



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Please join me in expressing gratitude and appreciation for a job well done to this year's out going **2009-2010 Students' Council Executive** composed of: **Mark DeSousa, Julia Allen, Jordan Reda, Erica Pascoal, Sam Hume, Kaitlyn Barbosa, Nick Vidotto** and **Mr. Richard Coleman**, Staff Advisor.

On behalf of the **Holy Cross** community I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to this year's Students' Council for working so tirelessly in organizing, co-ordinating and being involved so intimately in the life of our school. The Students' Council continues to be a source of great pride here at HC. Thank you and best wishes!

Congratulations and best wishes to next year's Students' Council Executive. The **2010-2011 HC Students' Council Executive** is composed of: **Ciara Roberts, Head Girl; Trevor Reade, Head Boy; Jamey Hawley, Senior Girl; Mike Vermeersch, Senior Boy; Dan Larocca, Treasurer; Luke Ottenhof, Secretary;** and **Sara Valentino, Communications Officer.**

I am so proud of the efforts and successes of our arts students and staff for yet another **Genesis Awards Evening**. Not even lightening could impede the performances and celebrations of the culmination of the arts program. The four emcees **Grace Sylvester, Georgio Doulas, C. J. Flynn, and John McCombs**, were great leaders. In terms of the major awards, recipients were **Kaitlyn Barbosa for the Drama Club, Olivia Simpson for the Art Club, Emilija Cooke for Visual Arts, Julia Allen for Dramatic Arts, Marcus Mills for Guitar, Ashley Upton for Music, Jessie Trener for Vocal Music, Eric Hurt for Audio and Visual Production, and Ali Visentin for Creative Photography.** The **Community Spirit Awards** were given to **Stan Segel and Vince Stabile** for their generous volunteering of time and talent. A new award was given this year, the **Rick Thompson Award**, presented by his family, to **Matt Oliveira** for his selfless behind the scenes work, the kind of quiet work that can all too often go unacknowledged.

The fall spring sports season is coming to an end. Highlights include our **baseball team**, under the leadership of **Mr. Tony Clarke** and **Mr. Chris Switzer**, making it to the city finals; our **junior boys' rugby** with their coaches **Mr. Mike Chambers, Mr. Dave Jarrell, Mr. Frank Gillis** and **Mr. J.P. Morgenstern** who first conquered their perennial nemesis team from **NDSS** and then came from behind to beat **RND** and become **KASSAA champs**; another boys' team, junior boys' soccer, were also **KASSAA** as well as **EOSSA champs**, led by coaches; finally, our **track and field team** currently has nineteen athletes heading to **East Regionals**. Good luck to all and to their coaches.

At this time, I'd like to thank **Mr. Michael O'Brien** and **Mrs. Cathy Henderson** for their many years of service at Holy Cross. We wish them the best of health and happiness as retirement allows them time to pursue other important goals. We value their contributions and we will miss their leadership and personalities.

We wish a fond farewell and a deep expression of gratitude for **Mrs. Lucy Teves**, who will be joining our sister school next September to continue her role as Vice-Principal. **Mrs. Teves** has been a vital member of our staff and of our administrative team over many years, and mostly recently for the last four and a half years. *Once a Crusader, always a Crusader*, Mrs. Teves, but we know too that **Regiopoliis-Notre Dame** will benefit from her curricular leadership and strong work ethic. We welcome **Mr. Paul Melim** in her stead. **Mr. Melim** will be joining us from **St. Mary Catholic School in Trenton**.

Good luck to all students preparing for their culminating projects and final exams. Please buckle down and focus on achieving the best results possible. To all students and staff, may you have a safe, joyful summer, filled with many blessings.

Paul A. Walsh

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

- Wednesday, June 2...Green and Silver Athletic Awards Banquet
- Thursday, June 3.....Final School Mass
- Thurs – Sat, June 3, 4, & 5.....Track and Field, OFSAA
- Wednesday, June 9...Grade Twelve Vocal Music Concert
- Wed, June 9 ...EQAQ Gr. 9 Academic & Applied Math Assessment
- Friday, June 11 ...EQAQ Gr. 9 Academic & Applied Math Assessment
- Tuesday, June 15...Final Instructional day for all students
- Wed – Fri, June 16 – 22...Final Summative Assessments
- Monday, June 28.....Examination Pick Up (am)
- Tues, June 29...Grad Mass (12 p.m.) and Ceremony (7 p.m.)
- Wednesday, June 30.....PA Day # 6

JULY 2010

- July 1.....Canada Day
- July 5... Summer School Begins at Bayridge Secondary School
- July 15..... Used Uniform Sale, HC Foyer, 6 – 8 p.m.
- July 22.....Halpern's Uniform Sale, HC, 3:30 – 8 p.m.

JUNE PASTORAL UPDATE

On behalf of our **Crusaders in Community Service (C.I.C.S.)** a big thank you to all those who helped out with the **Hotel Dieu Hospital Food Blitz on Wednesday, May 19th**. We especially thank the students, staff and parents from **Our Lady of Lourdes** and **Holy Cross** who came out in such numbers to help us load over 35,000 pounds of food onto the trailer at **Holy Cross**. Congratulations to all for their donations and their help in making this year's Food Blitz such a great success with over 114,000 lbs of food collected for the **Partners In Mission Food Bank**.

Our **Grade 9 NET Retreat** took place on **Friday, May 21st** at **Rideau Acres** with close to 80 students and staff joining the twelve NET team members who led a wonderful retreat day based on the theme of 'Who Am I?'. The previous week we took students and staff to the annual **March for Life in Ottawa**. Our **Holy Cross** team joined up with **Regiopolis-Notre Dame** and 15,000 other pro-lifers to make a strong statement for 'Life' and against abortion through the Rally on **Parliament Hill** and the March that followed through the streets of **Ottawa**.

We will be celebrating our last School Mass of the year on **June 3rd**. And on **June 29th** at 12:00 noon at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** we will gather with our graduating students, family members and staff for this year's Graduation Mass.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish is celebrating the **Year of the Priest** with a potluck supper on **Thursday, June 17th** from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. All priests from the **Central Deanery** have been invited. Call the **Parish Office at 389-8222** to book a spot or for more details.

Congratulations to **Anne Heemskerk**, Coordinator of Youth Ministry for our Archdiocese, for organizing the wonderful "**Shine Like the Son**" **Catholic Youth Rally** held here at our school on **Saturday, May 8th**. Close to 300 youth and adult leaders gathered for an amazing day of contemporary Christian music, an inspiring keynote address, a candle-light prayer service, dynamic workshops and a Eucharistic Celebration. Hopefully, we can do it again next year.

May God bless our students as they prepare for final exams, and our graduates as they look forward to beginning a new chapter in their lives.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

GRADE 9 ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

For those who are currently registered in Grade 9 Academic and Applied Mathematics courses, the **Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Academic Mathematics** will be written on **Wednesday, June 9th** and on **Friday, June 11th** in regularly scheduled math classes. Some applied students may be eligible for an exam exemption should they achieve the provincial standard on this test and throughout the semester; teachers will notify qualifying students directly in advance of our final exams.

TECH NEWS / BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

All community members are encouraged to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter, sent to you automatically. Currently, we have several subscribers and eventually, this could be of significant value to our eco-schools initiatives in reducing paper. Anyone interested in subscribing to the HC newsletter online, please visit our school website, hctoday.ca.

ECO-CORNER

Tips for Environmental Consciousness

Recycling

Conservation or reducing the amount of paper used is an important part of recycling. Use both sides of paper when you are taking notes, writing papers and so forth. Another idea is to have a scrap paper box in which you can place a paper that has a clean side to write on. Then, recycle!

Trash Free Lunches

Pack a trash free lunch to reduce the amount of trash thrown away in the cafeteria. Bringing lunch in a lunch box or reusable bag instead of paper is a good start. Instead of a napkin, students can pack a washcloth to wipe their face and hands with. Fresh fruits and home-made foods such as sandwiches are excellent and healthier alternatives to the prepackaged foods and snacks.

Turn It Off

Turn off the lights whenever you leave a room. Turn off those electronics when they are not in use to prevent wasting energy. Finally, conserving water usage is important as well, so make sure that the faucets are not dripping or left on in the bathroom, and that the toilets do not continue to run.

2010 HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

The 2010 Holy Cross Crusade was distributed on **May 26th, 2010**. Thanks to both **Mr. Prior's Period 1 and 2 classes** and the **yearbook staff** who co-ordinated the distribution process. If you have not yet picked up your pre-purchased copy (included in your September student fee), please see **Mr. Prior in room 129 any time between 8:30 and 11:30 am**. If you have a friend that you know is no longer at Holy Cross, you may also pick up their copy for them. Yearbooks will not be mailed out.

MUSIC NOTES

On Friday, May 28th, the **Holy Cross Grade Nine Band** participated in the **Trills and Thrills Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland**. They received a Superior Rating, an accomplishment which makes us very proud.

GRADE TWELVE GALA VOCAL CONCERT

On Wednesday, June 9th, 2010, the **Grade Twelve Vocal Class** will present their final gala concert. The performance will take place in the cafeteria and curtain time is **7:00 p.m.**. Tickets are only **\$5.00** at the door. Come out and enjoy an exciting evening of vocal performance.

OECA YOUNG AUTHORS COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Tanner Hoffman** for having been named one of the provincial winners of the **Young Authors Awards**, sponsored by the **Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association**. **Tanner's** submission was entitled "Unconscious".

LOCKER CLEAN-UP AND CLEAN-OUT PROCEDURES

All students must clear and clean their locker of personal belongings on the day of their final examination or at the latest before the end of the day on **Tuesday, June 22nd**. In the last week of June, locks will be seized and lockers will be cleared of all contents with items being donated.

Holy Cross Class of 2010 Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class will be held on **Tuesday, June 29th** beginning with the **Graduation Mass at St. Paul the Apostle at 12:00 p.m.** followed by the **Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.** here at the school.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2010 JUNE REMINDERS

Teachers of senior courses are asked to review and remind potential graduates of the following significant dates.

Monday 14th June..... Final Course documentation deadline
Tuesday 29th June..... Graduation
12:00..... Mass for the graduates, family, friends and HC Staff at St. Paul the Apostle
5:30.. Gown Fitting in the Library with Ms Dowsley and Committee
6:15... HC Class of 2010 portrait will be taken in the Main Foyer
6:35... Graduates will line up alphabetically for the Procession of the Graduates
6:55... Graduate Processional begins to move to the gymnasium
7:00..... Graduation Ceremony begins
9:00... Reception in the Cafetorium for the Graduates, Family, Guests, and HC Staff

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 2010 graduation ceremony was published in the May 2010 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) were to be completed and submitted to Student Services by May. 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 **Monday, June 14th, 2010**.

Students are encouraged to contact their counsellor regarding any questions concerning graduation. Congratulations to the following graduates, chosen by their peers as class representatives: **Valedictorian, Rachel Arnold; Salutatorian, Georgio Doulas; and 2010 Class Representatives Erica Pascoal and Sean Ho.**

Each graduate has received four tickets which are required by their family and guests at the door on the evening of **June 29th**. All graduates are reminded to notify Student Services once they have accepted admission to a college or university and if they have received any scholarships or bursaries.

This year each graduate who has paid their **Crusader Student Activity Fee** will receive a photo CD, containing images from the graduation ceremonies. The CD will include the large group photograph, graduates receiving their diplomas, and award winners.

JUNE TEXTBOOK RETURNS

Textbooks issued by Holy Cross are the property of the school and are on loan to a student on a semester basis only. The majority of students are responsible users of their textbooks nonetheless, at this time of year it is well to remind all users of school policy. Books are costly to replace and are sometimes unavailable for purchase. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to care for their books and to return all items in good condition. Mix-ups can occur in classrooms, and a student may inadvertently have another person's textbook in their possession. Students are responsible for returning the textbooks assigned to them. Please search your house, car, locker, etc. for any textbooks which may not have been returned. The school needs these missing copies. **HC textbooks are due back on the day of the individual student's final exam.** Students are to personally **return the textbooks they were issued (exact barcodes)** to the Textbook Room or to the Library, to ensure that their account is cleared. Textbooks left in the classroom or exam room remain the student's responsibility. The \$100.00 deposit cheques will be cashed for unreturned or damaged books beginning **June 28th**. **After that date no information or refunds will be available until school starts in September.** If there are any

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Graduate Information

The completion of forty (40) hours of community involvement is required as a key component of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours are to be completed and submitted to Student Services. If you still have not done your community involvement you need to see Student Services ASAP. – Last call – **Friday, June 4th**.

Graduating students who applied for admission to an Ontario university who did not receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings at other Ontario universities through the **OUAC**. Go to www.ouac.on.ca.

To be considered students must have completed six 4U or 4M courses including the prerequisites needed for entry to specific programs.

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

Spring and summer bring many opportunities to volunteer within the community! For more information on these and other **volunteer** and **employment** opportunities, please contact Student Services.

Students considering a career in health care or who like to help others are invited to complete an application in student services for volunteering at **Hotel Dieu, KGH, St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Providence Manor**.

A representative from **Base Camp International**, a volunteer abroad program, will be here at **Holy Cross** on **Tuesday, June 1st** at lunch time in the Main Foyer.

A representative from **Job Connect**, an employment service at **St. Lawrence College**, will be available at lunch time in the foyer on **Thursday, June 3rd**.

Student timetables for the **2010-2011** school year will be available online on **Thursday June 3rd**. Students can access their timetable by using the **Maplewood Portal** on the **HC Today** website. Student timetables will not be mailed over the summer. A copy will be available in the text book room during text book pick up in late August. It is the intent of Student Services to have timetable problems/changes resolved by the end of exams. Students who intend to switch from applied courses in Grade 9 to academic in Grade 10 are reminded that they need to complete the prerequisite course. Senior students wishing to upgrade also require the appropriate prerequisite. Please see your counsellor for details.

Summer School Information

Summer School will operate at **Bayridge Secondary School** this summer beginning on **July 5th** and concluding on **July 29th**. Summer school is operated by the two Boards of Education in the Kingston Area: Limestone and our own Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Further information regarding Summer school is available in Student Services. **Students may choose to take courses to improve on a mark already achieved or enroll in a new credit course.** Summer school applications are available in Student Services. **Students must see their counselor to obtain this information.**

E-Learning Summer School 2010

The **Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** is offering e-learning summer school courses: **ENG3U, ENG4U, PPZ30, GLC20 and CHV20**. The course dates are from **July 5th to July 28th**. Students should contact their guidance counselor for more information.

questions about textbooks, please call **Mr. Mario Cortis** or **Miss Mary Pryal** at extension **3413**, before then.

AUGUST TEXTBOOK PICK-UP

Students will be able to pick up their next year's first semester text books during the week before classes begin. The textbook room will be open from **Tuesday, August 31st to Thursday, September 2nd** from **9 – 3 pm**, and the **Wednesday evening** also from **6 – 9 pm**. (**Tuesday, August 31st** is reserved as a **"Grade 9 only"**. Only the new grade 9 students will be served on that day.) Other students can pick up their books on the other days. In order to get textbooks each student's account of the previous year must be clear. Students must have their green textbook card to be validated. (New grade 9 students will be given their cards at textbook pickup time.) A separate textbook deposit cheque must be submitted. This cheque is to be made out to **Holy Cross Secondary School**, in the amount of **\$100.00** post dated to **March 1st, 2011**, and should have the student's **full name** printed at the top left of the cheque. Please be advised that any textbook account problems that have not been resolved from the previous semester will not be able to be addressed during the busy textbook pick-up days. Replacement green textbook cards are \$5.00 and cannot be issued the same day. In order to avoid delays, please ensure that all textbooks are returned on time.

ANNUAL UNIFORM SALE

Halpern's will be holding their Holy Cross school uniform sale on **Thursday, July 22nd** from **3:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Holy Cross Cafeteria. It is advisable to purchase the uniform on this date to ensure that everyone is in full uniform on the first day of school. If you cannot make the sale, uniforms may also be purchased at **the school from August 19th onward**. Please check the www.hctoday.ca for further information. The last day for regular sales this school year is **Thursday, June 24th**, until 3:00 pm.

PRE-OWNED & PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED UNIFORM SALE

Is your youngest child getting set to graduate from Holy Cross? Have you grown several centimeters in the past year? If you no longer have any use for your (or your child's) uniform and are interested in donating it to the school, please bring the uniform to **Ms. Daniel** in the main office.

Holy Cross Catholic School Council will be offering parents and students an opportunity to buy previously enjoyed uniforms for reasonable prices on **Thursday, July 15th, 2010**. Any monies raised from this sale will go to support the learning experience (including uniforms and extracurriculars) for students and families in need. The sale will be held in the **Holy Cross Foyer** between **6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

JUNE 2010 EXAMINATION PERIOD

Classes for all courses will conclude on **Tuesday, June 15th**. The summative assessment period will begin on **Wednesday, June 16th** and will be completed on **Tuesday, June 22nd**. Morning examinations begin at **8:30 a.m.** while afternoon examinations start at **12:00 p.m.** Students should be in their assigned exam room 15 minutes prior to the start time. Students will be required to wear uniforms during the June examination period. **A doctor's note is necessary should a student be unable to write his or her exam during the regularly scheduled time.**

EXAMINATION RETURN AND REPORT CARD PICK UP DAY

Students may pick up their June examinations and semester II report cards the morning of **Monday, June 28th** from **9:00 to 11:00 am**. Examinations may be picked up from subject teachers in their classrooms. **Report cards will be mailed home beginning on Tuesday, July 6th, 2010.**

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS

Postsecondary Transition Programs with no fees unless specified:

Algonquin College, Ottawa, ON, **The SLICE Conference, August 24th, 2010** -Centre for Students with Disabilities, **613-727-4723 ext.7683**; www.algonquincollege.com/csd.

Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Paul Menton Centre presents **"PMC INTRO: Information, Networking & Transition Readiness Orientation," Tuesday, Sept.8th, 2010**. Register online: www.carleton.ca/pmc/intro

Laurentian University, Sudbury, **Laurentian Initiative for Transition (LIFT)**, free program hosted at Laurentian and is limited to students with learning disabilities who are registered at **any** university in Ontario. **Earl Black**, Special Needs Co-coordinator **1-800-461-4030**; eblack@laurentian.ca

St. Lawrence College, **Sonya Lem**, Learning Strategist, slem@sl.on.ca. **Maryann Lyons** lyons@sl.on.ca

Queen's University, Disabilities Services Offices **613-533-6467**

York University, Toronto, ON, **Project ADVANCE** (summer institute for students with LD attending **any** university in Ontario) - **July 9:00-2:30 pm**, Monday to Thursday only. Refundable \$200 registration fee with 80% attendance record. **Maureen Haig**, Coordinator, **416-736-2100 ext. 66011**;E-mail maureen@yorku.ca. Application deadline is **Friday, June 12th, 2010**
EQAO Mathematics Assessment-Accommodations are offered to students with disabilities as indicated in the letter sent home.

Transition meetings for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Interested parents/guardians contact **M. Gavan Knox(3425), A. Poels(3425) or M. Hulse (3426)**.

Transition & Orientation Visit for Grade 8 Students with Disabilities registered at Holy Cross for 2009-10. Monday, June 28; 9:00-9:50 am, 10:00-10:50; 12-12:50pm 1:00-1:50pm. RSVP to **Anne Poels** ext. 3425

Website with information for youth with learning disabilities. www.youth2youth.ca/ New website with information on special education for parents/guardians : www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/speced.html IEP Online support for Parents and Guardians <http://ldalearning.ldao.ca/login/index.php?lang=en> utf8

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL KIDS CAMP

Date: July 19 - 23

Camp Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$155.00

Location: Holy Cross C.S.S

- Open to Boys & Girls Ages 8 –14 yrs
- Camp T-Shirt
- Guest Coaches
- Awards & Prizes
- Daily skill instruction and games

Instructors **Kelly Dixon** and **Alfie DeMelo** have over 24 years combined coaching experience at both the high school and provincial level. Registration forms can be picked up at the school or downloaded from the school website... don't delay this camp fills up quickly!