



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON
April, 2005 Newsletter... visit our web site at www.alcddb.on.ca/~hcss

We join with Catholics and people around the world in mourning the death of Pope John Paul II on April 2nd. This remarkable Pope reached out to people of all faiths and of all backgrounds during his 26 years as Vicar of Christ; he touched the lives of literally millions, especially young people who gathered with him regularly for World Youth Days, including Toronto, Canada in 2002. We give thanks for his life and we pray for his eternal rest with God.

We also wish everyone a very blessed and Happy Easter. Our Share Lent Campaign is now finished with last Friday's overnight Thinkfast here at Holy Cross. Congratulations to the over 100 students and staff who fasted for 25-hours and who raised over \$3,300.00 for our Share Lent Campaign. We thank the **Golden Griddle, Classic Bakery, M & M's** (Gardiner's Road), **A & P Store, Loeb** (Bayridge Plaza) and **Loblaws** for their donations of food and drinks to our Saturday morning breakfast. Special thanks to **Phyllis Van Niedek** from our **Brown's Kitchen staff** who came in to cook pancakes for us. Thanks to all who prayed for us and who supported our fundraising efforts.

Our **Easter School Mass** is scheduled for **Thursday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m.** in the gym. As always, parents are welcome to join us for this celebration. We will also be taking student leaders to a "**Reflection and Discernment Day**" which will be held in Belleville on **April 12th**. This event will focus on the theme of being called to serve and on our Baptismal call. See **Sr. McCallum** or **Mr. Forster** for permission forms or more information.

April 22nd is "**Pitch-In**" **Kingston** day and once again our students and staff will be participating in a city-wide clean-up effort in our local parks.

Holy Cross will be hosting a **Blood Donor Clinic** on **Monday, May 2nd** in our school library. Staff, parents, and students (17 years of age or older) are encouraged to consider giving the "**Gift of Life**" at this clinic which will run from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Call Holy Cross to book an appointment time.

May the Risen Christ continue to bless all members of our school community with peace and joy during this Easter Season. And may those of you who have experienced the loss of a loved one or a serious illness find hope and healing in Him.

GREATER TUNA- DRAMA PRODUCTION

The **Holy Cross Drama Club** proudly announces the opening of its spring production on **April 13, 2005** - the riotous comedy **Greater Tuna**. A cast of seventeen remarkably talented student actors will portray the men, women, children, and dogs of Tuna, the third smallest town in Texas. A blend of broad comedy and biting satire, **Greater Tuna** is guaranteed to provide a full evening of unrestrained laughter. Tickets are \$6.00 for students, \$8.00 for adults, and are available on each performance date - April 13, 14, 15, and 16. Spend an evening visiting Tuna, the town where almost everyone is welcome....

DR. COSGROVE, DIRECTOR, ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Tom Dall, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board announces the receipt by the Board of Trustees of the notice of retirement of Gregory Cosgrove, the system's current Director of Education.

Mr. Dall noted that Dr. Cosgrove was Director of Education for the predecessor Frontenac-Lennox and Addington County Roman Catholic Separate School Board from July 1, 1989 to December 31, 1997. He was the first Director of Education for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, acting in that role since January 1, 1998.

Mr. Dall noted "Dr. Cosgrove will be missed and the Board of Trustees wishes him much future success". In turn Dr. Cosgrove acknowledged that he will miss his role in the system but is confident that the very fine staff supported by parents, guardians, pastors and trustees will continue, under the leadership of the next Director of Education, to serve students enthusiastically and effectively.

Dr. Cosgrove's retirement is effective August 31, 2005.

As Dr. Cosgrove has indicated to staff, "I am leaving, but I am not gone yet! I expect to continue to be the Director of Education with all that role entails until my last day."

Later this year Holy Cross will join the greater community celebrating Dr. Cosgrove's career.

APRIL AT HOLY CROSS

- April 1.....**ThinkFast:** 25-hour fast at Holy Cross
- April 5-12 Mid Semester Examination Period
- April 6 Spring season team photos (lunch hour)
- April 7 Easter Season school mass
- April 12 Student Reflection and Discernment Day
- April 13-16 School Play, "**The Greater Tuna**"
- April 15 Half courses end
- April 18 New half courses begin
- April 19 .. Waterloo Math Contest (Grade 12 students)
- April 20-24 NYC Band Trip
- April 22 . 4th Annual Pitch-In Day (Crusader Clean-up)
- April 22 I Drive, period 1 assembly (MTO and the Safe and Sober Community Alliance)
- April 25 - 29 Students' Council Elections
- April 25 - 29 Students' Council Spirit Week
- April 26 Mid-Semester Report Cards Issued
- April 26 ... Dr. Wendy Craig " How to Communicate with your Teens" presentation in the library.
- April 27 Secretary's Day
- April 27 Town Hall Assembly
- April 28 Early Dismissal Day (periods 1/2)
- April 29 Student Council Elections and Dance
- April 28 and 29 Non Uniform Days

HOLY CROSS UNIFORM

Spring is approaching and we will be implementing our optional spring uniform on **Monday, May 2, 2005**. **The spring uniform consists of a school-crested green golf shirt and school-crested beige shorts offered for purchase only at Holy Cross. New flat front shorts for girls will be offered this year.** Footwear for the spring uniform is either sandals or running shoes (no flip flops). Students may continue to wear the fall/winter uniform. Combinations of the seasonal uniforms are not permitted.

Volunteers are requested to design a new school monogram for the Holy Cross uniform. Anyone interested should see a member of Students' Council.

2005-2006 STUDENTS' COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Students who are interested in becoming a member of Students' Council executive for the 2005-2006 school year are required to complete a nomination package. Completed packages must be submitted to a current Students' Council member by **Tuesday, April 12th**. The Town Hall Assembly is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27th**. Voting will take place on **Friday, April 29th**.

SPIRIT WEEK

Plans are in the works for a **Spirit Week** during the week of April 25-29. The April dance will be on Friday, April 29th, with a Retro theme.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR TEEN , WITH DR. WENDY CRAIG

The **Holy Cross Catholic School Council** has invited **Dr. Wendy Craig** to speak on **Tuesday, April 26th, at 7:00p.m.** in the library at Holy Cross. *All are welcome to attend!*

Dr. Craig is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Queen's University. Her research program focuses on three areas. The first examines healthy relationships among children, adolescents, and adults. The second addresses the risk and protective factors associated with bullying and victimization in family, peer, individual, school and social relationships. The third research program addresses the development of aggression in females as demonstrated in romantic relationships, dating violence and young girls with behaviour problems.

In recognition of her work on bullying and victimization, she won an Investigator Award from the Canadian Institute of Health Research. She is currently co-leading a Canadian National Initiative designed to Prevent Bullying. Dr. Craig regularly speaks to parents and educators.

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

Mid-Semester Report Cards

On **Tuesday, April 26th**, mid-semester report cards will be issued to all students in period 1. Students will be directed to take the report cards home that day. Parents who do not receive report cards should contact **Student Services** at **384-2023**.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities:

Leadership training and Volunteer program at Hotel Dieu Hospital; Summer Youth Program at St.Mary's

of the Lake Hospital; Volunteer Services at Kingston General Hospital. Application forms are available in Student Services.

Summer Jobs:

The **Ministry of Natural Resources** Youth Employment Programs: "Summer Experience" provides jobs for **youth 15 to 24 years old**; "Ontario Stewardship Rangers" provides jobs for students born in 1988 only. Visit www.youth.mnr.gov.on.ca for more information about these and other programs.

Visit the student services job board for other volunteer and job opportunities.

CRUSADER BAND TRIP

The Crusaders bands travel to **New York City April 20-24**. They will perform and conduct master classes at a Manhattan Middle school on April 22nd, and will perform at the **United Nations on April 23rd**.

SHAPES ONTARIO, APRIL 27, 2005

Holy Cross has been invited to participate in a survey of physical activity and smoking behaviours of secondary school students. The project, **SHAPES-Ontario**, is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and will be implemented across the province. The information provided by students will be used to plan and evaluate the efforts of the MOHLTC and your local public health unit to improve the health of young people. On **April 27, 2005**, researchers from the Health Behaviour Research Group at the University of Waterloo will be conducting a 4-page questionnaire with all grades 9-12 students.

An information letter will be sent to parents by mail the week of April 4th. **Parents who do not wish for their child to participate in the project are to contact project staff by April 22, 2005.** For further information, please visit the **SHAPES-Ontario** project website at www.shapes.uwaterloo.ca or contact **Jessica Reid**, Project Manager, at (519) 888-4567 ext. 7068.

GRADE 10 LITERACY TEST RESULTS

The Individual Student Reports for students who wrote the literacy test in October of 2004 will be mailed out to students / parents in the 2nd week of April. Grade 11-12 ISRs will be distributed by the Student Services personnel in the 2nd week of April. Our school results will be publicly released on May 5th, along with the rest of the provincial results.

Students who were not successful, will have another opportunity to successfully complete the test in October of 2005. Successful completion of the OSSLT remains a graduation requirement. Holy Cross staff will make every attempt to assist our students in fulfilling this graduation requirement.

Crusader Athletics

Team Photographs for all spring teams will be taken on **Wednesday, April 6th in Gym 3**. Teams photographed at this time will appear in this year's yearbook.