



## PASTORAL REPORT

**SHARE LENT:** Our Homeform classes will be collecting donations up until the end of Holy Week for this year's Share Lent Collection. C.I.C.S. has decided to continue the **Kingston 2 Kingston** Connection with classroom donations going to St. Patrick's Foundation in Kingston, Jamaica to support a Trades/Co-op program at St. Margaret's School which is in danger of being closed due to government cutbacks. This is one of the schools that our students volunteer at during our School Mission Trips to Jamaica.

**WORLD WATER DAY ASSEMBLIES:** C.I.C.S., Student Council and Grade 12 Religion Students presented grade level assemblies on Thursday, March 22 about the important issues connected with water, especially concerns around the use of soft plastic water bottles and the challenge of ensuring our water systems remain publicly owned and available to all regardless of income. Student Council & C.I.C.S. are also selling the "**Thirsting for Justice**" Water Bottles at cost price during Lent: \$4.00 for small and \$5.00 for the large. Please support our school's efforts to reduce our use of the wasteful soft plastic bottles and to ensure clean affordable water for all.

**THINKFAST:** One of our more popular Lenten Activities is the annual 25-hour ThinkFast. This year's event took place from March 30-31; over 70 students and staff took part this year and raised pledges for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace.

**LENTEN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:** Our April School Liturgies will be held on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. This will consist of four grade level assemblies during which we will reflect on the Way of the Cross and how we can enter more deeply into the spirit of Holy Week.

May each of us experience the Risen Christ this Easter and be blessed with the joy and peace that is God's gift to us.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL

This month, the Students' Council is very busy making preparations for the annual **Town Hall Assembly** that will take place on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Students who are interested in running for a position on the Students' Council in the 2007/2008 school year are asked to see **Mr. Dan Roberts** or a member of the Students' Council for information. Application packages will be available on **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you have a question regarding Students' Council, please see a member of this year's executive.

We would like to thank everyone who is participating or contributing to Holy Cross' **Share Lent Campaign**. All of your efforts and donations are very much appreciated! Thanks for all of your support for this great cause. Watch out for fun events coming in **April** and **May**, including a **Table Tennis Tourney** and **PS2/Xbox Challenge**.

## CABARET

The Holy Cross Arts Department is presenting this year's musical cabaret **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the school cafetorium. The evening features our incredibly talented singers, dancers and actors performing in a relaxed cabaret atmosphere. Admission is \$6.00. Refreshments will be available.

## HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2007 REMINDERS

Potential graduates are asked to review the following significant dates:

Tuesday 03 April (10:40)..... Class of 2007 information meeting  
Wed. 25 April (period 4) ..... Last chance to have Graduation Photographs taken in room 129 (\$20 sitting fee)  
Tuesday 01 May.....Potential HC Graduates List Published  
Week of 07 May.....Grad Invitations distributed in Period 1  
Tuesday 15 May.....Valedictorian Submission Deadline  
Friday 18 May.....Community Service Hours Documentation Due  
Thursday 21 June.....Final Course Documentation Deadline  
Thursday 28 June.... June Graduation Mass and Commencement

A list of students who are potential graduates of Holy Cross and eligible to receive their **Ontario Secondary School Diploma** and take part in the **June 2007 graduation ceremony** will be published in the **May Newsletter**. 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 Friday 18 May 2007.** 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 **Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007.**

## CIRQUE DU SOLEIL TRIP

There are still seats available for the May 18<sup>th</sup> trip to **Montreal** to see **Cirque du Soleil**. Students who have taken French this year are asked to see their French teacher or **Mrs. Agostino**.

## FUTURES BUILDING 2007

On **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**, 100 Holy Cross staff and students attended "Future Building 2007", the largest provincial trade fair to date in **Ottawa**. This exposition allowed students to explore career opportunities in Ontario's Industrial, Commercial and Institutional construction industry spanning trades from sheet metal workers to glaziers to millwrights. Funding for this trip was made possible through the support of Mrs. Lynn Wallace, Principal of Student Success for our board.

The government is helping record numbers of high school students start their formal skilled trades training while still in high school, according to Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. Due to a great need in the province for qualified skilled trades personnel, the "government is on the side of Ontario families who want their sons and daughters to find opportunity," according to Bentley. "That's why we're helping high school students who want a career in the skilled trades get started on their apprenticeships."

The Holy Cross Technology Department supports student interest in the skilled trades. For more information on getting involved in an apprentice program, and which courses your son/daughter should take while at Holy Cross, please contact Mr. **John Esford**, Technology Department Head at 613-384-1919 x 2215.

## HCSRINGUNIFORMSHOPPING

On **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** from **3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** the Spring Uniform will be available for purchase from the **Halpern's Mobile Store** in the Holy Cross cafeteria. Please note Halpern's accepts cash, Master Card, Visa and debit cards. Halpern's does not accept cheques. This will be the only day students and their families may purchase the spring uniform at Holy Cross. After this date, the spring uniform will be available at Newman's Men's Store on Princess Street.

Available clothing and prices may be viewed at the Halpern's web site at [www.halperns.ca](http://www.halperns.ca).

**Boys:** Men's green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested  
Youth .....\$19.95, Adult .....\$24.95  
Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested .....\$29.95  
**Girls:** Ladies green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested  
Youth .....\$21.95, Adult .....\$26.95  
Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested .....\$29.95

## ROBELLISPRESENTATION

On the **afternoon of Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, **Rob Ellis** in partnership with the **Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, WSIB** will be speaking to **all Grade 10 students and their teachers** in the cafeteria regarding the health and safety of young workers.

**On Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1999 David Ellis** was working at a bakery in Oakville. It was his second day on the job, and he had had little training in workplace safety. David was cleaning dough from an industrial mixer when the machinery accidentally became activated. He was drawn into the mixer by the rotating blades and struck his head. He was taken to hospital and died of massive head injuries six days later. David Ellis was only 18. It was his second day on the job.

David took the job to save money for university. But, like many other young workers, he received only minimal training. And he was unaware his employer had ignored a mandatory order to install a low-cost safety device on the outside of the mixer. In hindsight, if these two things had been changed, David Ellis might still be alive. **"So he took the job and I assumed as a businessman, and I assumed as a parent, that the place that he was going to work at was safe. And I assumed wrong. I assumed wrong."**

The tragic loss of his son in a workplace-related accident has convinced Rob of the vital importance of speaking with and educating our young workers. Through the creation of [Our Youth At Work](#), Rob has developed international partnerships with companies dedicated to protecting young workers on the job. Rob's work with young people, parents and businesses has been widely publicized across Canada and he has been invited to participate in a number of international events as a keynote speaker

## M.A.D.D.PRESENTATION

On **Tuesday, April, 17th, 2007** a **Mothers Against Drunk Driving** presentation will be held in the gymnasium. We thank the **Kingston Chapter of MADD, the Safe and Sober Alliance of Kingston, the City of Kingston of Police and Ministry of Ontario** for sponsoring these presentations.

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

On **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** mid semester report cards will be issued to all students in Period 1. Students will be directed to take the report cards home that day. No formal interviews are scheduled at this time. Parents with concerns are asked to contact **Student Services**.

### Course Selection Process

Students have had the opportunity to complete the on-line application process. Any student who has not completed the process must contact their counselor. A verification sheet outlining course selected will be sent out by the end of April. This is an opportunity for corrections/changes to selections to occur. Students should make a guidance appointment if they have any concerns. **Only students who have successfully completed 24 credits by September, 2007 will be eligible for a spare in Semester 1.**

### University and College Acceptances

Final first semester marks have been forwarded to both OUAC and OCAS.

Please be aware of the fact that universities vary widely in when they send their offers of admission. Some students may have already had an early acceptance, but this is not the norm. Mid-term marks will be forwarded to OUAC by the end of April. Grade 12 students enrolled in a night school course must have a midterm mark submitted to Student Services by **April 15<sup>th</sup>** and a final mark by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Universities will then begin to send offers of admission. Please reassure your son/daughter that they should not be alarmed if they do not hear at the same time as their friends. Students should expect a response from Universities by **May 25<sup>th</sup>** (latest). **May 28<sup>th</sup>** is earliest date by which Ontario Universities may require a response to an offer of admission.

College applicants must confirm their acceptance of a college offer by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### St. Lawrence College Connections

A number of Grade 10/11 students will be attending a two day program at St. Lawrence College. Sessions are being held on **May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Students are reminded to check the bulletin board for volunteer and job opportunities.

### Summer Jobs

Students should also check the bulletin board located across from Student Services for the latest job postings.

### QUEEN'S MINI-ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Twelve Holy Cross students will be participating in **E=Mc<sup>2</sup>**, a mini-enrichment program at **Queen's University** from **May 6 – 11<sup>th</sup>**. The program provides students in grades 9-12 the unique opportunity to go to Queen's and study a subject of their choosing at an advanced level for the week. There are 47 subjects offered, covering aquatic ecology, robotics, sport psychology, dance choreography and anything in between!

### NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- Parents/guardians of students identified as exceptional learners will be invited to IPRC meetings in the next few weeks.
- Graduating students are encouraged to make an appointment with **Mrs. Gavan Knox** in order to discuss their Transition Portfolio.
- Parents/guardians wishing to discuss the early report card results, academic choices for next year, or any other concerns should make an appointment with the Special Education Staff.

### DAVID BOOTH LITERACY PRESENTATION

On the evening of **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, Professor Emeritus **David Booth** of OISE, University of Toronto will be sharing his expertise in literacy with all interested parties here at **Holy Cross Lecture Theatre**. This evening is free and is sponsored by the Catholic School Councils of St. Thomas More and St. Joseph / St. Mary Catholic Schools. The presentation begins at 7 p.m.

### COACHING THE COACHES

On the evening of **Friday, April 27 and on Saturday April 28, Holy Cross** will play host to a new venture that will provide education for athletic coaches. **"Coaching the Coaches"**, a clinic sponsored by the **"Plan and Play"** initiative of **KEDCO**, will be a series of seminars designed to help coaches of children of all ages to provide better learning and playing environments for their athletes. Top level coaches will provide their expertise in dealing with athletes and provide examples of their best practices that can be used by coaches for all levels. The Clinic features **John Walker**, Head Soccer Coach, University of Nebraska; **Dave Smart**, Men's Basketball Head Coach, Carleton Ravens; **Dale Huddleston**, Volleyball Coach; **John Phelan**, Mental Skills Coach, New York Rangers; **Dave Willson**, Women's Basketball Head Coach, Queen's U; **Melody Torcolacci**, Head Track and Field Coach, Queen's U; **plus** Top Coaches of Rugby, Track & Field, and Dynamic Exercise. Registration forms available at <http://www.planandplay.ca/coaching.html>, or Mr. Frank Halligan, Clinic Manager at 613-384-1919 x 3454.

### CONGRATULATIONSTO:

With great joy, **Kristi** and **Jason LeSarge** are pleased to announce the arrival of their newly adopted baby boy, **Griffin LeSarge**.

**Matteke Hutzler, HC '06** who is a freshman member of the Simon Fraser University Clan Women's Basketball team which won the 2006-07 CIS University Basketball championship in St. John's, NFLD on Sunday 11 March. Muddi is the older sister of HC students Kellen Gr. XII and Brynn, Gr. IX.

**Laura Martindale, HC'07**, who was a member of the Ontario Girls Hockey Team which captured the gold medal at the **Canada Winter Games in the Yukon**.



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**  
APRIL 29 - MAY 4, 2007

PROMOTING AND PROTECTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 15-21, 2007

VOLUNTEERS  
**GROW**  
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### MAY AT HOLY CROSS

April 29 – May 5.....	Catholic Education Week
May 1.....	Optional Spring Uniform Begins
May 1.....	Potential Grad List Published
May 2.....	Catholic Education Week Mass at Holy Cross
May 2.....	Holy Cross Coffee House 7-9 pm in Cafeteria
May 3.....	Board Mass at St. Michael's (Belleville)
May 6 – 11.....	Queen's U Enrichment Course Week
May 7 – 11.....	Spirit Week
May 8-12..	Students' Council 2007-2008 Election Campaign
May 9 and 10.....	St. Lawrence College Connections
May 11-13.....	National Cheerleading Championships
May 11.....	Graduates' Retreat
May 15.....	Town Hall Assembly
May 16.....	Students' Council Election Day
May 16.....	22 <sup>nd</sup> Partners in Mission Food Blitz
May 21.....	Victoria Day Holiday
May 22.....	HC field trip moratorium begins
May 24.....	The Arts Genesis Awards Evening
May 25.....	Final School Dance of the Year
May 29.....	Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00
May 29.....	Athletic Awards Night

## Crusader Athletics

**Team Photographs** for all spring teams will be taken on **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Track and Field .....	Tuesday on track at 11:20
Lacrosse .....	Tuesday on field at 11:30
Rugby .....	Tuesday after school
Soccer .....	Wednesday at lunch in Room 129
Tennis .....	Wednesday at lunch in Room 129
Rowing .....	Wednesday at lunch in Room 129

Teams photographed at this time will appear in this year's yearbook.