



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 **2010-2011 Students' Council Executive** composed of: **Ciara Roberts, Trevor Reade, Jamey Hawley, Mike Vermeesch, Luke Ottenhof, Sara Valentino, Dan Larocca** 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 **2011-2012 HC Students' Council Executive** is composed of: **Sam Pho, Head Girl; Tyler Check, Head Boy; Hailey Masterson, Senior Girl; Eric Dodwell, Senior Boy; Isaac Gazendam, Treasurer; Matt Pendergast, Secretary; and Stephanie Constantinidis, Communications Officer.**

I am so proud of the efforts and successes of our arts students and staff for yet another **Genesis Awards Evening**. The four emcees **Laura Donohue, Ben Locke, Deanna Ridgley** and **Bryce Thomson**, were great leaders. In terms of the major awards, recipients were **Mike Vermeesch for the Drama Club, Savannah Basley and Ali McLean for the Domino Theatre Award, Jennifer Jang for the Art Club, Jonas Lobo and Shelby McLeod for Visual Arts, Ciara Roberts for Dramatic Arts, John Lane for Guitar, Laura Donohue for Music, Ciara Roberts for Vocal Music, Ben Locke for Audio and Visual Production, and Claire McLean for Creative Photography.** The **Community Spirit Award** was presented to **COGECO** for their generous volunteering of time, equipment and expertise. The Thompson family presented the **Rick Thompson Award** to **Megan Stewart** for her selfless behind the scenes work, the kind of quiet work that can all too often go unacknowledged.

The spring sports season is coming to an end. Highlights include our **girls and boys soccer teams** capturing both **junior KASSAA** championships, led by **Mr. Richard Coleman, Mr. Pat Murphy, Mr. Tim Sicoli, and Mr. Robert Bouvier.**

As well, our young **girls' rugby** team, with their coaches **Mr. Mike Chambers, Mr. Dave Jarrell** and **Mr. Frank Gillis**, who lost an overtime thriller in the KASSAA championship. Our **track and field team** currently has thirteen athletes heading to **East Regionals**. Good luck to all and to their coaches.

At this time, I'd like to thank **Mr. LeRoy Gorman** for his many years of service at Holy Cross. We wish him the best of health and happiness as retirement allows him time to pursue other important goals. I also want to offer congratulations and best wishes to **Ms. Ilena Culleton** for her upcoming wedding this summer. Thanks for your teaching here at Holy Cross and good luck on your journey. On behalf of staff and students, we value their contributions and we will miss their leadership and personalities.

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

- Tuesday, May 31World No Tobacco Day
- Wednesday, June 1...Green and Silver Athletic Awards Banquet
Final School Mass
- Friday, June 3...Trills and Thrills Festival, Canada's Wonderland
- Thurs – Sat, June 2, 3 & 4...Track and Field, OFSAA, Sudbury
- Thursday, June 9.....Grade Twelve Vocal Music Concert
- Mon – Fri, June 13 – 17 ...Exam Review and Culminating Activity Week
- Tues, June 14: EQAO Gr. 9 Academic & Applied Math Assessment
- Wed, June 15: EQAO Gr. 9 Academic & Applied Math Assessment
- Monday, June 20.....Final Instructional Day
- Tues – Fri, June 21 – 24...Final Summative Assessments
Textbook Return Period
- Friday, June 24...Locker Clean-up and Clear Out Deadline
HC Class of 2011 Final Course Documentation Due
- Monday, June 27.....Examination Pick Up (am)
- Tues, June 28...Grad Mass (12 p.m.) and Ceremony (7 p.m.)
- Thursday, June 30.....PA Day # 6

JUNE PASTORAL UPDATE

On behalf of our **Crusaders in Community Service (C.I.C.S.)** group, a big thank you to all those who helped out with the **Food Blitz on Wednesday, May 18th**. We especially thank the students, staff and parents from **Our Lady of Lourdes, Mount Carmel and Holy Cross** who came out in such large numbers to help us canvass door-to-door and to load the food donations 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 and for supporting the **Partners In Mission Food Bank**.

Our **Grade 9 NET Retreat** took place on **Friday, May 20th at Rideau Acres**. The ten **NET** team members led a wonderful retreat day based on the theme of *'Who Am I?'*. The previous week we attended 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 **Wednesday, June 1st**. And on **June 28th** 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.

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

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

The last dance, Aloha Hawaii, was a success with over 400 students attending this event. There will be a meeting this month for all grade 11 students who are interested in helping with next year's Orientation. Please listen to announcements for more information. **Students' Council** would like to wish all students 'good luck' in their studies for the upcoming exams and best wishes to the graduating class of 2010/2011. We would also like to extend a warm thank you to the **Crusader Community** for supporting all events this past year. We hope that all students and their families have a fun and safe summer!

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 **Tuesday, June 14th** and on **Wednesday, June 15th** 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. Anyone interested in subscribing to the HC newsletter online, please visit our school website, hctoday.ca. Similarly, if you or your son or daughter is graduating, you could email an "unsubscribe" request to us.

2011 HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

The 2011 Holy Cross Crusade was distributed on **Wednesday, May 25th, 2011**. Thanks to **Mr. Prior's Period 1 class** 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 during period 1**. If you have a friend that you know is no longer at Holy Cross, please pick up their copy for them.

GRADE TWELVE GALA VOCAL CONCERT

On **Thursday, June 9th, 2011**, the **Grade Twelve Vocal Class** will present their final gala concert. The performance will take place in the cafetorium 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.

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 **Friday, June 24th**. In the last week of June, locks will be seized and lockers will be cleared of all contents with items being donated.

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 27th 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 Thursday, July 7th, 2011.**

ANNUAL UNIFORM SALE

Halpern's will be holding their Holy Cross school uniform sale on **Wednesday, July 21st 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 22nd onward**. Please check the www.hctoday.ca for further information.

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 14th, 2011**. 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.**

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class will be held on **Tuesday, June 28th** 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 2011 JUNE REMINDERS

Monday 13th June..... Final Course documentation deadline
Tuesday 28th June..... Graduation
12:00.... Mass for graduates, family, friends and HC Staff at St. Paul the Apostle
5:15... Gown Fitting in the Library with Ms Dowsley and Committee
6:00.. HC Class of 2011 staircase portrait in the Main Foyer
6:25..... Graduates line up alphabetically for the Procession of the Graduates
6:50..... 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 2011 graduation ceremony was published in the May 2011 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 13th, 2011**.

Students are encouraged to contact their counselor regarding any questions concerning graduation. Congratulations to the following graduates, chosen by their peers as class representatives: **Valedictorian, Ciara Roberts; Salutatorian, Mike Vermeesch; and 2011 Class Representatives Eden Cameron and Derek Fox.**

Each graduate has received four tickets which are required by their family and guests at the door on the evening of **June 28th**. 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 27th**. After that date no information or refunds will be available until school starts in September. If there are any 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 30th to Thursday, September 1st from 9 – 3 pm**, and the **Wednesday evening also from 6 – 9 pm. (Tuesday, August 30th 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, 2012**, 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.

ECO-CORNER

In the month of May, the Green Team spent some time outdoors working on our green spaces. Thank you to the students of Mr. Jeff Brady's class for helping plant 30 trees on the school property. This school yard greening project will serve the dual purpose of providing some habitat for animals and shade for future students and members of the community attending outside events.

With support with a grant from Metro grocers, the green team has also been busy planting a flower and vegetable garden located near the portables. The harvest from this garden is planned to be donated to the local food bank. Compost collected from the cafeteria staff this year will be used to provide nutrients to the garden next year. Keep it green HC!

Eco Tip - planting a vegetable garden is a great way to promote a local food diet. Also consider buying your vegetables over the summer at a local market.

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 3rd**.

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** from **June 8th to August 26th**. Go to www.ouac.on.ca or call 519-823-1063.

To be considered students must have completed 6 4U or 4M courses including the prerequisites needed for entry to specific programs, as well as an average of at least 60%.

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

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

Student timetables for the **2011- 2012** school year will be available online on Friday 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 counselor for details.

Summer School Information

The **Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** is offering summer school courses in the following options:

Credit Improvement: July 4 – 15: 55 hours of credit improvement will be available for students achieving 35% or greater. Summer school will be offered at Holy Cross, numbers permitting. Transportation will not be available.

New Credit: July 4 – 29: Students can take a new credit through online learning. E-learning courses include: ENG4C, ENG4U, ENG3U, PPZ3O, GLC2O, CHV2O, MCR3U, HSB4M, and MHF4U. All university level e-learning courses will include a final exam held on July 29th.

Coop Program: July 4 – 29: A four week coop program (one credit) is offered if numbers permit. Pre-employment training will be done online.

For these and other summer school opportunities please see your counsellor for registration information.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCE NEWS

Postsecondary Transition Programs with no fees unless specified:

Algonquin College, Ottawa, ON, The SLICE Conference, Centre for Students with Disabilities, 613-727-4723 ext.7683; Check for the August date at [www.algonquincollege.com /csd](http://www.algonquincollege.com/csd).

Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Paul Menton Centre presents "PMC INTRO: Information, Networking & Transition Readiness Orientation," Check the September date and 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

Project ADVANCE (summer institute for students with LD attending any college/university in Ontario) at York University, Toronto, ON, July 9:00-2:30 pm, Monday to Thursday only. Refundable \$200 registration fee with 80% attendance record. Register with Maureen Haig, Coordinator, 416-7362100 ext. 660.11;E-mail maureen@yorku.ca.deadline.

EQAO Mathematics Assessment-Accommodations are offered to students with IEPs as indicated in the letter sent home.

Transition meetings for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Interested parents/guardians contact M. Gavan Knox(3426), A. Poels (3425) or M. Hulse (3428).

Transition & Orientation Visit for Grade 8 Students with Disabilities registered at Holy Cross for 2011-12. By appointment on Wednesday, June 29; 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/

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://ldaolearning.ldao.ca/login/index.php?lang=en> utf8

JULY 2011

July 1.....Canada Day
July 4..... Summer School Begins at Holy Cross
July 14.....Used Uniform Sale, HC Foyer, 6 – 8 p.m.
July 18-22 Crusaders Basketball Kids Camp
July 21.....Halpern's Uniform Sale, HC, 3:30 – 8 p.m.