

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Newsletter June 2004

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Examination Schedule

The grade 11-12 exams will be written June 11- 17. The grade 9-10 exams will be written June 17- 22. Wednesday June 23rd 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, the Attendance Office, Student Services, and in classrooms. Students are responsible for checking these schedules for dates, times and locations of examinations. The Servery will be open until Friday June 18th. Students are to be in FULL UNIFORM when writing exams and/or studying in the Library or Cafetorium. Students out of uniform will be sent home and after returning, will have only the time remaining in the examination period to complete the exam.

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

Exam Return Day will be Thursday June 24th. Teachers will be in assigned locations from 9:00 - 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 Monday July 12th in the Main Office.

Pastoral Care Update

We are looking forward to our final school Mass for this year on Thursday June 3rd. At this liturgy, our graduating students will be recognized in a special way as we pray for them and ask God to bless them in all their future endeavours. We will also thank them and any staff who are leaving us after this semester for their contributions towards making our school such a strong, faith-filled community. Our pastoral theme - "Living the Mysteries of Light" – has helped us to focus on the Rosary and on the role of Mary in our lives over the past year. We pray that our students and staff will continue to grow in their appreciation of this wonderful prayer and its importance in our lives. May God bless our students as they prepare now to write their final exams and grant them every success as they face the challenges that lie ahead of them both now and into the summer months.

Graduation

The Holy Cross Graduation Ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium Thursday June 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations and best wishes to the classes of 2004!

Congratulations to.....

.... Richard Kohar, Brandon Collins and Patrick Butler for their *Best Screenplay* award and to Elenna Sosnowski, Christine Greenidge and Chantal Fridgen for their *Best Storyboard Presentation* award, both of which were won at the provincial "Student Video Awards Contest".

.... Chris Gallipeau, Corin LaFlamme, Andrew Cornell, Robyn Murphy, Jordan Flanagan, Chelsey McKellar and Amanda Oosterman, who received first place standing in the National Marshal McLuhan Multi-Media Festival.

.... A number of Holy Cross students who wrote the University of Waterloo Mathematics Tests – Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat. Several students in grades 9 – 11 ranked in the top 25% among the 83 902 students across Canada who wrote the test.

Student Events

The Athletic Banquet will be held in the Gymnasium on Wednesday June 2nd. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for others. All those involved in extra-curricular sports, and their families, are encouraged to attend.

An "Evening in Spain" will be held at Loblaws Cataraqui on Thursday June 3rd. This special cooking event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Chef Joanna Malan. Tickets for this event are \$30.00 (available in the main office) and all proceeds will be donated to the Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Nick Reed Visual Arts Bursary.

A Message from Wayne Hill

Earlier in May, I was informed that I have been transferred, effective September, to Regiopolis-Notre Dame where I will take over as Principal. I certainly anticipated that this change may be coming, as did many of you, so I am sure that this does not come as much of a surprise. I am pleased that the decisions have been announced early so that everyone has plenty of time to adapt for next year.

As you can imagine I have mixed feelings about the announcement. On the one hand I am excited about this new challenge but I cannot express my regret at having to leave Holy Cross and the great staff, student body and parent community that has meant so much to me over the past five years. This is a truly great school community and I have been blessed to be a part of it. I will miss it, and all of you, very much.

I am also pleased to announce that Paul Walsh, a Holy Cross pioneer, long time Vice Principal at RND and, most recently, Principal of Loyola, has been appointed as the new Principal at Holy Cross. Paul is a great friend to this school and an ardent supporter of Catholic education. He is an original Crusader and brings with him the kind of spirit, energy and commitment required to effectively serve the needs of the Holy Cross community. I know that you will join with me in welcoming him and assisting him as he settles into his new position.

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Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader! Thanks for all of your support.

Textbook Returns

In late April, each student received an individualized letter giving details of each school textbook signed out for this semester. Mix-ups can occur in classrooms, and a student may inadvertently have another person's textbook in his/her possession. Students are responsible for returning their assigned textbooks. Please ensure that students / parents check the letter carefully to ensure that the noted books are the actual books – by barcode – that are in the student's possession. Barcodes for each book are located on the outside back cover.

Textbooks are due back the day of the final exam in each course. Students and/or parents are welcome to contact the library staff between June 14 - 28 to verify that all text and library records are clear. Inquire in person at the Library desk, or call 384-1919, x 413.

We will be cashing deposit cheques for unreturned or damaged books starting July 2nd. We thank you for your cooperation.

Vacate your locker!!!

All lockers must be emptied of personal belongings before the end of the day on Wednesday June 23rd at which time locks will be seized. Lockers will then be cleared of all contents and the items will be donated to charity.

Used Uniform Sale

Holy Cross will be offering parents and students an opportunity to buy and sell previously enjoyed uniforms on Monday June 21st. The sale will be held in the Holy Cross foyer between 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tables will be supplied for sellers to sell their OWN goods. 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. 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. Donated items can be delivered to Ms. Gallant.

Kingston Summer Music School

This summer's 5th annual Kingston Summer Music School will be held at L.C.V.I. this year due to the construction at Regi. The school is open to anyone who plays a band instrument, at any level. The dates of the school are July 12-16 from 8:30 –

12:30. The week of professional instruction leads to a Friday afternoon concert. Call Hugh Johnston at 549-2225 for details.

Costa Rica Exchange

Holy Cross, in conjunction with Regiopolis Notre Dame Catholic High School, is offering an exchange to Costa Rica for students in grades 9-10 during the 2004-2005 school year. Costa Rican students will visit Kingston in the winter of 2005. Our students will travel to Costa Rica in the spring to stay at the home of their partner and be in attendance at their partner's school. This exchange will be a Spanish language and cultural experience. Interested students should see Mrs. Cantarutti and attend an information meeting on Tuesday June 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the lecture theatre.

Student Services

Timetables for next year will be distributed next week. Students who are moving from Grade 9 applied courses to Grade 10 academic courses are reminded to see their counsellor regarding the "crossover material" packages. Students who are moving from Grade 10 applied courses to Grade 11 University or University / College courses are reminded to see their counsellor regarding information on "transfer courses".

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Reunion

The first Holy Cross reunion will take place on Saturday July 3rd in the cafetorium. Tickets are \$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door. For information please contact Teresa Neves at (416) 703-4943 or domingo23@hotmail.com or Amie Domingo at (416) 953-1654 or ldys1@student.monash.edu.au or Tanaquil Chantril at tchantril@slb.com.

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.