

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."



EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Grade 12 and OAC examinations will begin on Tuesday June 10 and conclude on Monday June 16. For grades 9, 10 and 11, examinations will begin on the afternoon of June 17 and will conclude on Monday June 23. Monday June 24 will be an exam conflict day.

Morning exams will begin at 8:30 a.m. and afternoon exams will begin at 12:00 p.m. Examination schedules are currently posted on the website and in the Main Office, Student Services, the Attendance Office and classrooms. Students are responsible for checking these schedules for dates, times and locations of examinations. The Servery will be open until Friday June 20. Students are to be in full uniform when writing exams or if in the Library or Cafetorium. Students out of uniform will borrow one or will be sent home to retrieve it. Students sent home will have only the time remaining in the examination upon their return to complete the exam.

An absence from an examination due to illness must be verified by a doctor's note. Buses will operate on the regular day schedule.

Examination Return Day will be Wednesday June 25. Teachers will be located in assigned locations from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Room locations will be posted in the main foyer. This is the only time that students will have an opportunity to retrieve their exams and verify their marks. Buses will not run on Exam Return Day.

Report cards will be available for pick up on Tuesday July 10th in the Main Office.

Interested in Buying or Selling a Used Uniform?

Holy Cross School Council will be offering parents and students an opportunity to buy and sell previously enjoyed uniforms on Saturday June 21.

The sale will be held in the Holy Cross Foyer between 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. The School Council is providing this opportunity by creating a venue for this event, but will not be involved in direct sales. Sellers will be responsible for their own sales. Holy Cross will provide tables for sellers.

Uniforms must be clean and in good repair. Sizes and prices should be clearly marked. A list of price suggestions will be available from the Main Office of the school.

If you are in the market for reasonably priced, previously enjoyed uniforms or are in the market to sell uniforms that you no longer require, please drop by Holy Cross on Saturday June 21.

Holy Cross would gratefully accept uniform donations. We use these donations to clothe less fortunate students. Overstocked items are sold to provide items like shoes and coats.

Graduation

The Holy Cross Graduation Ceremonies will be held on our sports field on Wednesday June 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations and best wishes to the classes of 2003!

June Calendar

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

Pastoral Care Update

It is hard to know where to begin as we look back over the many exciting events of the past year and plan for next year's pastoral activities. Our Pastoral Theme for this year, *"Becoming a Beatitude People: Learning to Live the Beatitudes"*, has served us well in highlighting different aspects of living our faith here at school. Our students and staff are to be commended once again for their help with this year's Food Blitz on May 14th. Thanks to them and to so many other volunteers, we exceeded last year's total with over 135,000 food items collected.

One of our graduating students, Heather Brady, is delaying her entry to university for a year in order to volunteer in Central America with the One World program. She needs to raise \$5000.00 to cover her costs for this program, so donations would be gratefully accepted. These are tax deductible if made out to "One World" on her behalf.

We look ahead to our final School Liturgy on June 5th where our graduating students will be blessed and commissioned. We pray that they and all of us will continue to work together to build a strong faith community both here at Holy Cross and wherever God may lead us in the future.

May God bless our students as they write their exams, and grant to all of us a safe and enjoyable summer.

Students First, Excellence for All

Over 200 staff, students and parents within the ALCDSB community have shared their thoughts and insights about designing our system to best serve students through the *Students First-Excellence for All* initiative. To find out more about this exciting initiative and to provide your input, visit the website www.alcddb.on.ca and click on the button titled *Students First-Excellence for All* or ask your school principal for further details.

VACATE YOUR LOCKER!!!

All lockers must be emptied of personal belongings before the end of the day on Wednesday June 25th.

Locks will be seized. Lockers will be cleared of their contents. Items will be donated to charity.

Student Events

On May 30th, the Arts Department hosted the Genesis Awards, a tribute to the Arts at Holy Cross. Congratulations to all nominees and award winners. Your contributions to school life at Holy Cross are greatly appreciated.

The Athletic Banquet will be held in the Gymnasium on Monday June 2. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. All those involved in extra-curricular sports, and their families, are encouraged to attend.

We'll Be In Touch in August

Our next newsletter will be distributed to you in August. At that time you will receive an updated student schedule and other pertinent materials.