



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week** to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. In our Catholic schools, we embody faith in action when we demonstrate respect for one another and stand with those who do face intimidation, taunting, discrimination, or other forms of bullying. Each student and adult in **ALCDSB** has a role to play in creating and nurturing strong communities of faith, engaged communities of learning, and compassionate communities of service. We welcome the newest staff members to the **Holy Cross** community, **Ms. Stephanie Pacheco** and **Mrs. Melissa Biggs**.

Congratulations to our school community for contributing so much to the **Thanksgiving Food Drive** and **Winter Coat Drive**. Our homeroom classes responded with incredible enthusiasm, ingenuity and generosity. During these unstable economic times, the need within our community has grown and it is so important for those of us who can give, to do so. Thanks also to **Meagan Kirbyson** and her crew of volunteers for selling bracelets and organizing a **OneMatch** assembly which culminated in over 155 new potential bone marrow donors from **Holy Cross**.

Thanks to the coaches, managers, community volunteers, and students for making us proud to see the Green and Silver on the courts and fields. **The Students' Council** roused our school spirit with a wonderful **Pep Rally**. **The Golf Team** had an outstanding season, with the boys' team winning an **OFSAA Bronze Medal**, **Noah Steele**, **Eric Macrow**, **Connor Lyons**, and **Carter Kelly**, while **Diana McDonald** placed fourth in **Ontario**, despite playing through an injury. I know the **Field Hockey Girls** were disappointed to lose a first-half lead over **RND** during the semi-final game, but we were proud of their efforts and their season. **The X-Country Team** had another great season and will be represented by **Claudia Murphy** at **OFSAA**.

Who would've thought that we could organize and support three different fundraising and awareness initiatives in one day? When **Kingston's** Catholic secondary schools work together, just about anything is possible. On **Thursday, October 24th**, over **700 RND** students participated in the **March for Mackenzie**, raising money and awareness for **onematch.ca** and arrived at **Holy Cross** to cheer on the **Girls' Basketball Teams** in the thirteenth annual **PH Classic** where we continued to raise funds to fight breast cancer. On the same day, the **Catholic Cup Football** games played at **Invista** under the lights. We are grateful for all that everyone does to support **Holy Cross** athletics and all of our endeavours. Congratulations to our fall teams whose seasons have ended as well as to all of our teams working towards their seasons' completions.

On the Professional Development Day (**Friday, October 11th, 2013**), all staff at **Holy Cross** and feeder elementary schools for our **Staff Faith Day**, where we celebrated Mass and participated in a variety of workshops. Thanks in particular to **Chris Forster** for his lead role in organizing this beautiful day. The morning allowed us to slow down and challenged us to be people of prayer and action.

On **Wednesday, October 10th**, we issued our **Early Semester Report Cards** to students. This was an early indicator of each student's achievement in the first six weeks of this

semester. The first half of the semester will end on **Wednesday, November 6th** and then on **Monday, November 18th**, the mid-semester **Report Cards** will be distributed in Period One classes. This Report Card provides extensive reporting in each subject including: a percentage grade; course median; absences/lates; learning skills and personal comments

November at Holy Cross

- Friday, November 1.....All Saints Day
Jamaica Mission Trip Fish Fry
- Saturday, November 2.....All Souls Day
- Sunday, November 3..... Daylight Savings Time Ends
KASSAA Sr. Football Championships
- Monday, November 4 Tyndale University Visit
- Tues, Nov 5 ...College Online Application Workshop, 11am
Lakehead University Visit
Veteran's Week Begins
Ontario Literacy Test Information Assembly, P1
- Wed, November 6..... Honour Roll Celebration, Period One
Take Our Kids to Work Day, Grade Nine
Term One Careers & Civics Courses End
Mid-semester Test Period Ends
- Thurs, Nov 7 Term Two Gr 10 Careers & Civics Begin
College Application Workshop, 11:00 a.m.
- Sat, Nov 9 KASSAA Junior Football Championships
- Sun, Nov 10 KASSAA Boys' Volleyball Championships
- Monday, November 11 Remembrance Day Liturgies
Guelph University Visit
KASSAA Girls' Basketball Championships
- Mon & Tues, November 11 & 12 Toronto Street Retreat
- Tuesday, Nov 12... Crusader Winter Season Tryouts begin
University of Guelph-Humber Visit
OSSLT Practice Session #1, Period 4
- Wed, Nov 13 . EOSSAA Jr Girls' Basketball Championships
Jesus Christ Superstar Ticket Sales Begin
- Thursday, November 14 Nipissing University Visit
Winter Transfer Deadline
EOSSAA Senior Girls' Basketball Championships
- Friday, November 15 Sem 1 Mid-term marks due to OCAS
Sem 1 marks available online
Superintendent of School Effectiveness Visit
- Saturday, November 16..... Kingston Santa Claus Parade
- Sun, Nov 17 .. Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week begins
- Mon, Nov 18 S1 Mid-Semester Report Cards Issued
Brock University Visit
- Tues, Nov 19 ... Cdn Senior & Intermediate Math Contests
- Wednesday, November 20 National Child Day
Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:30
- Thurs-Sat, Nov 21 -23 .OFSAA AAA Girls' Bball & Boys' Vball
- Thursday, November 21 Student Senate Meeting
- Mon, Nov 25 ..Afternoon Performance of Jesus Christ Superstar
Day of the Arts One
- Tues, Nov 26 Sem One Full Disclosure Day (Gr 11/12)
Afternoon Performance of Jesus Christ Superstar
Day of the Arts Two
Application Data Sent to Colleges
- Wed, Nov 27 Opening Night of Jesus Christ Superstar
- Thursday, November 28 Jesus Christ Superstar, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Nov 29 Tentative November Non-Uniform Day
Jesus Christ Superstar, 7 p.m.
- Fri - Sat, Nov 29 - 30 Crusader Sr Boys' Basketball Classic
- Sat, Nov 30Closing Night of Jesus Christ Superstar

on the individual student's strengths, weaknesses and next steps. There is ample time left in the semester for students to improve their marks and do well in each course. If a student's mark is below 50%, this indicates the need to examine their work to date. A discussion with the teacher will help you plan for maintaining the achievement level or ways to improve the student's mark. Teachers may refer some students whose progress is faltering to **Mrs. Joanna Besselink** or our other **Student Success** teachers, for what we call "credit rescue", an attempt to regain academic footing. As the **Holy Cross** school community, we welcome your input on how we are doing. Please feel free to contact a teacher, counsellor or administrator during school hours. Check our website regularly for important updates on information. Our students, your children, are the centre of our work and their educational and personal accomplishments fulfill our mission.

Paul A. Walsh, walshp@alcdsb.on.ca

HOLY CROSS PASTORAL SERVICES

November provides us with a wonderful opportunity to remember loved ones who have died as we celebrate **All Saints and All Souls Day** at the beginning of the month. We will again have a special **Book of Remembrance** in the **Chapel**; we invite students, staff and visitors to our school to remember their loved ones by writing their names in this book; these people will be remembered in our daily prayers and at all our **School Masses** during **November**. On **Monday, November 11th**, we will be remembering those who gave their lives in the **Great Wars** of the past century or while serving in **Afghanistan** or on peacekeeping missions through grade level assemblies in the **Cafeteria** during **Period One**. Let us all take time to remember, to pray and to buy a poppy in support of our veterans.

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP UPDATE: Many people attended our **Jamaica Fish Fry** on **Friday, November 1st** at **Holy Cross**. And much money was raised for the **Mission Trip House Build**. A big thank you to all our students, parents, and staff who helped out, to **Mino's Take-Out West**, **The Ambassador Resort Centre**, **Home Depot**, and to **Tony's Pizza** for their kind donations; and, of course, to all those who attended and made this such a great evening.

RETREATS: Our Grade 10 home form classes attended the **Personal Growth: Mind, Body & Spirit Retreats** on **October 22** and **23rd**. These full-day retreats focused on ways all of us can develop a healthier respect for our sexuality. Thank you to our students for attending and to our Grade 10 teachers and other staff whose hard work and sacrifice made these retreats possible. We especially enjoyed our speakers this year: **Terrie Hoey**, **Lisa Lollar**, **Nadia Gundert** and **Fabian Brown**.

CICS' CORNER: Congratulations to all our students and staff for their wonderful contributions to our **Thanksgiving Food Drive** which will help to fill the **St. Vincent de Paul** food shelves. We are looking forward to our annual **Toronto Street Retreat** which will take place from **November 11-12th**. Permission forms are available in my office. We will also be offering a one-day **Kingston Street Retreat** in **December** for **CICS** students.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please pray for the sick and for their families and caregivers. Many of our students and staff have experienced serious illness or even a death in their families recently and we offer our prayers and support to them.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

This year's major **Drama Club** production is **Jesus Christ Superstar (a 21st Century Perspective)** running **November 27-30th, 2013** at 7pm on the **Holy Cross** stage. **Superstar**, written by **Tim Rice** and **Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber** in **1970**, is a rock opera which was not originally intended for a **Broadway** stage but rather as a rock album. The musical is based on the Gospels' accounts of the last week of **Jesus'**

life, beginning with the preparation for the arrival of **Jesus** and his disciples, and ending with the crucifixion. Our upcoming production is a re-imagined and re-interpreted version of the musical which places the characters and situations in modern day. Our production, through the use of technology and contemporary images, will explore the socio-political themes of **Christ's** message within a 21st century context. Tickets are **\$15**. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets go on sale **Wednesday, November 13th** at lunch.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Grad photos and grad retakes were taken in **September** and **October**. Students have received their proofs and order forms. Grad orders which were submitted by the **October** due date will be distributed before the **Christmas** break. Grad photo orders are still being accepted. Please bring your orders to **Mr. Prior** between **8:15** and **10:00**. Orders placed at this time, however, will not arrive until after **Christmas**. School photos were taken in **September**, and orders have been distributed to students who ordered packages. Retakes were taken on **Wednesday, October 9th**. Retake orders will be distributed in late **November**.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

October was a very exciting month at **Holy Cross**. First of all, we would like to thank all students who applied for the position of junior rep, and we hope to see continued leadership from these enthusiastic juniors. We congratulate grade nine student **Colin Watts** and grade ten student **Lindsay Simourd** for being selected! We look forward to working with you this year. As the frosty weather returns, so do many anticipated events! To kick off the month, the **2013-2014 Jamaica Mission Trip** is hosting a **Fish Fry** at **Holy Cross** on **Friday November 1st**. Dinner is served anywhere between **3:30** and **7:00**. The meal never disappoints, and proceeds support the trip. On **Wednesday, November 6th**, the **Honour Roll Ceremony** takes place in our **Cafeteria**. This is a time to celebrate academic achievement during the past school year. We would like to applaud those students who achieved honour roll status, and urge all students to continue to work hard! **Remembrance Day** liturgies will take place on **Monday November 11th**. Students are encouraged to wear and respect their poppies this month to commemorate **Canada's** fallen soldiers. **Bullying Prevention Week** is **November 17th** to the **23rd**. During this week, we are challenged to raise awareness of bullying in our school and community. Towards the end of this month, the **Holy Cross Arts Department** will be performing this year's play **Jesus Christ Superstar**. Like the school population, many of our council members are involved in some way. The show runs from **Wednesday, November 27th** to **Saturday, November 30th**. Get your tickets early for the best seats! We wish the fall sports teams the best of luck as their seasons come to an end, and welcome back the winter sports to **Holy Cross**. We encourage students to try out for the various winter sports available! We also wish the best of luck to our fellow senior students who are researching and applying to post-secondary institutions. **November** promises to be a very cold, eventful, and productive month. Enjoy everything **November** has to offer! Before we know it, the **Christmas** season will be upon us!

Sarah Flisikowski, Communications Officer

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was great to have committed parents, especially those of our **Grade Nine** and **Ten Council** meetings. During the **October** meeting, parents and other **Council** members filled out the **Ministry of Education** survey "**From Great to Excellent**." Community members can add their input via GreattoExcellent@ontario.ca. The next meeting of the **Holy Cross Catholic School Council** will be held on **Wednesday, November 20th** in the **Library** at **6:30 pm**. All interested community members are invited to attend.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Honour Roll Ceremony

A ceremony honouring last year's **Honour Roll** students will take place during Period One on **Wednesday, November 6th**. Our guest speaker will be **Kelsi Ball**, a **Holy Cross** Graduate, who is currently working for the **ALCDSB** as a teacher. Parents are welcome to attend.

Take Your Kid to Work Day

Grade 9 students will participate in **Take Our Kids to Work Day** on **Wednesday, November 6th**. This day is important in that it gives students the opportunity to gain exposure to the skills required in today's workplaces, and gain a better understanding of exploring career choices. Regular classes will not be held on this day. Signed permission forms must be returned to **Student Services** in order for students to participate.

Post-Secondary Information

Workshops for on-line application to **OUAC** (Universities) were conducted on **October 17th** and **October 21st**. Workshops for on-line applications to **OCAS** (College) will be held on **Tuesday, November 5th** and **Thursday, November 7th** at **11:15**. Students are encouraged to check our up-to-date post-secondary information at the **Holy Cross Website** (www.hctoday.ca) and click: "Academic" – Student Services "Post-Secondary Info"). Students applying to **Ontario** universities can now pick up their "PIN" in **Student Services**.

House of Commons Page Program

Grade 12 students accepted to a university in the **National Capital Region** with an academic average of 80% are eligible to apply to the **House of Commons Page Program**. Work begins in late **August 2013**, and the work schedule will be coordinated with their university schedule. Students must also speak fluent French to be eligible. For more information go to www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage. The deadline to apply is **Monday, December 9th, 2013**.

Volunteer Opportunities

Students are reminded to check the **Information Board** outside **Student Services** for volunteer opportunities.

United Way Volunteer Services

Volunteer Services links students looking for volunteer work with agencies and organizations that have opportunities. Visit www.unitedwaykfla.ca to learn about volunteer opportunities in the community.

Christmas Kettle Campaign 2013

Volunteers are needed to be **Salvation Army Bell Ringers** (two hour shifts) for the annual **Christmas Kettle Campaign**. Money raised for this campaign will remain in Kingston to help families in need. Information for any of these events is available in **Student Services**.

Enrichment Opportunities:

Waterloo Unlimited

Grade 11: Design Theme **March 10-14, 2014**

From engineering and the environment to science fiction and virtual reality, students will spend a week exploring the theme of Design.

Application deadline: **December 9, 2013**

Grade 10: **May 11 – 15, 2014**

Theme: Change

Application deadline: **March 10, 2014**

Go to www.unlimited.uwaterloo.ca for more information.

Shad Valley June 29 – July 25, 2014

Shad Valley is a demanding four-week program that focuses on academics through workshops, lectures and a business project where the students are challenged to bring a new science and engineering based invention to market. Students also participate in challenging recreational activities,

such as hiking and camping. There are several **Shad Valley** campuses across **Canada**, **Queen's University** being one. Applications are due **November 27th**, and **December 12th, 2013**. For more information go to www.shad.ca, or see **Mrs. Cantarutti** for an application.

DaVinci Engineering Enrichment Program (DEEP) Summer Academy

DEEP Summer Academy has been developed for high school students with a keen interest in tackling topics in some of the most innovative areas of engineering today. This program is offered each year in **July** at the **University of Toronto's St. George Campus**.

Go to [http://outreach.engineering.utoronto.ca/preuniversity/programs/DEEP Summer Academy.htm](http://outreach.engineering.utoronto.ca/preuniversity/programs/DEEP%20Summer%20Academy.htm)

SHSM NOVEMBER NEWS

Students in the **Specialist High Skills Major in Communications Technology** program have a busy **November** ahead. As part of their "experiential education" component, students work with community partner **TV Cogeco**. On **Sunday, November 3rd**, the students will be operating **TV Cogeco's** mobile TV production van video recording the **KASSAA AA and AAA Senior Football** finals at **Queen's**. In addition, **HCTV** students will be recording the **KASSAA Junior and Senior Girls' Basketball** finals at the **Queen's ARC** "live" on **Cogeco** cable channel 13 and digital channel 700.

SHSM students will be completing two of six required industry recognized certifications in **November**. On **Friday, November 22nd** and **Saturday, November 23rd** students will receive **St. John's Ambulance** training in CPR and First Aid.

Com Tech students are also heavily involved with the school's musical production **Jesus Christ Superstar** which has a multi-media photo and video component to its production.

SHSM Students are also looking forward to a field trip to **Montreal** on **December 3rd** for a "reach a-head" experience visiting **Concordia University** which has a respected media production program. Students will also have an opportunity for "career exploration" participating in an animation workshop at the **National Film Board**. Students interested in joining the **Holy Cross SHSM** program are invited to contact **Mr. John Esford** in **Room 218**.

ECO-CORNER

Thank you to everyone who dropped off their electronic waste at the **E-Waste Collection** on **Saturday, October 5th**. Together the school collected over seven tons of **E-Waste!** **Brendar Environmental** organized the collections and kindly donated \$100.00 for each ton of e-waste collected, with proceeds going towards the **Jamaica Mission Trip**. On **Wednesday, October 16th**, members of the **Holy Cross Green Team** attended the **Eco-Conference** held at **Regiopolis-Notre Dame**. Through collaboration with **RND's Green Team**, we held a hands on eco-leadership activity to raise awareness and promote positive change to elementary students across **Kingston**. Waste reduction week took place from **October 21st** to **October 27th**. The goals of the week were to promote waste reduction and environmental sustainability. We would like to thank all staff and students involved in making **Holy Cross** a greener school. **Keep it green, HC!**

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

If you are not receiving this newsletter electronically, but would like to, please update your email information with our Student Services Department at 613 384-2023 or email hcssnews@alcdsb.on.ca.

ATHLETICS

As the **Fall Sports** season nears an end, the winter sport season begins in **November** and **Holy Cross** is again expected to

field extremely competitive teams in **Wrestling, Swimming, Curling, Cheerleading, Badminton, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Volleyball, and Girls' and Boys' Hockey**. This winter, over 170 student athletes from **Holy Cross** will attempt to compete in these championships. Approximately 50 staff coaches and 16 volunteers will provide these opportunities throughout the year. The websites: **KASSAA- www.kassaa.ca** and **OFSAA-www.ofsaa.on.ca** are excellent resources for schedules, league rules and any general information regarding high school sports. Information regarding teams can be obtained through a number of sources, including school announcements, posters, our school's athletic web site, local newspapers and the **KASSAA** web site. If you have any questions concerning a team, please contact the coach listed, or ask your home room teacher for assistance.

Sport, Coach, Starting Date

Badminton Mr. Roberts January
 Jr. Boys' Basketball Mr. Garant / Mr. Besselink November
 Sr. Boys' Basketball Mr. Dzierniejko / Mr DeMelo November
 Cheerleading Ms. Myers November
 Curling Ms. Bland / Mrs Grady November
 Boys' Hockey Mr. Clarke / Mr. White / Mr. Switzer November
 Girls' Hockey Mrs. Nichol / Mr. Gillis November
 Jr. Girls' Volleyball Mr. O'Brien November
 Sr. Girls' Volleyball Mr. Stanzel / Ms. Waller November
 Wrestling Mr. Brady November
 Swimming Mrs. Hill / Ms Airhart / Mrs Dalton November
 Congratulations to our fall teams whose seasons have ended as well as to all of our teams working towards their seasons' completions.

STUDENT ABSENCES AND THE PROVISION OF WORK

In reality, absences will occur from time to time. When teachers are absent, they often modify their lesson plans for the day and then make some adjustments upon their return. When students are absent, they need to follow a similar path. Students who are absent for legitimate reasons, such as illness or a school-approved excursion, should speak with their teachers at the earliest possible time and seek to find a way to get the lesson, and to either complete an assignment or a test as appropriate. In some cases, adjustments may need to occur (for example, a demonstration lesson will likely not be re-taught for individual students). Students who miss classes for legitimate reasons should not be penalized academically for these absences; however, it is up to them, in conjunction with their teachers, to get back on track as quickly as is possible. Many teachers have a web page from which students can access information; in other cases, students can check with peers to get a quick overview of what was covered. Students are reminded that doctor's notes are necessary for missing final exams. Family vacations should not occur during exam periods. When students are *going to be away for three or more days* (in cases of illness, suspension, or some special event), they or their parents are encouraged to contact the student's guidance counsellor. The guidance counsellor will put out a notice to teachers and, within a school day, work should be available at day's end for pick-up in **Student Services**.

1. Students are reminded that if they are feeling ill during the day and wish to go home they must report to the **Attendance Office**. Parents will be contacted by the **Attendance Secretary** to arrange for pick up.
2. Parents are reminded that if their child is going to be absent from school they must call the **Attendance Office (613-384-1355)** before **8:30** on the day of absence.
3. Students requiring to leave school early (e.g. MEDICAL, DENTAL, or out of town sporting event) must bring parent notes to the **Attendance Office** prior to **8:30** to obtain a permission to leave slip.

LATE BUSES

Two late bus (taxi) runs have begun, each **Monday** and

Wednesday, travelling from **Holy Cross** to **Napanee** and **Amherstview**. These buses (or taxis) will only run if numbers warrant. As these buses run on a needs-basis, please contact **Mrs. Bouvier** in the **Main Office** if you are interested in making use of this service, **before 11:15 each Monday and Wednesday**.

HOLY CROSS UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all those who have and/or will support this year's **United Way Campaign**. Together we have made a difference for the needy within our community. Thanks also to our United Way organizing committee.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCE

The **Individual Education Plan** is a living document designed to support academic success. We ask you to discuss with your adolescent which accommodations were used to achieve the best marks on the semester one mid-term provincial report card. As part of the "Consultation Process", let us know of any concerns/updates needed to the **IEP**. We can be reached at **613-384-1919, Ms. Gavan Knox @ext.3426, Mrs. Hulse @ext. 3428 and Mrs. Poels @3425**.

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

1.....	First Sunday of Advent Queen's Jr Girls' Volleyball Tournament World AIDS Day
2.....	International Day of Persons with Disabilities Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, Period 1 CICS Advent Collection Begins Improv Tryouts, 2:45 – 4 p.m., Room 246
2 – 9	Grade Nine Transition Survey
3	SHSM Com Tech Reach Ahead Trip – Montreal Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, P1 Improv Tryouts continue, after school
4.....	Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, P1 Quinte Invitational Wrestling Meet Winter Season Team Photographs
5.....	Winter Season Team Photographs Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, P1 Improv Tryouts continue, after school Grade Level Reconciliations
6.....	Winter Season Team Photographs Nat'l Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women
6-7	Queen's U Sr. Boys' Basketball Invitational
8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9	Grade Nine Transition Survey
10.....	International Human Rights Day Crusaders Bands Performance, Foyer, lunchtime
11.....	Crusaders Bands Performance, Foyer, lunchtime Ernestown Wrestling Tournament
12.....	Nat'l Day of Prayer for Aboriginal People Crusader Bands Performance, Foyer, lunchtime Katherine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert, 7, Gymnasium Advent School Mass
13-14	Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament
14	Bill MacLeod Wrestling Tournament
15	Third Sunday of Advent
18.....	Advent Collection Ends
19.....	Tentative Non-Uniform Day Final Instructional Day before Christmas
20	PD Day #2 (no classes)
Jan 6	First Day of Classes in 2014

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION

2. *The Graduate is expected to be an effective communicator who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of Gospel values.*

FAITH IN ACTION: Here in our large and diverse community, we take time to listen and to share in order to solve problems together and we prize academic integrity.