



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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The Holy Cross newsletter is issued on the first school day of each month.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we begin October let me thank all members of our school community for a tremendous start to the school year. I would like to offer my congratulations to:

- all support staff including **Bus Drivers, Custodians, Educational Assistants, and Secretaries** for their work behind the scenes which has resulted in a great start to this school year.
- **Sr. McCallum, SP** who celebrated 40 years of religious life on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- the **200 members of our Holy Cross** community who participated in the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run** at Woodbine Park on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Crusader Spirit captured the Barry Brady Trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year for being the greatest number of participants;
- the **Holy Cross Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball** team which captured the Gold Medal at the RMC-CMR Volleyball Invitational on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- the **Holy Cross Varsity Boys Volleyball** team that captured the Tournament pennant at the University of Guelph Invitational on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- the members of **Les Miserables** which held auditions and call backs in September and now form "...a combined cast, crew, and orchestra of over 100 students.." who are practising nightly in preparation for the November 30<sup>th</sup> curtain call.
- **Matt Hulse**, HC 06 who captured 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Cross-Country meet on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Brighton.
- **Terrie Hoey, Marie Gavan Knox, and Ana Cantarutti** who competed in the Annual **Dragon Boat Races** on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and raised over **\$2000** for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation**.
- the **Varsity Girls Basketball** team which made it to the final of their **Crusader Classic Varsity** Invitational before falling to Burlington Assumption.
- the **Students' Council**, for their hard work in preparation for our first school dance of the year on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- all Crusaders and members of Holy Cross community who cheered and supported our football teams in their double header sweep of the RND Panthers on Thursday, September 22.

Our community will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Paul Halligan Classic** on **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. The Junior Girls' Basketball game will begin at 5 pm and the Senior game will follow at 6:30 pm. Events leading up to the Paul Halligan Classic will include a Bump Competition (\$2 per person) on **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Two-Ball Shooting on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** (\$4 per team), with the Two-Ball Shooting Finals being held on Wednesday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>**, and a Green and Silver Non-Uniform Day (\$2 per person) and Pep Rally on Thursday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Funds collected will go directly towards the **Ontario Breast Screening Program**. I encourage all students to be involved as much as possible in all that our school has to offer both within the classroom and in our community.

## OCTOBER PASTORAL UPDATE

We continue to be blessed to have our new priest chaplains **Fr. Mike Reed** and **Fr. Rod McNeil** assisting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They have been quickly introducing themselves to students and staff here at Holy Cross, as they get involved in our school retreats and liturgies.

October will be a busy month for us in Pastoral Services. We begin with a **Grade 10 retreat** at Rideau Acres on **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will also be having our **Grade 9 Retreat** on **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. On **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** we celebrate our **Thanksgiving school mass**. And, in the midst of all this, we will find time as well to compete in the **K-ROCK Food Drive** for the **Partners in Mission Food Bank**. All the local high schools are on board this year to see who can collect the most food by Thanksgiving weekend. The high school that collects the most food items will be rewarded with a free Band Concert courtesy of K-ROCK.

Fundraising events for our **2006 Jamaica Mission Trip** also continue with Bake sales, Chocolate Bar sales, and a Thanksgiving Raffle. Thanks to all for their support of these efforts on behalf of the 13 students who will be travelling to Kingston, Jamaica during their March Break to work with underprivileged children at a primary school and hospital sponsored by the **St. Patrick's Foundation**. Blessings to all this Thanksgiving and throughout the month ahead.

## EARLY SEMESTER REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEWS

On **October 7<sup>th</sup>**, the early Report Cards for Grades 9 - 12 students will be completed in all classes. Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** from **3:30 to 6:00 p.m.** and from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Each parent/teacher conference is scheduled for 10 minutes, and may be booked by appointment, in advance, in the days prior to the interview. Parents and guardians should feel free to contact their son's or daughter's teacher at any time in order to learn more about their performance, but in particular at this time.

## LES MISÉRABLES

Casting for this year's musical "Les Misérables"- School Edition is complete. We have an eager and talented cast of fifty students who will be rehearsing for the next eight weeks. Performance dates are set for **November 30, December 1, 2, 3, 2005**, in the Holy Cross cafetorium. Ticket information will be available in the November newsletter.

## This Month at Holy Cross

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| 1 & 2.....     | JV Boys' Volleyball Tournament at HC                                 |
| 3.....         | Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins                                       |
| 4.....         | Grade 10 Retreat (Rideau Acres)                                      |
| 4 ....         | Jr /Sr Volleyball and Junior Basketball photos at 11:15              |
| 5 .....        | Best Buddies Information meeting at 11:20                            |
| 5 .....        | Field Hockey Team Photo before the game                              |
| 5 .....        | Greg Hulse Memorial Field Hockey Game                                |
| 6 .....        | Paul Halligan Classic Jr. and Sr. Girls' Basketball                  |
| 6 .....        | Graduation write-ups due in room 129                                 |
| 6 .....        | Graduation Portrait orders due in room 129                           |
| 7.....         | Early Semester Report Cards Issued                                   |
| 10.....        | Grade 9 Students' Retreat  |
| 10.....        | Thanksgiving Day Holiday   |
| 13 .....       | Sr. Basketball Team photo at 11:30                                   |
| 13.....        | Thanksgiving School Mass   |
| 13.....        | Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:00 & 7:00-9:00                      |
| 14.....        | Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends   |
| 17 .....       | Grade 9 Group Photo in main foyer, period 2                          |
| 18.....        | Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:00 & 7:00-9:00                      |
| 19 .....       | School Photo Retakes- 8 am -10 am                                    |
| 19 .....       | Drama Trip to Les Misérables in Toronto                              |
| 19 .....       | Visual Art Trip to Toronto   |
| 21.....        | Grade 10 Students' Retreat   |
| 21 .....       | KASSAA X-country championships                                       |
| 24.....        | Early Dismissal Day #1, periods 1 & 2 only<br>Busses depart at 11:05 |
| 24 .....       | Staff Photo in main foyer  |
| 25.....        | Grade 9 Retreat (Rideau Acres)                                       |
| 25.....        | Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00                                 |
| 26 .....       | Queen's University Internet Bullying Study                           |
| 27 .....       | Start of mid-semester evaluation period                              |
| 27and 28 ..... | Non-uniform days   |
| 28 .....       | Pumpkin carving contest  |
| 28 .....       | Halloween costume contest  |
| 28 .....       | Students' Council Dance  |
| 31 .....       | Period 1 Careers Field Trip to Loblaws                               |
| 31.....        | Halloween  |



**DVD YEAR DISC**

The **2005-2006 Holy Cross DVD Year Disc** is now on sale for \$10.00. The DVD will contain 99 videos on every major Holy Cross event, team & club. The DVD has digital quality audio & video, a photo quality colour case and label, a site map & an autograph page insert, and 90 minutes of playing time. Students who purchase their DVD early will have their name entered in the early bird draw for a free TV & DVD system. Do not be disappointed, a limited number of DVD's are made, so get your order in early.

**HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK**

The 2005-2006 Holy Cross Yearbook will continue to accept orders until **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$45.00 per book, and will include a photo image CD of spring teams and activities. Orders may be dropped off to room 129 at the break between periods 1 and 2 or during the lunch hour.

**GRADUATION PORTRAITS AND WRITE-UPS**

Graduation Portrait photographs were taken in September, and proofs were distributed last week. Please see **Mr. Prior** if you have not yet picked up your proofs. **Write-ups and photo orders are due on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Orders and write-ups may be dropped off to **Mr. Prior in room 129** at the break between periods 1 and 2 or during the lunch hour.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- The Assistive Technology Lab was re-wired during the summer. Computers are now available for students who require this technology
- All IEPs will be sent home, on **October 18<sup>th</sup>**, for consultation.
- Scholarship information, for students planning to attend post secondary institutions, is available in Room 117.
- Students intending to enter the workplace, or apprenticeship programs, next year, need to contact the Special Education and Guidance Departments.
- The Learning Strategies courses are offered four times per day and enrolment is excellent.

**BEST BUDDIES**

Best Buddies is a national charitable organization dedicated to enhancing our communities through one-to-one friendships between people with intellectual disabilities and their peers. Please join us for an information meeting on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:20** in the lecture theatre.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

is hosting a **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:30-8:00pm. Meet old friends, make new acquaintances, relive your memories through our memorabilia collections, and see the changes that have taken place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School since it opened in September, 1955. Please call the school at **389-2800** for further information or if you would like to assist with this special occasion.

**TUCK SHOP**

If you missed out on the great CRUSADER sale in September, **DO NOT WORRY!** New hoodies, tees and hats will be arriving in October. Keep watch for your chance to show your CRUSADER SPIRIT!!

**INTERNET BULLYING STUDY**

**Dr. Wendy Craig** and a group of researchers from the **Psychology Department** at **Queen's University** are interested in learning more about internet bullying and about how much time students spend on the internet, the activities they do, and the people they meet there. **Parents of students in grades 9, 10 and 11** will soon receive more information about this important study in the mail. These students will be invited to participate in this research study on **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** in their **period 2** class.

Parents who do not wish for their child to participate in the study can complete the form provided in the mail, or call Julie Blais, M.A. from the Internet Bullying Research team at 533-6000, ext 75519.

On **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, students will be asked to complete a 40 minute questionnaire. The researchers will return on **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006** to distribute a follow-up questionnaire. This questionnaire will allow the researchers to see how things have changed since the fall by having students complete the same survey.

Students who participate in the internet Bullying Study will be entered in a draw for an MP3 player. The Internet Bullying Re-

search Team will be available to give talks about bullying on the internet and healthy internet friendships. Pamphlets will also be available for those who wish to learn more about the study. Finally, we will provide a summary report to the school of the results of the study.

**COUNSELLOR'S CORNER**

Students are reminded to check the **volunteer board** outside of Student Services for volunteer opportunities.

**APPRENTICE PROGRAMS.**  
**Chris Bentley**, the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, announced on September 13, 2005, that the Ontario government is establishing an action group to provide advice on achieving the province's goal of registering 26,000 new apprentices each year. For more information, visit: <http://ongov.newswire.ca/ontario>

**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Take Our Kids To Work Day.** Across Canada, students in Grade 9 spend the day at work with a parent, friend, relative, or volunteer host to develop an understanding of the work world. In preparation for this year's Take our Kids to Work Day, information sheets, including permission forms, will be distributed in Home Form on Friday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>. Signed permission forms are to be returned to the Home Form teacher on or before October 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Post Secondary Information Sessions**  
 In the upcoming months, Student Services will be hosting many presentations from Ontario Colleges and Universities. Below is a schedule of the visits. Unless otherwise mentioned, all presentations will be held in the lecture theatre.

**College/University Presentation Dates**

Oct. 3	Atlantic Universities Info (KCVI)	7:30 pm
Oct. 4	College Application Session	11:15 am
Oct. 6	Sir Sandford Fleming (Library)	1:45 pm
Oct. 12	PSAT (KCVI)	8:00 am
Oct. 12	Queens University	11:15 am
Oct. 12	Quebec Universities Info (KCVI)	7:00 pm
Oct 17	University Info (UIP) (LCVI)	7:00 pm
Oct. 18	St. Mary's U (Student Services)	2:35 pm
Oct. 18	British Columbia Univ (LCVI)	6:00 pm
Oct. 19	Algonquin College (Library)	1:30 pm
Oct. 25	Loyalist College	11:15 am
Oct. 26	St. Lawrence College	11:15 am
Oct. 26	College Info (at St. Lawrence)	6:00 pm
Oct. 26	University Application Workshops-	am
Oct. 28	University Application Workshops-	pm
Oct. 31	Wilfred Laurier University	11:15 am
Oct. 31	Brescia College (UWO)	2:35 pm
Nov. 1	St. Francis Xavier University	11:15 am
Nov. 1	Memorial University (NFLD)	2:35 pm
Nov. 2	Concordia University	2:15 pm
Nov. 3	McMaster University	11:15 am
Nov. 7	College Application Workshops	am & pm
Nov. 8	University of Guelph	11:15 am
Nov. 10	Trent University	11:15 am
Nov. 14	University of Western Ontario	11:15 am
Nov. 23	Lakehead University	2:35 pm
Nov. 23	Laurentian University	2:35 pm

**November 2005**

1	.....	All Saints' Day
2	.....	"Take Our Kids to Work" Grade 9 Day
2	.....	Honour Roll Celebration (period 1)
5	.....	OFSAA Cross Country meet at Camden Braes
8	.....	Mid semester Examination Period Ends
9	.....	Drama field Trip to Toronto
9	.....	Half Courses End
10	.....	Remembrance Day Liturgy
11	.....	Remembrance Day
12	.....	KASSAA Football Championships at Richardson
14	.....	KASSAA Volleyball Championships
14	.....	Try-outs for Winter Sports Teams Begin
15	.....	Grades 9 to 12 Marks Due
18	.....	Mid semester Report Cards Issued
21	.....	KASSAA Basketball Championships
25	.....	PA Day # 2 - No classes
28	.....	Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00 at HC
28	.....	First Week of Advent: Food Drive begins
30 - Dec 3	..	HC Drama presents the Musical Les Misérables