

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO SEMESTER II AT HOLY CROSS

A good beginning is always the first step towards a great ending. Have a great beginning to this semester and enjoy the great ending in June. Congratulations to all on a great ending to the first Semester of this school year. As Semester 2 begins this month, we welcome and wish all students and staff the best in achieving their goals.

Best wishes to **Mr. P. Proderick**, member of our teaching staff, who is on leave this semester, **Mr. P. Gaudet**, and **Ms. S. Glancey**, who has accepted a teaching position in Ottawa. We thank you for your many contributions and wish you the best in your time away from Holy Cross. We also welcome back **Mrs. M. McConaghy**, **Mr. D. Quinn**, and **Ms. T. Rodrigue**. We also welcome **Mr. S. McCann** who is joining the Holy Cross staff at this time.

PASTORAL SERVICES UPDATE

TSUNAMI RELIEF: Our school raised close to \$4,500.00 for **Development & Peace**, a Catholic Relief Organization, which is helping to rebuild communities and lives in the devastated areas of South Asia. Students donated close to \$2700.00 through a Loonie-for-No-Uni dressdown day in early January, as well as individual donations. Staff held a Soup & Bread Lunch which, together with other donations, raised close to \$1800.00. **R.N.D. JAMAICA MISSION TRIP:** We are supporting RND as they prepare for an eight day visit to **Kingston, Jamaica** from Feb. 4 - 11, 2005. The six students together with their Coordinator of Pastoral Services will be working at a home for physically and mentally handicapped children. We are planning to return to Kingston, Jamaica next year. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Holy Cross C.I.C.S.' students continue to visit seniors at **Rosewood Retirement Home** on a bi-weekly basis. Our **School Choir** put on a wonderful concert on January 13th and will be singing again at **Providence Manor** at a special ceremony on **February 17th**. **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT:** Once again, students and staff will begin their Lenten observance here at Holy Cross with the reception of ashes at the end of Mass and with the invitation to "**Know Jesus**" through repentance, sacrifice, and the giving of alms during the 40 days of Lent. We will have **Morning Prayer** for students and staff in the **Chapel on Friday mornings during Lent at 8:00 a.m.** As well, we will have a **celebration of Reconciliation on March 3** and a **Holy Week Liturgy on Tuesday, March 22**. Due to the early start of Lent this year, we will be having our **Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, Feb. 15th**. If you want to help us make pancakes or provide an electric frying pan, we would appreciate your help for this Lenten Fund-raiser. **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** We donated monies to this local organization from our Christmas Gingerbread House Raffle and we will be supporting a house-build here in Kingston in April and May of this year. Watch for more information about this. Blessings on our students during their upcoming exams and as they begin a new semester in a few days time.
Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

PANCAKE TUESDAY BREAKFAST AT HOLY CROSS

On **Tuesday, February 15th** the CICS committee and Celebrity Cooks of HOLY CROSS will be in the kitchen preparing pancakes for all students and staff. We thank **Golden Griddle** for providing the pancake batter and syrup, and **Brown's Fine Foods** for donating their expertise and the juice. Plan now to attend and help us raise funds for **Share Lent**.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday February 9th** with **Fr. R. Labelle** presiding at our monthly school mass. Please join us for this celebration at 9:30 am.

CICS SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN

This year's Share Lent Campaign will begin on **Ash Tuesday, February 15th** and will conclude on **Holy Thursday, March 24th**. Money raised through the Share Lent Campaign will be donated to **Kingston Habitat for Humanity, Birthright Kingston, and Development and Peace**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 08 Turn Around Day/Shrove Tuesday
February 09 Ash Wednesday Mass
..... Chinese New Year, Year of the Rooster
February 10..The Memorial Basketball Games at HC
February 10 Toonie for a Non-uni Fund-raiser
The Memorial Basketball Games @ Holy Cross JV Basketball @ 5:00 & Varsity @ 7:00
February 11 Semester 1 Report Cards Distributed
February 11 Holy Cross Semiformal
February 14 Valentines Day and Flower Sales
February 15 Pancake Tuesday at Holy Cross
..... CICS Share Lent Campaign Begins
February 16... 2005-2006 Course Selection Assemblies
February 17... Working copy of course selection sheet distributed
February 23..U of Waterloo Gr.9, 10 and 11 math Contests
February 22nd and 23rd ... Kiwanis Music Festival at Frontenac
February 22nd.Catholic School Council Meeting at 7:00
February 28 ... TAP Day/Course selection sheets due

SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS

Semester 1 Report Cards to be issued to students in their Homeroom classes on **Friday February 11th**. Any parent or guardian who did not receive a report card on this date is asked to contact Student Services at 384-5007.

SEMESTER 2 EARLY REPORT CARDS

On **March 10th**, the early Report Cards for Grades 9 - 12 students will be completed in all classes. All students will receive a complete report. There will be one night for **Parent Teacher Interviews** on **Wednesday, March 30th** from **3:00 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

TEXTBOOKS FOR SEMESTER 2

It is an expectation of Holy Cross staff that students will arrive for **Day 1 of Semester 2 (February 8, 2005)** with the necessary textbooks in hand for each class.

Textbooks were handed out during exam time, February 1, 2 and 3. For this reason, there are no loans during class time.

NEW FEATURE THIS TERM

With many names appearing in each book, it has become very difficult to identify the current borrower of a textbook. To solve this, we have introduced personalized labels as a pilot project. Students will receive six of these labels at the time they have their green Library/Textbook card verified in the Library. There is no charge for these labels, but we are requesting a goodwill donation of small change. All monies collected will be given to tsunami relief efforts

LOANS OUTSTANDING

As in other years all prior loans to students must be cleared, or books paid for, before new texts are signed out for the second semester. Students who are refused textbook loans will be given a bill to take home during the first week of classes. Parents or guardians then have the option of having their **\$100.00** deposit cheque cashed, or sending a new cheque with the exact amount owing.

If you have any questions about textbooks, please do not hesitate to call the school **384-1919, extension 3413**.

THE MEMORIAL AND FULL COURT PRESS AGAINST CANCER

On Thursday, February 10, **The Memorial** Basketball games will be hosted by Holy Cross with the **Junior Varsity game beginning at 5:00** and the **Senior game scheduled to begin at 7:00**.

The 2005 edition includes **The Full Court Press**, a two day elementary school tournament was held on February 3rd and 4th, followed by the **Memorial on the 10th** at Holy Cross. **Paul Halligan**, the founder and organizer of the Peter Carty Memorial died in July of 1997 at the age of 34 to cancer.



The popular **“Toonie for a Non-uni”** in support of the Memorial will take place on Thursday, February 10th. Students can purchase a non-uniform ticket from their period 1 teacher which not only exempts them from the uniform policy for the day but also makes them eligible to win a **Memorial prize drawn** at the

end of the day (Mr. Walsh promises). Plan now to attend one of the highlights of the high school sports season and contribute to the fight against cancer. Holy Cross will host the Regiopolis-Notre Dame basketball teams in a double header with the **Junior game at 5:00** followed by the **Senior contest at 7:00** for the **Memorial Award**.

MATH CONTESTS

Students in **Grades 9, 10 and 11** have an opportunity to write the University of Waterloo’s Canadian Mathematics Competition on **Wednesday, February 23**. The examination begins at 9:00 a.m. Students aspiring to careers in Mathematics, Science and Technology are encouraged to sign up for the contest with a teacher of Mathematics.

Grade 12 Euclid Contest will be written on ... and ... respectively.

IMPROV TEAM The Holy Cross Improv Team will be performing at the **Kingston Improv Games** at the **Queens Faculty of Education, McArthur Hall**, on Thursday, **February 24, 2005** at 7:00 pm. The Improv Games run from the 22nd to the 26th. The finals are on **Saturday, February 26, 2005** at 7:00 pm. The games feature schools from the Kingston area and from as far away as Smiths Falls. Please come out and support our team.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Council is on **Tuesday February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. Interested Committee members are most welcome to attend.

THE FACTS ABOUT TANS

Along with the winter’s cold and snowy days come plans for trips south to sunny and warm weather. Many students will head towards the tanning salons to get a “base tan”, preparing for their holidays and increasing their risk of getting melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer.

THE FACTS: Several studies have shown a significant association between the use of artificial tanning devices and malignant melanoma. The use of tanning beds by adolescents, particularly older teenage girls, is quite prevalent, and continues to rise. No tan is a safe tan. The **KFL&A Health Unit** will have a display set up during a lunch hour in mid February to provide students with accurate information about the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation, so that they may make informed decisions about the use of tanning devices.

STUDENTS FIRST ... EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

Continually focusing on improved teaching, learning and success for all students in their chosen pathways

Mission Statement

The development of **Catholic Learning Networks** is a key focus of the Students First, Excellence For All initiative of the **Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board**. A learning network is a collection of schools with a common focus, based on a shared vision and school improvement plans. Catholic Learning Network #7 includes **St. Paul, Trenton, St. Theresa** and **Nicholson Catholic College, Belleville, Holy Cross** and **Regiopolus-Notre Dame, King-**

ston, and Loyola Community Learning Centre. Special Assignment Teacher for Catholic Learning Network #7, **Mr. Michael Lattner**, will continue to make frequent visits to all schools in the learning network. His role is to provide staff development, curriculum support and resources, facilitation, and mentorship for teachers in the Learning Network. Mr. Lattner has been a teacher in the Board for 18 years, with previous assignments at Nicholson Catholic College and St. Paul Catholic Secondary School. Mr. Lattner is based at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School, Belleville.

LANGUAGE IN THE HALLWAYS

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

At this time of year, students begin the process of selecting courses for the 2005-2006 academic year. It is critical for all students who plan on returning to Holy Cross that they follow the timelines listed below in order to ensure that they are able to obtain the courses they desire. The timelines for the Course Selection for the 2005-2006 school year is as follows:

- Wed., February 02** **Gr. 8 Parent Info Night**
- Wed., February 16**.....**Course Selection Assemblies**
- Thurs., February 17** **Working Copy of Option Sheets**
- Fri., February 18****Grade 9 Option Sheets due**
- Mon., February 28** . **Final Copy of Option Sheets due**

LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME OR SUMMER JOB?

Student services at KEYS (Employment services for the entire community) include resume writing tips and advice, helping you identify your skills, helping you prepare for interviews, and job search techniques.

VIP: a voluteer program to help you finish your voluteer hours for graduation.

Workshops to help get a job: Smart Serve, First Aid, CPR, Fall Protection, and Service Excellence.

Odd Job Squad: Register and call in every day. Make extra cash doing things such as yard maintenance and painting.

Fort Henry: Fort Henry is hiring senior high school students for a variety of employment opportunities. Attend the job fair on Tuesday, February 8th from 3-6pm at 182 Sydenham Street. Bring your resume.

Job postings: Posting updated daily in the resource centre and on-line at www.keys.ca. Note that job opportunities also continue to be posted on the job board outside the Holy Cross Student Services office.

KEYS Resource Centre: Free access to computers with internet, printers, photocopiers, fax machines, telephones and resume resources. The Resource Centre is open until 6:00 pm on Tuesday nights just for students.

Next Month at Holy Cross

- March 1 Early Dismissal Day #3 (Period 3 & 4)
- March 3.....Celebration of Reconciliation
- March 10 Early report card distribution
- March 12 to March 20 March Break
- March 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- March 20 Passion Sunday
- March 21..... 1st Instructional Day after the March Break
- March 22.....UN International Water Day
- March 23.....Holy Week Liturgy
- March 23.....Stations of the Cross after school
- March 24 Holy Thursday Share Lent Campaign Ends
- March 25..... Good Friday
- March 26 Easter Vigil
- March 27 Easter Sunday
- March 28 Easter Monday
- March 30 .. Parent teacher interviews (3-5:30 and 7-9pm)
- March 31Meningococcal-Meningitis Vaccination