

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

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“Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God”



Final Examinations for Semester 1

The Final Examination Schedule was distributed to homerooms in the beginning of December. Examinations will begin on **Wednesday January 23rd and will continue through Thursday January 29th. Thursday January 30th** is an Exam Conflict Day. Only those students writing exams on this day are expected to be present.

Should an exceptionally bad weather day arrive and examinations are cancelled for the day, you will be notified through local radio stations. You may also call the school for instructions. The cancelled day would then be written on **Thursday January 30th**. For example, if Tuesday's exams were cancelled, Tuesday's exams would be written on Thursday. Wednesday's regularly scheduled exams would be written on Wednesday.

Every effort must be made to write examinations during the regularly scheduled time. Students absent from a scheduled exam will be contacted by the school. If a student is late for a scheduled exam, he/she will have only the remaining time left in the exam to complete it. If a student is extremely ill during the examination period and will miss an exam, a parent must contact the school and the student may require a doctor's certificate.

Students are expected to be in full uniform during the examination period and will not be permitted to write unless they comply with uniform policy.

Students will return to classes on **Monday February 3rd**. Semester 1 examinations will be returned between 8:30 and 9:30 am. Semester 2 classes will begin at 9:30 am. Students can check the lists posted in the foyer during the examination schedule for teacher locations for exam return.

Grade 9 Math Assessment

All students currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Mathematics course are required by the Ministry of Education to participate in the Grade 9 Math Assessment which will occur at Holy Cross on **January 10 -15**. Students will write this assessment in their own classes, during class time, on four consecutive days. This time frame will allow for 30 minutes of testing each day followed by regular classroom instruction. Students who have an Individual Education Plan will be allowed accommodations. A portion of this assessment will be marked and included in the final examination mark.

Students enrolled in Grade 9 Mathematics for second semester will write this assessment in June 2003. Teachers have received sample questions and

have received training on conducting the assessment. A report on student achievement will be sent to parents.

Pastoral News

This year Holy Cross and Regiopolis-Notre Dame participated in the Christmas Challenge which collected canned food items for our local food banks. Holy Cross filled over 160 boxes and donated \$200 cash. The Challenge Cup is now on display in our trophy case. Homeforms honoured for most contributions included Mr. Hunter's 10H, Mr. Bouvier's 10A, and Mr. Coleman's 10D. A special thank you goes out to all students and staff who participated in the challenge.

Our next school mass is scheduled for **Thursday January 16th** at 9:30 a.m.

Non-Uniform Days

There are no non-uniform days in the month of January.

School Council Meeting

Holy Cross School Council will meet at 7:00 pm in the Library on **Wednesday January 8th**.

Book Room Message

Students who have no final exam or have exams written prior to the exam schedule may return textbooks as soon as possible to the Library. During the exam schedule, textbooks will be returned to the Book Room. Students will be able to pick up Semester 2 books only when their account is settled for Semester 1. Students should make every attempt to obtain their Semester 2 books prior to the start of Semester 2. A schedule of Book Room hours will be posted in the school and on the website.

January Calendar

Please see the reverse for January's calendar of events. The most current event information is available at our website at www.alcddb.on.ca/~hcsc/. Examinations schedules are also posted on the website.

