

# Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

## Newsletter October 2002

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### **ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)**

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test has been scheduled by the Ministry of Education for **Wednesday and Thursday October 23rd and 24th**. All students who were enrolled in Grade 9 in September 2001 must write the test. Holy Cross will be conducting the test between 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. both days. Parents must reschedule appointments during this time. Students late to the test will jeopardize their completion of the tasks. There is no extra time allotted for these circumstances.

Weekly practice sessions for various components of the test have been conducted with students during classes. Students were given a pamphlet produced by the Ministry of Education describing the types of questions, tips for reading and writing, and sample instructions for the Test. You may view the sample test materials and related resource materials on the Education Quality and Accountability Office website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

Test questions are designed to assess skills that will be important to students in their studies and in other life circumstances. The writing tasks focus on communicating information and opinions in clearly written paragraphs. Parent/guardians will be advised in writing of their son/daughter's test outcome. Those students who have not been successful may retake the test in a session to be held October 2003.

Accommodations will be made for students who have an individual education plan.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

**Wednesday and Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>** are non-uniform days. Students are encouraged to dress in Halloween attire for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Costumes should be in good taste and no masks are permitted. **Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>** will be a Green and Silver Day. Students are expected to wear these colors in support of the pep rally later in the day. Students will be encouraged to support breast cancer research by making a donation.

### **Yearbook and Grad Photos**

Yearbook 2002-2003 sales will continue until Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$42. Photos for Graduate Athletes and Artists will take place the week of **September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Team Photos will **Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Pastoral Care Update**

School Mass for this month is to be held **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. The Grade 10 Retreat is **Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Mr. Forster for more details.



### **School Council News**

Our next meeting is **Tuesday October 8th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

### **Early Dismissal Day**

Holy Cross teaching staff will be participating in professional development on **Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Classes will be dismissed at 11:30. Buses will depart at 11:45.

### **Report Time!**

Early Report Cards will be distributed to students on **Monday October 7th**. Students will be booking appointments for their parents with teachers.

Parent-teacher interviews will take place on **Thursday October 10th and Wednesday October 16th** from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. We hope you can come to discuss your child's progress.

### **DVD Year Disc**

The DVD Year Disc for 2002-2003 is available for sale until Christmas through Mr. Esford, Room 215. The cost is \$10.

### **Paul Halligan Classic**

Girls Basketball teams will be promoting cancer awareness by participating in away games against Regi on **Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a pep rally at the end of the day. Students are encouraged to show school spirit by dressing in green and silver and supporting the fight against cancer by making a donation toward the cause.

Hat and t-shirt in support of the Classic will be sold at lunch in the foyer **September 30-October 2**. On **Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>**, student basketball teams will play a teachers' team at lunch. **Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>** will have a Senior 2-ball competition at lunch in the gym.

### **School Dance**

The next school dance will be held on **Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-11:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes.

### **Student Services Update**

Student Services is now producing a weekly newsletter that is distributed on Mondays to all homeforms. Extra copies are available in Student Services. Check the newsletter and website for events related to the post-secondary application process.

### **October Calendar**

Please see the reverse for October's calendar of events. The most current event information is available at our website at [www.alcddb.on.ca/~hcssl/](http://www.alcddb.on.ca/~hcssl/)

