



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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The Holy Cross newsletter is issued in the first week of each month.

A big thank you to all those who helped us with our **Share Lent Campaign** this year. The **Golden Griddle** Restaurant and our own **Brown's Cafeteria Staff** have been especially generous. We also thank **Mr. Rebelo** from the **Ambassador Conference Centre** for his donation of draw prizes to our overnight **Thinkfast**. This year's collection will be shared between the local **Kingston Youth Shelter, Catholic Development & Peace** and the **St. Patrick's Foundation** in Kingston, Jamaica. To date we have received almost **\$9,000.00** with donations still coming in from our students and staff. We especially thank those who supported our 25-Hour Thinkfast which raised close to **\$4,000.00** in pledges.

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from **April 30 – May 6, 2006**. Our theme this year is taken from **Genesis: "And God saw that it was good."** This theme is particularly relevant in reflecting the commitment of Catholic education to assist students in cultivating a deeper appreciation for God's gift of creation and to develop a deeper sense of moral purpose in fulfilling our responsibility as stewards of creation. There are many events taking place in our schools and communities that will help us to reflect on this theme including our **School Mass on May 5** as well as the School Board Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral** here in Kingston on **Thursday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m.**

We are also looking forward to the Ordinations of **Tom MacDonald** and **Charles McDermott** on **Saturday, May 20th at 10:30 a.m.** at St. Mary's Cathedral. **Mr. MacDonald** graduated from Holy Cross in 1990. And so this is a cause for celebration for our school community and continued prayers for **Mr. MacDonald** and **Mr. McDermott** who will soon be serving our Kingston Archdiocese as ordained priests.

Holy Cross is hosting an important event on **Saturday, May 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This is the **Archdiocesan Lay Faith Development Day**. This event is the culmination of the four deanery meetings which have already taken place and will give direction to the **Lay Faith Development Program** which will be starting later this fall. The facilitator for the day is **Joanne Chafe**, Director of the National Office of Religious Education, CCCB. And lunch will be provided. Call the Diocesan Centre at **548-4461** to pre-register.

And please mark down **May 17th** on your calendars to help out with the **21st Annual Hotel Dieu Food Blitz**. We will be recruiting volunteers very soon for this annual event in support of our local Food Bank. Once again students, staff and friends will be going door to door in the area around Holy Cross from

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to collect food donations for the **Partners in Mission Food Bank**. Call the school for more information or to sign up.

We wish everyone a very joyful Easter Season. And may God continue to bless the sick and those who care for them.

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

May 1.....	Spring Uniform Begins
May 1.....	Careers Culinary Arts Workshop @ Loblaws
May 1-6.....	Catholic Education Week
May 4.....	Careers Culinary Arts Workshop @ Loblaws
May 4.....	Board Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
May 4.....	S.I.N. (Sir Issac Newton) Physics Contest
May 5.....	Catholic Education Week Mass at Holy Cross
May 5.....	Fr. Stan Memorial Soccer Games @ HC
May 5.....	Graduation Composite orders due in room 129
May 5.....	SIN Physics Contest
May 5-7.....	National Cheerleading Championships
May 7.....	Lacrosse game with St. Mikes @ 2:00 p.m.
May 8.....	Careers Culinary Arts Workshop @ Loblaws
May 8.....	Town Hall Assembly
May 9.....	Grade Eight Orientation
May 9.....	Lacrosse Kenner Tournament in Peterborough
May 8-12.....	Queen's University Enrichment Course Week
May 8-12.....	Students' Council 2006-2007 Election Campaign
May 10.....	Students' Council Election Day
May 10.....	Meningococcus Vaccination
May 11.....	Jazz Band Recording Session
May 11.....	KASSAA Track and Field
May 12.....	Last School Dance of the Year
May 12.....	Junior Band Trip to Canada's Music Festival
May 14.....	Mother's Day
May 15-18.....	2006 Class Valedictorian Elections
May 17.....	21 st Partners in Mission Food Blitz Night
May 17.....	Queen's University Internet Bullying Study
May 19.....	Grade 11 Retreat
May 22.....	Victoria Day Holiday
May 25.....	Yearbook Distribution in the Library
May 25.....	The Arts Genesis Awards Evening
May 27.....	Archdiocesan Lay Faith Development Day @ HC
May 29.....	Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00
May 29.....	2006-2007 Student Timetables distributed
May 30.....	Athletic Banquet & Awards Night
May 31.....	World No Tobacco Day

Congratulations to two Holy Cross students who were recently recognized for their outstanding volunteer work in the community. **Spencer Watson** (Grade 11) has been awarded the **2006**

Mayor's Award for Youth Volunteerism and **Holly Ottenhof** (Grade 9) was named "**Junior Citizen of the Year**" as well as receiving the **Junior Chambers International Youth Citizen Award**. The Holy Cross Community is proud of both Spencer and Holly and of the many students and staff who give so much to help others through their volunteer work.

GRADE 9 ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

By now all **grade 10 students** should have received their **Individual Student Report for the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics**, which was completed in the spring or fall of the 2004-2005 school year.

For those who are currently registered in Grade 9 mathematics courses, the **Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics will be written in Academic classes on Wednesday, June 14 & Thursday, June 15th and on Friday, June 16th and Monday, June 17th for Applied classes.**

LITTERING IN THE VICINITY OF HOLY CROSS

Now that the nicer weather has returned more students are leaving school property at the lunch hour. Students are reminded to dispose of their garbage in appropriate recycle or garbage containers at or around the school. We have experienced many phone calls from our neighbours lately about garbage on their property, particularly after our lunch time. We all need to act responsibly and respect the property of our school community at all times.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

This month's meeting of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council will be **Monday May 29th** at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. At this meeting, council will be discussing the merits of the **Crusader Comprehensive Student Activity Fee** for the **2006-2007** school year. This fee would be paid in the last week of August when students are picking up their books. Families would make one cheque payable to the school to cover the following: Student's Council Activity Fee and I.D. Card; Holy Cross t-shirt; Student Agenda; Holy Cross Crusade (Year Book); Grade 9 French Cahier; Lock; Holy Cross DVD Year Disc and 2 toonie for non-uni days for Cancer research donations. Please plan to attend.

HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

This year's yearbook publication is expected to arrive to the school on May 24th. They **will be distributed on May 25th**. In the event that the yearbooks arrive to the school late, distribution will occur on May 30th. A few extra copies are available at a cost of **\$50.00 each**. These will be sold on a first come first served basis only.

GENESIS AWARDS

Join the students and teachers of the Holy Cross Arts Department on **May 25, 2006** at the **Genesis Awards**, a celebration of student achievement in the arts. The evening will include special artistic highlights of the 2005 – 2006 school year. Tickets are **\$5.00** and will be available at lunch during the week of the ceremony or at the door. The curtain rises at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss what has proven to be a highly meaningful and entertaining evening.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Being a mother has never been an easy role (that's an understatement) and in today's world, the demands are great. Mothers are like angels on earth; they stand beside us with keen observations, wisdom and encouragement that nurtures each one of us. Mother's Day is a time for warm thoughts and fond memories, for expressing the feelings and words that often go unspoken, for letting those special people in our lives know that they are loved and appreciated. This spring, Mother's Day is celebrated on **Sunday May 14th**. May God bless all mothers with the peace and happiness they so richly deserve.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL NEWS

May is a busy month and the outgoing Council is working hard to make the last few weeks of the year go smoothly, enabling an easy transition for the Council-elect. **May 8th – 12th** is "**Spirit Week**" here at Holy Cross. Every day will have a theme and students are encouraged to show their school spirit! On **Monday, May 8th** the Town Hall Assembly will be held. This is an opportunity for the new council candidates to explain their election platform and win over the voters. Elections will take place on **Wednesday, May 10th** during homeroom. On **Friday, May 12th** we will have the final dance of the year. Tickets are available at the door.

On **Tuesday, May 2nd** the outgoing council will be holding a BBQ at lunchtime. Burgers and Hot dogs are on the menu, so bring your toonies!

ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

The 2005-2006 Athletic Banquet and Awards Presentation will be held on the evening of **Tuesday May 30**. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. They go on sale **May 25** in the main lobby. The banquet begins at 5:30, followed by the guest speaker at 6:15. Awards presentations begin at 6:30. Students are to dress in casual business style which may include shirts and ties for the gentlemen, and dresses for the women. No jeans please.

JUNE EXAMINATION PERIOD

Classes for **senior student courses** will conclude on **Monday June 12**. The examination period for these courses will begin on **Tuesday, June 13** and will be completed on **Monday June 19**. The last day of regular classes for **grades 9 and 10 courses** will be **Monday June 19**. The examination schedule for these courses runs from **Tuesday June 20** until **Friday, June 24**. Morning examinations begin at **8:30 a.m.** while afternoon examinations start at **12:00 p.m.**

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Summer school will operate at Bayridge Secondary School this summer beginning on **July 4** and concludes on **July 28**. Summer school is operated by the two Boards of Education in the Kingston Area: Limestone and our own Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Further information regarding Summer school is available in Student Services. **Students may select to take courses to improve on a mark already achieved or enrol in a new credit course.**

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION AT HOLY CROSS

On the mornings of **Tuesday, May 9th** our future Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to visit Holy Cross. The **class of 2010** will be given school tours, classroom visits, and will participate in a question and answer session with current Crusaders.

CHEMISTRY CONTEST

The University of Waterloo **Grade 11 Avogadro Chemistry Contest** will be written on **Thursday, May 18th** and the **Grade 12 Chem** contest will be written on **Thursday May 11th**. Interested participants should see **Mr. Gervais, Mr. Jarrell or Mr. Vaitekunas** for details.

SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

We are very pleased with the responsible way in which students are dealing with textbooks. As we have requested, students are bringing in books needing repair. Prevention like this avoids students having to pay charges for repair or replacement at the end of term.

Texts for this semester are due back no later than the day of each student's last exam. As always, it is best to return items personally to the **Textbook Room** or to the **Library**, rather than leaving items in the classroom or exam room.

We expect textbook return to run very smoothly this June. Each student receives, in early June, a personalized report of the titles signed out to her/him. This is distributed in homeroom. It is a task of only a few minutes to double check the barcodes and titles for accuracy.

There is, unfortunately, a small percentage of problems which arise at the end of each semester. Please do not allow your son or daughter to be counted in this group. If books are not returned, or are damaged, we will be cashing **\$100.00 deposit cheques** starting **June 30**.

If you have any questions about textbooks, please call 384-1919 Extension 3413 (**Mr. Cortis** or **Mrs. Shea**).

TUCK SHOP NEWS: Spring Uniform Sale

There are Spring Uniforms available in the tuck shop. Limited sizes of discontinued golf shirts and shorts are available for purchase at discounted prices.

Crusader wear – t-shirts, long sleeve tees, sweatshirts, shorts, yoga pants and water bottles. See the display window outside of room 132 for the full range of items available.

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:10 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

KFL&A HEALTH UNIT PRESENTS

Energy Check – **Monday, May 29th** Periods 1 & 2
Drive for Life – **Tuesday, May 30th** Periods 1 & 2

Energy Check is interactive educational event made available to **ALL GRADE 10** students that stresses the importance of making healthy food choices, living an active lifestyle and feel-

ing good about their bodies and themselves.

Drive for Life is an impaired driving prevention and alcohol awareness "pit stop" event for **ALL GRADE 11** students that underscore the facts, information and general realities of driving while impaired.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Pathways for Children & Youth are holding a series of "Parenting Adolescents" Workshops. Sessions will be 2 hours in length and will run from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for 3 consecutive Tuesdays starting **May 2nd**. Sessions are at Suite 215 Kingslake Plaza, 1201 Division Street. Call **Shelley Sayle-Udall – 546-8535**

Volunteer Opportunities for the Summer:

The **Tamworth Minor Ball Association** has openings for Coaches and Assistants.

There are summer soccer camp volunteer opportunities with the **Royal City Soccer Club**.

Volunteers are needed for the **Limestone Charity Triathlon/Duathlon** and the **Kingston Triathlon**, as well as with the **Mayor's Walk**.

Hotel Dieu Hospital is accepting applications for the Leadership training program, and **St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital** is also accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program

Kingston General Hospital is accepting applications for their volunteer program.

Please access more volunteer opportunities from the Volunteer Information Kingston website: www.volunteerkingston.ca.

Also check the Volunteer/Job Board outside of Student Services for additional student opportunities.

HOLY CROSS SOCCER

On **Friday April 21st** Holy Cross hosted the first annual **Crusader Challenge Jr. Girls and Sr. Boys Soccer Tournament** in memory of **Greg Hulse**. Teams from outside the Kingston area were invited to attend and the response was good. The weather was fantastic and the soccer even better. Thank you to all the Holy Cross staff, coaches and administration who worked so hard to organize and support this event. Money raised will be donated to the **Greg Hulse Memorial Fund**, which supports the **St. Patrick's Foundation in Jamaica**. Congratulations to the Jr. Girls Champions, St. Joseph's from Nepean, and the Sr. Boys Champions, Holy Cross.

HOLY CROSS CHEERLEADING

Best wishes to the Holy Cross Cheerleading Team who will participate in the **Canadian National Championships** from **May 3rd – 5th** at the Hershey Centre in **Mississauga**.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2006

Following is a list of students who, at this point, are **potential** graduates and eligible to take part in the June 2006 graduation ceremony. The completion of thirty (30) credits (including compulsories) forty (40) hours of Community involvement and the successful completion of the literacy test, are the key components of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours (40) are to be completed and submitted to Student Services by **May 19th, 2006**. It is **the student's responsibility** to ensure that **all** requirements (including night school courses and on-line courses) have been completed or will be completed. The final marks for on-line and night school courses must be submitted to Student Services by **June 22nd, 2006**. Please contact your counsellor if you have any concerns.

Maretta Adams, Denise Adamson, Carla Aleixo, Steven Amelotte, Allee Armstrong, Alexander Arthurs, Joshua Ashurst, Mallika Bali, Kelsi Ball, Justin Bannon, Alexandra Barbatbun, Justin Baumann, Jordan Belanger, Tom Beninger, Danielle Bergeron, Samantha Bernardi, Lucas Beyak, Bethany Biggs, Dustin Black, Patrick Bogle, Matthew Borges, Chelsie Bowen, Kyle Boyce, Christopher Brideau, Mark Brule, Terri-Lynn Burns, Cody Bush, Margaret Cardoso, Adrian Castillo, Kori Cembal, Maggie Charlton, Ginger Chen, Lucinda Chen, Claire Cheng, Jeik Cheong, Jeffrey Conway, Gregory Corcoran, Patrick Corrigan, Corey Cogle, Matthew Couto, Nicholas Cross, Jake Dafoe, Meghan Dalton, Joel Davey, Kyle Davis, Kody Day, Leighann Dejneha, Lisbeth De Leon Fuentes, Zachary Deodato, Tiffany Deroche, Ashley Desjardins, Jordan DeSousa, Katherine Dolphin, Robert Dorey, Vincent Doyle, Brianna Drew, Jessica Dykins, Cory Ede, Manuel Espinoza, Blake Evans, Justin Evans, Patrick Evans, Simon Farrell, Krystle Finn, Cameron Flude, Adam Flynn, Stacey Fonseca, Teresa Forster, Danielle Fraser, Erin Fraser, Nicholas Gallinger, Ashley Garcia, Michelle Garrah, Tammy Georgiou, Fady Ghabros, Erica Gibbs, Edwin Giguere, Brent Gilmour, Kirsten Goldie, Samantha Gordanier, Bradley Grant, Michael Grivich, Mathieu Guimont, Natalie Ha, Lindsay Hagerman, Bryce Hall, Davey Hallett, Hayley Hargrave, Jessica Heikamp, Alex Higgins, Jessica Hoekstra, Benjamin Holland, Rebecca Holmes, Tyler Hopkins, Sarah Horvath, Justin Houde, Matthew Hulse, Nicholas Hume, Travis Hunt, Matteke Hutzler, Tylar Insley, Lillian Ivimey, Kera James, Daniel Jaques, Angel Jarvis, Matthew Jewett, Joshua Johnson-Pelletier, Lorne Jung, John Kelsey, Amanda Kemp, Stephanie Kennedy, Kayla Kenney, Kimberley Kenney, Casey Kidson, Lance Kim, Paul Kim, Tae Kim, Youngil Kim, Kaitlin Klenke, Brittany Knapp, Richard Kohar, Tylar Labelle, Brian Labrie, Kaitlyn Lackie, Patrick Lacroix, Scott Lacroix, Kyle Lafontaine, Patricia Larocca, Melissa Latour, Kathleen Lattimore, Alex Lau, Jo Lee, Kathy Lee, Roberto Lee, Sarah Lesslie, Katie Lewis, Andy Li, Chris Li, Devon Li, Smith Li, Kate Lightbody, Brian Lin, Jerry Lin, Karen Liu, Ashley Lloyd, Bryce Lockett-Kane, Asia Lukaszuk, Robert Lyman, Brittany Mallen, Nicholas Maschi, Adrienne Mason, Brendan Mason, Christopher Maurice, Samantha Maynard, Kaitlin McCarthy, Matthew McCombs, Tony McDiarmid, Shawn McGee, Kristopher, McGonegal, Erin McGowan, Brennan McGurn, Kimberly McIntosh, Kelly McKellar, Ryan McKeown, Jarret McKinnon, Alix McLeod, Danielle Mellon, Genova Menard, Ellen Mercier, Amber Merlo, Amanda Miller, Andrew Miller, Jared Miller Christopher Moore, Lauren Moore, Jenna Moorhead, Michael Muir, Colleen Muldoon, Kristen Myers, Michael Newton, Vuanh Nguyen, Joel Niles, Tye Nizman, Shan-

non O'Connor, Jaclyn O'Hearn, Kayla O'Neil, Gabrielle Ouimet, Stephanie Pacheco, Serena Palmer, Samantha Pang, Monica Pansarella, Brock Patterson, Samuel Pearson, Jonathan Pelletier, Bradley Pemberton, Jessica Pickles, Nelson Pineau, Kyle Polito, Gilly Poon, Starr Porter, Cynthia Posadowski, Ayrton Potter, Justin Punchard, Jim Qi, Elizabeth Quinlan-Keech, Vie Racicot, Dominic Raponi, Sara Raposo, Melissa Reade, Brooke Roddy, Sarah Roney, Jonah Rosson, Elena St. George, Daniel Santamaria, Bethany Schock, Shannon Serson, Kelsie Shafer, Meghan Shaver Lauren Shea, Tyler Shillington, Cassidy Shkimba, Tony Silva, Luis Silvestre, Carla Simon, Matthew Sly, Jennifer Smith, Benjamin Speer, Robert Stewart, Lindsay Stokes, Scott Sueters, Megan Sytsma, Jennifer Talledo, Kelvin Tang, Janelle Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Sarah Taylor, Jordan Teeple, Adam Thompson, Elyse Thompson, Nicole Thompson, Chelsea Tobin, Rebekah Trafford, Jessica Tremblay, Sara Turkeli, Jason Upton, Kiley Vandewal, Katherine Van Vlack, Kyle Vanzuylen, Vanessa Veilleux, Michael Veryzer, Jasmine Vicente, Meera Vyas, Amanda Vyvey, Maria Walker, Trevor Wallace, Christopher Walsh, Candy Wang, Lauranne Warner, Jessie Warren, Amanda Weaver, Rebecca Wehner, Jamie Wells, Emma West-Sadler, Stephanie Whitaker, Cory Wilkinson, Bryan Wilson, Christopher Witters, Daniel Wojna, Cameron Wrighte, Vivianna Xu, Edison Yue, Angela Zhang, Richard Zhu, Steven Zou.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2006 PHOTO COMPOSITES

Graduation Composites are available for sale for \$15.00. The composites will be produced as 11x14 prints. **Order forms should be submitted to Mr. Prior by May 5th in room 129.** Orders received by May 5th will be delivered before exams.

HOLY CROSS ROWING DATES

Sunday, May 07.....Kingston
Saturday, May 13.....Brockville (Novice)
Sunday, May 14.....St. Catherine's (Senior rowers)
Saturday, May 20... Montreal Leaving Friday May 19 @ 11:30
Saturday, May 27..... Belleville
June 1st - 4th CSSRA St. Catherine's Leaving Thursday @ 11:30

JUNE AT HOLY CROSS

June 1.....Early Dismissal Day # 4, periods 3 & 4 only.
June 5-8.....OFSAA Soccer @ RMC
June 8.. Last School Mass (Commissioning Mass for Grads)
June 12.....Final Instructional day for Grade 11 and 12's
June 12.....DVD Yeardisc Distribution Day
June 13-19.....Grade 11 and 12's Examinations
June 14-19EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment
June 19.....Final Instruction day for Grade 9 and 10's
June 20-26.....Grade 9 and 10's Examinations
June 29.....Graduation for Holy Cross Class of 2006
June 30.....PA Day # 4
June 30.....Examination and Report Card Pick Up (am)

JULY 2006

July 1.....Canada Day – Happy 139th Birthday CANADA!
July 4....Summer School Begins at Bayridge Secondary School