.kassaa.ca. If you have any questions concerning a team please contact the coach listed or ask your home room teacher for assistance.

Boys' Basketball

Teacher coaches **Mr. Tim Hunter** and **Mr. Robin Dzierniejko** look forward to a new season with the Senior Boys' Basketball team. A large returning cast, as well as a strong group of 1st year players will hopefully allow the team to improve upon last year's strong showing. They will be attending tournaments in Belleville, Brockville, Ottawa and Toronto. Tryouts will begin mid-November, while the team's user fee has yet to be decided.

The **Junior Boys' Basketball** team will be looking to improve upon their season last year. Teacher Coaches **Mr. Frank Halligan** and **Mr. Sean Murphy** will be taking the junior Crusaders to tournaments in Orleans and Belleville. The team will also be hosting the **Archbishop Spence Invitational** on **December 2 and 3**. Practices occur daily Monday through Friday after school. Tryouts will begin on November 14 while the team's user fee has yet to be determined.

Wrestling

The **Wrestling** team will begin in mid November. The team practices on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 until 4:30. Any student wishing to attend practice regularly will be allowed to compete in the meets. The team's user fee will be approximately \$75.

Badminton

The **Badminton** team is lead by teacher coaches **Mr. Matt Gervais** and **Mr. Dan Roberts** and **Miss Mary Pryal**. The team will start

training after Christmas with morning practices. Practices will move to an after school slot as the winter season draws to an end as the team prepares for KASSAA competitions. The team's user fee is \$40.

Cheerleading

The Cheerleading team will be looking to improve upon its **3rd place finish at Nationals** last year. Teacher advisor **Ms. Christine Waters** is returning for her 4th year, and will be joined by former Crusader cheerleaders **Miss Whitney Kittner, Miss Tara Murphy, and Miss Clare Slack**. There will be a special clinic for Grade 9 girls interested in trying out on **November 8th and 10th**, with regular clinics beginning on **November 15th** for all grades. The sports season is intensive, with practices on Tuesday, Thursday, and some Sunday evenings, and ends with a **National Championship in May**. The team's user fee is approximately \$200.

Girls' Volleyball

The **Senior Girls' volleyball** team, under the leadership of **Ms. Naomi Forder** will continue to be a strong competitor. The team plans to attend at least one tournament. The team's user fee is \$80.00.

Mr. Mike O'Brien with the assistance of **Mrs. Kristie LeSarge** and **student coaches Heather Donohue, Joanna Boyle** will coach the **Junior Girls' Volleyball** team. Possible returning veterans are **Emily Holmes, Brianne Murphy and Macey Niellison**. The team will be attending 3 tournaments in Kingston including the RMC Invitational. The team's user fee is \$60.

Girls' Hockey

The **Girls' hockey** team, under the leadership of teacher coach **Mr. Andrew Michalski** will continue to be a KASSAA favourite. The team plans to attend a tournament in Toronto. Any interested girl will be given an opportunity to join this highly competitive team. **Tryouts occur November 15th and 22nd**. The team's user fee is approximately \$250.00.

Boys' Hockey

The Boy's Hockey team is looking forward to starting the new season. Led by teacher coaches **Mr. Rob Zarichny** and **Mr. Dave Jarrell**, the difficult task of selecting the team will begin on **Monday, November 14th**. The regular season begins at the end of November and a tournament has been booked in **Toronto at Beatrice Ice Gardens on December 5th**. The team user fee will approximately be \$150.