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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

On behalf of the school's teaching staff, support staff and administrative team, I would like to welcome all students, parents and guardians to the **2013 – 2014** school year at **Holy Cross**. As the year begins, I extend my best wishes for a successful school year to all members of the **Holy Cross** community. We began our school year on **Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013** with approximately 1200 students. Our staffing for the school now appears to be nearing completion and we would like to welcome at this time the newest staff members: **Mrs. Lisa Coulter** in the **Religion and English Departments**, **Mr. Matt Clarke** in the **Religion and Social Sciences Departments**, **Ms. Julie Roantree** in our **Science Department**, **Ms. Sarah Davey** in the **Languages Department**, **Ms. Brenda Ferguson** with our **Bridges to Community Program**, **Mr. Ted Daniel** in our **Bridges Program**, and we welcome **Mrs. Angela Dalton** to the **Mathematics Department** in an occasional position to start the year.

We encourage parents and guardians to keep the lines of communication open with your sons and daughters and with us. Please talk to your children about their daily experiences as well as the high and sometimes low spots. Talk to them about their academics as well as their extra-curricular involvements. This year, you can check us out online at www.hctoday.ca, subscribe to this newsletter electronically, read our electronic sign at the school, or follow us on **Twitter, @Hctoday1**.

The first day of school went very successfully and our students looked starched and pressed and shiny white in their fall / winter uniforms. During the warmer autumn days, girls who do not wish to wear leotards should wear the grey **HC** pants instead.

I look forward to a year where all members collaborate on the pursuit of excellence in academic, extracurriculars and nurturing our Gospel values as well as those promoted by our Catholic school system with our **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**. These seven tenets (see above banner) are guideposts for us all as we put our *faith into action*. The new banners displayed prominently in our **Main Foyer** will serve to remind us all of our shared mission here at **Holy Cross**.

Paul A. Walsh
Principal

CHAPLAINCY UPDATE

Our **Chaplaincy Team** looks forward to meeting both returning and new students as another academic year begins. Through our monthly School Masses, daily prayer, class liturgies in the **Chapel**, retreats, Mission Trips and outreach programs, we hope to challenge all our students to answer God's call in their daily lives. As a Catholic School community, we are especially mindful of the needs of the less fortunate in our world. **Students' Council** and our **Crusaders In Community Service (CICS)** will be organizing a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** and other fundraising efforts throughout the year to help meet these needs. Our school theme for this year "*I By My Works Will Show You My Faith*" reminds us that we are called to care about others and to share the love of Christ through our words and actions.

We welcome our Priest Chaplains back to **Holy Cross: Fr. Leo Byrne** and **Fr. Jan Kusyk**. They will preside at our Opening School Mass on **Thursday, September 12th** and will be here to support

September at Holy Cross

Monday, September 2.....Labour Day (no classes)
Tuesday, September 3..... First Day of School
Fall Sports Teams Try-outs Begin
Sept 3 - 6..... Sign up for Grad Photos in Room 129
Wednesday, September 4.....Large Group Photos in Foyer
Semester One Grade Assemblies
Thurs, Sept 5 *Jesus Christ Superstar* Info Mtg, lunch, Rm 246
Golf Team Try-outs Begin, Amherstview GC, 3 pm
Friday, Sept 6.....Grade 9 Orientation Morning
Co-op Students WHMIS Training
Saturday, September 7 International Literacy Day
Queen's U Jr. Girls' Basketball Clinic, ARC
Sunday, September 8 Grandparents' Day
Mon, Sept 9*Jesus Christ Superstar* Auditions begin, 2:45 – 4
Fire Drill #1
Golf Team Try-out #2, Amherstview GC, 3 pm
York University Visit, 11:15
Tuesday, Sept 10.....Picture Day -Smile! Payment required
KASSAA Eligibility Appeal Deadline
Tues – Thurs, Sept 10 – 12 *Jesus Christ Superstar* auditions
Wed, Sept 11....."Triumph of the Cross" Feast Day
Absentee Photo Day (8 – 9:30)
University Application Process Workshop, 11:15 & 2:30
Collision at the Causeway Jr Football Scrimmage
Wed – Fri, Sept 11 – 20 Grad Photos, 10 – 12:30, Rm 129
Thursday, September 12..... Opening School Mass
Friday, Sept 13.....Last Day for S1 Timetable Changes
Fri & Sat, Sept 13 & 14Sr Girls' Crusader Bball Tournament
Sunday, September 15.....Terry Fox Run, SLC
RMC Sr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament
Mon, Sept 16 Last year's Gr 9 Math EQAO results distributed
SHSM Students Fall Prevention Training
Wed, Sept 18Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:30 – 8
2014 Band Trip Parent Information Mtg, 6:30
Aboriginal Dancers Assembly, P1, Gr 11 Religion
Post-Secondary Scholarship Mtg, 11:15
Carleton University Visit, 2:30
Girls' Field Hockey Season Opener
Thursday, September 19University of Toronto Visit, 2:30
Ryerson Visit, 11:15
19th Annual Coffee Break for Alzheimer Society
Friday, September 20 Queen's University Visit, 11:15
Sr. Girls' Taylor Allen Memorial Bball Tournament
Saturday, September 21 SHSM Cogeco Training
McMaster U Senior Boys' Vball Tournament
International Day of Peace
Sunday, September 22 Fall Equinox
Study & Go Abroad Fair, Ottawa Convention Centre
Monday, Sept 23.....2012-2013 Honour Roll Posted
Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
Richard Ivey School of Business Visit, 11:15
KASSAA Golf Championships
Western University Visit, 2:30
Tues, Sept 24 Queen's U Bader – Int'l Studies Visit, 2:30
Wed, Sept 25Parent Night Post-Secondary Info 7:00
Thurs, Sept 26 ... Development & Peace Student Leadership Day
Friday, September 27.....Tentative Non-Uniform Day
Grade Nine Retreat @ Rideau Acres
First School Dance
Limestone Invitational Cross-Country Meet
Fri & Sat, Sept 27 & 28 HC Crusaders Kings of the Court Jr
Boys Vball Tour
Sat & Sun, Sept 28 & 29Ont Univ Fair, Metro Conv. Centre
Monday, Sept 30 Grade 9 Period Two Library Orientation

our students and staff over the coming year. We are inviting all Grade 9 student to a day-long Retreat on **Friday, September 27th**. This will be a great opportunity for the Grade 9 students to get to know each other, to enjoy some icebreaker games and other group activities, and to hear an important message on 'caring & sharing' from our guest speaker, **Andy Thibodeau**. And, finally, may each of us find time to reflect on the importance of our faith and to thank God for all our blessings, especially for the gift of our families, our friends and our faith community here at **Holy Cross**.

Chris Forster, Chaplaincy Team Leader

NEWSFROMSTUDENT COUNCIL

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Welcome back to school for the **2013/2014** school year! **Student Council** is thrilled to finally begin fulfilling our elected positions for the year. **September** is going to be a busy month filled with many important events! For updates on events going on at our school, find **Student Council** on **Facebook** and **Twitter**. Throughout the first weeks of school, we will be visiting homeroom classes to introduce ourselves and share information about **September** events. **Thursday, September 5th** is the **Grade Nine Welcome BBQ**. To kick start the year and officially welcome incoming grade nines, **Student Council** planned **Grade Nine Orientation for Friday, September 6th**. Orientation is a much anticipated **Holy Cross** event for both grade nine participants and grade twelve leaders. New students learn the Holy Cross cheer, meet one another, and most importantly have a fantastic time! The **2013 Terry Fox Run** will be held at **St. Lawrence College** on **Sunday, September 15th at 1pm**. Students are encouraged to dress in green and silver, and walk, run, bike or skateboard to raise money for the **Terry Fox Foundation**. **Friday, September 27th** is an eventful day! The **Grade Nine Retreat** at **Rideau Acres Campground** and our first school dance of the year take place on this day. The dance will be in the evening, and the theme selected was "Retro". We hope everyone comes out for a groovy time!

We encourage students to get involved in the many extracurricular activities available at Holy Cross. Try out for a sports team, audition for the musical, join **CICS** or the **Green Team**, and enrich your high school experience! Work hard this first month and practice good habits which will carry you throughout the rest of the year. Put your best foot forward Crusaders and enjoy the back-to-school excitement!

Sarah Flisikowski, Communications Officer

TRANSPORTATION

All students and parents/guardians are reminded to record their bus number and bus company in case of inclement weather or emergencies. The **Triboard Transportation** website, <http://www.triboard.on.ca/>, will provide parents who register with them up-to-date information on any delays or cancellations for their children's buses.

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS – ALL STUDENTS

Students in every grade are prohibited from smoking at **Holy Cross**. Therefore, students are not allowed to gather in the former smoking area and are not allowed to be in possession of cigarettes or tobacco products. Students are also reminded to be courteous to our neighbours. Gatherings off-campus, which can be bothersome both in terms of noise and littering, will not be condoned. If a student is found to be smoking or to be in possession of cigarettes, he or she will be given a warning. There will be a progression of consequences for subsequent infractions, including suspension from school. Smoking is the number one preventable cause of premature death and disease in Ontario. We will continue to focus on smoking cessation programs with the help of the **Health Unit**.

TERRY FOX RUN

This year, the **33rd Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research** will be held on **Sunday, September 15th**, starting at **1:00 p.m.** In past years, **Holy Cross** has been awarded the **Barry Brady Trophy** for having the largest number of participants participat-

ing in the **Terry Fox Run at St. Lawrence College**. Since **Terry's** run in **1980**, there has been great progress in cancer. Hopefully, we can all contribute to this worthy cause and walk, run, bike, or roll as participants in this great **Canadian** tradition.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT HOLY CROSS

Get involved! **Holy Cross** students can be proud not only of their academic achievements, but also of their achievements in music, drama, yearbook, **Students' Council**, **Crusaders in Community Service**, athletics and many other initiatives. The extracurriculars offered at **Holy Cross** are supported by the teachers, administrators, Board office officials and support staff because of the contribution that extracurriculars make to the general educational experience of our students. Our extracurricular programs are second to none and a source of pride within our community.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the **2013/2014 Catholic School Council** will take place on **Wednesday, September 18th, 2013**, at **6:30 p.m.** The election of the school council executive, if necessary, will be announced. If you are interested in being a member of the **School Council Executive**, please contact **Mr. Paul Walsh** at **384-1919 ext. 3411** or walshp@alcdsb.on.ca prior to **September 17th**. Check our website regularly for **Council** news.

CRUSADER GEAR SALE

The **Holy Cross Tuck Shop** will be open ahead of our first **Spirit Days** in **October**. Listen for announcements. Check out our **Holy Cross** clothing and show your **Crusader** pride by wearing green and silver!

SCHOOLPHOTOS

This year, we will have our school **Photo Day** on **Tuesday, September 10th** in our large gymnasium. Those who are absent on the **10th** will have their pictures taken on **Wednesday, September 11th** in our small gymnasium. Students will receive proofs this year, and pictures will be available to you for purchase. A copy of each student photograph will be maintained at the school for the purposes of record keeping, identification, and use in the school yearbook publication. Any other use of these photographs would require your consent. That consent would be requested prior to their use. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of the student photographs, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Prior** or a member of administration.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Course Load

All students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 are required to carry a course load of 4 courses each semester. Even in Grade 12, only students who have already earned 24 credits may take a spare. All are required to carry a minimum of 3 courses each semester.

Course Changes/Deletions

Students are to consult with a counsellor prior to any decisions being made to their timetable. It is advised that any course changes required be dealt with by the end of the first week of the semester. Further to this, it is required that all changes be completed by the end of the second week of the semester. It is recommended that no changes to schedules occur after **Friday, September 13th**.

Night School

Grade 12 students are eligible for the **Limestone District School Board's Teacher Assisted Self Study Program (TASS)** if they are part-time students. Full time students are eligible to take a night school course if they do not require the mark for graduation purposes since the mark will not be processed until **August 2014**. Students who are applying to post-secondary institutions for **2013** will also not be eligible if the mark is required for admission purposes. Please see **Student Services** for more information.

College and University Time Lines Sept. 2013 – June 2014

The following dates and time lines regarding college and university information sessions are to assist our senior students in their post-secondary planning. Information sessions at **11:15** and **2:35** are available to our grade 11 and 12 students. Presentations during the school day are open only to grade 12 students, and they must sign up several days in advance in order for their attendance to be recorded. Presentations are usually in the lecture theatre, unless otherwise announced.

September 9, 2013	York University, 11:15
September 11, 2013	Overview of university application process 11:15 & 2:35
September 17, 2013	St. Lawrence College, 11:15
September 18, 2013	Scholarship Info meeting, 11:15
September 18, 2013	Carleton University, 2:30
September 19, 2013	Ryerson , 11:15
September 19, 2013	University of Toronto, 2:30
September 20, 2013	Queen's University, 11:15
September 22, 2013	Study and Go Abroad Fair, Ottawa Convention Centre
September 23, 2013	Western-Richard Ivey School of Business, 11:15
September 23, 2013	Western, 2:30
September 24, 2013	Queen's-Bader International Studies, 2:30
September 25, 2013	Parent Post-Secondary Info Night, 7:00
September 27-29, 2013	Ontario Universities' Fair, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
October 2, 2013	Sir Wilfred Laurier Uni, 2:30
October 3, 2013	Overview of college application process, 11:00
October 3, 2013	Brescia College at U of Western, 2:30
October 9, 2013	Humber College, 11:40
October 10, 2013	Overview of college application process, 11:00
October 15, 2013	Trent University, 11:15
October 16, 2013	Laurentian University, 11:15
October 16, 2013	Loyalist College, 2:30
October 17, 2013	University Application Workshop(online application information), 11:15
October 17, 2013	University of Ontario Institute of Technology, 2:30
October 21, 2013	University Application Workshop (online application information), 11:15, 2:30
October 22, 2013	Ontario Universities Info Program, 1-3pm
October 23, 2013	Dalhousie, Nova Scotia, 2:30
October 30, 2013	College Information Program, St. Lawrence College 9-12
November 4, 2013	Tyndale University, Toronto, 3:30
November 5, 2013	College application workshop (online application information), 11:00
November 5, 2013	Lakehead University, 2:30
November 7, 2013	College application workshop (online application information), 11:00
November 11, 2013	University of Guelph, 2:30
November 12, 2013	University of Guelph-Humber, 2:30
November 14, 2013	Nipissing University, 11:15
November 18, 2013	St. Francis Xavier Uni, Nova Scotia, 2:30
November 18, 2013	Brock University, 2:30
Nov 16-21, 2013	Semester 1 mid-term marks due to OCAS
November 26, 2013	First date that application data will be sent to colleges. Earliest date that colleges may acknowledge applications
December 15, 2013	Recommended date for post-secondary online applications
January 15, 2014	Ontario University Application Centre Deadline for equal consideration
February 1 , 2014	Ontario Colleges Application Services

February 4, 2014	Deadline for equal consideration Earliest release of offers by the colleges. Earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission Recommended last date for students to submit all information to OUAC for early offer of admission (Not a deadline date. Changes will be accepted and processed by the OUAC at any time.)
February 12, 2014	First semester final marks to OCAS deadline
February 13, 2014	First semester final marks to OUAC deadline
April 22-26, 2014	Sem 2 mid-term marks to OCAS
April 24, 2014	Sem 2 mid-term marks to OUAC
May 1, 2014	College applicants must confirm admission offer
May 29, 2014	Response deadline from Ontario universities
June 2, 2014	Earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response and financial commitment
June 17, 2014	Earliest date colleges may require payment of tuition fees
July 5, 2014	Second semester final grades and proof of graduation due to OCAS
July 8, 2014	OUAC deadline for final grades

The college application is submitted online to the **Ontario Colleges Application Service (OCAS)**. The application fee is **\$95** for five college program choices. Not more than three choices may be made at one college.

The university application is submitted online to the **Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)**. The application fee is **\$130** for three university program choices. An additional **\$44** will be charged for each university program choice beyond the initial three. Students are required to have 6 grade 12 courses at the U or U/C(M) level to be eligible for university programs.

Check the **Holy Cross website** at www.hctoday.ca for current information.

Please note: **Ontario Scholar Eligibility** – Grade 12 students can be considered Ontario Scholars if they achieve an 80% average from any 6 grade 12 courses. The **Ontario Scholar** certificate will be presented at the graduation ceremony.

HOLY CROSS ATHLETICS

The fall of **2013** sees the return of a strong extracurricular athletics program at **Holy Cross**. Tryouts and practices began the first week of **September**. This fall will see nine teams carrying the green and silver of **Holy Cross**. **Permission forms, complete with parent signature, must be submitted prior to participating in try-outs or practices.**

The commitment of our student athletes and coaches generates dividends for all in our community. The parental support our teams have grown accustomed to over the years is most welcomed and appreciated. Grade 9 students should not hesitate to get involved. There are a wide range of teams to join and all are age appropriate. High school sports are a great way to develop lasting friendships while learning and developing many skills. The values, beliefs and invaluable life skills which school sports provide allow our student-athletes the opportunity to fully develop themselves. If you have any questions regarding a team, contact one of the coaches or see your homeroom or physical and health education teacher.

