

November Newsletter

Report Time

On *Monday November 12th*, report cards will be distributed to students. Parent-Teacher interviews took place last month, but if parents/guardians have concerns about the report, they should contact the school to discuss the student's progress with the teacher. A student response form will accompany the report card and should be signed by the parent and returned to the teacher-advisor. Students will be modifying their annual education plan.

The last day for a student to drop a course without it appearing on the transcript is *November 19th*.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

The OSSLT was postponed due to a breach in security based in the Toronto District School Board. A group of students obtained a booklet from the test and posted it on a website. The Board of Directors of EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) felt this breach in security would affect the outcome of the test and therefore cancelled the session scheduled for October 16th and 17th.

From conversations with EQAO, the rescheduled test will likely occur in January or February. Please be aware that we will continue to prepare students for the test.

Holy Cross Catholic School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will be held on *Tuesday November 6th* in the school Library at 7:00 p.m. There is no meeting scheduled for December. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.
<http://www.alcddb.on.ca/~hcss>

Our website is currently under construction, but please make an effort to surf by regularly. You will find all kinds of information at the site. Please feel free to send us comments and suggestions about the site.

The school has a subscription to an electronic database from the Gale Group, a company that has provided information to libraries for more than fifty years. We encourage you to take a look at InfoTrac Student EditionK-Graphic Interface. The Gale Group database offers students background, analysis and real-world applications of knowledge. Parents too will find it a valuable reference tool. You can learn more by visiting www.galegroup.com/parents. From home, students must point the browser to <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/cool/holycrossca> The password is bivluh

Canadian Mathematics Competition

Registration for the Grade 9, 10 and 11 Mathematics Competitions will be held until *Monday November 12th*. Practice sessions will be for the Grade 9's on Wednesdays and for the Grade 10's and 11's on Mondays. Students strong in Mathematics are encouraged to try the Competition, especially if the student has an interest in math, science or technology as an area of post-secondary study.

Schedule Changes

Please note that 1/2 credit courses will end on *Monday November 5th*. On *Tuesday November 6th*, new 1/2 credit courses will begin.

November Non-Uniform Days

The non-uniform days for the month of November will be *Thursday November 29th* and *Friday November 30th*. Students are reminded that bare midriffs and spaghetti straps are not part of our non-uniform days.

Department News...

...students taking Dramatic Arts courses this semester will be travelling to Toronto on *Wednesday November 21st* to attend two exciting dramatic events. The morning activity will involve participating in a workshop at The Second City Mainstage.

In the afternoon, students will attend a performance of the highly acclaimed musical The Lion King.

...the Honour Roll Ceremony will take place on *Wednesday November 14th* during Period 1. Guest speaker will be Jack Chiang from the Kingston Whig Standard.

...all grade 9 students will be involved in Take a Kid to Work Day on *Wednesday November 7th*. Please contact Mr. Shea in Student Services if you have any questions

...Cabaret Night will be held *Thursday November 15th at 7:00 pm* in the Cafetorium. Come see the talented students at Holy Cross.

...Communication Technology students' work is being displayed daily on CKWS TV . In partnership with United Way, students produced public service announcements to promote the United Way Campaign in Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Counties. Watch for the Holy Cross logo! This was a great community service project and the quality of work is outstanding. The successful student producers include: Corin LaFlamme, Amy O'Neil, Emma Dowker, Katie Doyle, Kelly Watkin, Terry Duscharme, Kevin Walsh, Casey Wells, Jordan Kobayashi, Chris Porter, Tara McEachern, Kelly Anstey, Mike Robinson, Amanda Kain, Meg Shannon, Jesse Campbell, Mike DiRinaldo, and Cody Gagne. Special thanks to Mrs. Wallace, our United Way representative at Holy Cross.

Professional Development Activities

On *Friday November 23rd*, there will be a professional development day for staff members. Students will not be attending school on this day.

From Student Services...

University applications (final copy) will be completed in workshops scheduled for *November 22nd*. College applications (final copy) will be completed on *December 4th*.

Counsellors will be touring Grade 11 and 12 classes to present two excellent career/post secondary research program, Career Cruising and Student-Counsellor.com.