

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Newsletter May 2003

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Student Report Cards

Students received their mid-semester report card on Friday April 25th. If you have not received your child's report, please contact Student Services at 384-2023.

A final exam schedule will be available by mid May. Grade 12 and OAC students will begin on Tuesday June 10th and finish on Monday June 16th. Grades 9-11 students will begin their examinations on the afternoon of Tuesday June 17th and finish on Monday June 23rd.

School Dance

The next school dance is Friday May 23rd from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm.

PASTORAL SERVICES UPDATE

This month's beatitude again invites us to look at life from a different perspective: *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."* We will be highlighting this beatitude at our next School Mass on May 7th and at our overnight Graduates' Retreat on May 8-9th.

During the first week of May we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week and our theme for this year is, *"Catholic Education: Rooted in Christ."* Students and staff from all our Catholic schools will gather at a special Mass at St. Michael's Church in Belleville on May 1st at 10:30 a.m.

C.I.C.S. is pleased to announce that our ShareLent campaign was a tremendous success this year with final totals still to come in. The 25-hour Thinkfast alone raised over \$3000.00 for our Lenten charities. Special thanks to the following businesses which generously donated food and supplies to help feed the over 100 students and staff who took part: A & P, Blockbuster Video, Tim Horton's, Loblaws Cataraqui Store, Loeb Bayridge Market, Classic Bakery, and Play & Learn Parent Teacher Store. We would like to extend a special thanks to Shopper's Drug Mart for their donation of supplies for our sister school in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

We are in great need of drivers and canvassers for this year's Food Blitz, scheduled for May 14th, @ 5:30 p.m. starting at Holy Cross. You can call Chris Forster, Coordinator of Pastoral Services, to sign up.

No May or June Non-Uniform Days

There are no non-uniform days scheduled in May or June. Parents and students may view the uniform policy in the Code of Conduct at our website. Students will have the choice of the Spring or Fall uniform after **May 1st**, but there is no combination of

the two uniforms. For example, sandals may not be worn with the fall uniform and the golf shirt cannot be worn with dress pants.

'Flip-flop' sandals will not be acceptable due to safety concerns. Students may wear sandals with backs or running shoes with the Spring uniform.

With two uniform options available at this time of year, students out of uniform will not be admitted to class.

School Council News

Our next meeting is Wednesday May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

Town Hall Assembly

A new Students' Council for 2002-2003 has been elected. Students include Dustin Whyte, Sarah Goldie, Jessica Callan-Blakey, Kelly Cobey, Dan McKeown, Chris McIntosh, and Kelsie Watson. We'd like to thank the current Council for a great year and their outstanding effort.

October 2002 Literacy Test Results

All students should have received their Individual Student Report mailed to their homes regarding the outcome of their participation in the test. Holy Cross is very proud of its students and their success. 81% of Holy Cross's first time eligible students successfully completed the test. The provincial average was 72%. We would also like to thank our staff for their dedicated work in test preparation and supervision.

A Literacy Action Plan is being developed and will be shared with the School Council at the May Meeting.

On the Road with...

- Grade 10 students will be visiting the Holocaust Museum on Thursday May 15th.
- French Students will be heading to Montreal on Friday May 16th to view a performance of Cirque du Soleil.

The Good Doctor

The Holy Cross Drama Club presented Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor" on May 1, 2, and 3. Students and staff are commended on a fine production.

May Calendar

Please see the reverse of this page for May's Calendar of Events.