



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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The Holy Cross newsletter is issued in the first week of each month.

IN MEMORIAM George Teves, 1958-2006

The Holy Cross community mourns the loss of Mr. George Teves—husband of Holy Cross vice-principal Mrs. Lucy Teves, and father of Michael, a Grade Nine Holy Cross student and father of Jessica. He was 47.

George was a loving husband, father, son and Manager of the University Club at Queen's at the time of his passing. Mr. Teves was well known by many in our community given his long standing involvement in youth soccer and in particular the Cataraqui Clippers Soccer Club. He also volunteered at the Executive Level with the Club and with Rep teams in Eastern Ontario. He last coached the U13 boy's regional team with Mrs. Teves in the 2004 season. An avid soccer enthusiast, Mr. Teves supported the youth in his community by coaching a number of teams over the years. George was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. May he rest in Peace.

For those wishing, memorial donations to Southeastern Cancer Centre at Kingston General Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto would be greatly appreciated. The family would also appreciate a blood donation to the Canadian Blood Services in memory of George.

On **March 29th** 360 students wrote the **Grade 10 Literacy Test at Holy Cross**. I am very confident that our students were very well prepared thanks to our **classroom teachers, Special Education Resource Teachers, the HC Literacy Committee and our EQAO Test Preparation Team** lead by vice-principal **Ms. Wendy Gallant**. I thank all parents for the encouragement and support they offered to their sons and daughters in the acquisition and development of their literacy skills. The **Individual Student Reports are expected by mid-June**.

Students who plan on returning to Holy Cross for next year should insure that they have completed the course selection process and have made selections based on their interests, abilities and destinations. At this time, close to 300 registrations have been received for the Class of 2010. Please ensure that you have completed the course selection process while space is still available. Classes do become full quickly.

Please remember that Holy Cross is here to serve the educational needs of the young women and men of our community. We always welcome your comments and input.

As Easter quickly approaches I pray that the Risen Christ blesses you and your families with His peace and love.

PASTORAL SERVICES REPORT

Our Homeform classes will be collecting donations up until the end of Holy Week for this year's Share Lent Collection. C.I.C.S. has decided to continue the Kingston 2 Kingston Connection with half our donations going to the local **Kingston Youth Shelter** and half to **St. Margaret's School** through the **St. Patrick's Foundation** in Kingston, Jamaica. Thanks to everyone who helped us to raise over \$1,000.00 for Share Lent through our Pancake Breakfast on **February 28th**. We especially thank the **Brown's Cafeteria Staff** and the **Golden Griddle** for their generous donations and help.

The Holy Cross Jamaica Service Learning Trip during the March Break was a tremendous experience for the 15 students and staff who participated. We volunteered at **St. Monica's Home for the Aged**, at **St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital**, and at **St. Margaret's Primary School** and had a wonderful experience of Jamaican food, culture, music and hospitality throughout the trip. Members of the group will be doing presentations here at school as well as in their local parishes in the coming weeks. We will also continue to support **St. Margaret's**

APRIL AT HOLY CROSS

April 2.....1st Anniversary of the Death of Pope John Paul II
 April 4 and 5 Spring Team Photographs
 April 5.....Staff Way Of The Cross (after school)
 April 6.....KASSAA Junior Badminton @ Holy Cross
 April 6-13..... Mid Semester Examination Period
 April 7Thinkfast (overnight)
 April 11Guitar Horizons @ Bayridge Secondary School
 April 11.....Junior Reach For The Top @ K.C.V.I.
 April 12.....KASSAA Senior Badminton @ L.C.V.I.
 April 12.....Holy Week Liturgy in the cafeteria
 April 12.....HC Spring Uniform Sales 3-8:30 p.m., cafeteria
 April 13..... Half Courses End
 April 14..... Good Friday
 April 15.....Holy Saturday
 April 16.....Easter Sunday
 April 17.....Easter Monday
 April 19.. 1st Anniversary of the Election of Pope Benedict XVI
 April 19.....Grade 9 to 12 Marks Due
 April 19..... U of Waterloo Gr.12 Math Contest
 April 19 & 20.....The Time Warp Cabaret
 April 21.....Junior Girls' Soccer Tournament @ Holy Cross
 April 24Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00
 April 24-29.....Volunteer Week
 April 25-May 1.....Band Trip to Florida
 April 26.....Secretary's Day
 April 26..... Mid-Semester Report Cards Issued
 April 30-May 5.....Catholic Education Week

School through our Share Lent Collection. One of the highlights of the trip was the amazing construction of a Basketball Net at St. Margaret's using local labour, materials and donations collected from our group as well as from staff and students at the school. We also were deeply touched during the Dedication Ceremony for the new **Seaview Gardens Centre for the Performing Arts**. A member of our group, **Matt Hulse**, presented a cheque for \$15,000 from the **Greg Hulse Memorial Fund** to help in the construction of the new centre which will include a Memorial of Greg when it is completed. One of our more popular Lenten Activities is the annual ThinkFast. This year's event will take place on **April 7th** and over 100 students are already signed up to raise pledges for **Development & Peace** and to stay overnight here at school. We will also have a Staff Way of the Cross on **April 5th**, and a Holy Week Dramatic Presentation on **Wednesday, April 12th** to help us to enter into the spirit of this liturgical season. May each of you experience the Risen Christ this Easter and be blessed with the joy and peace that is God's gift to us during this Holy Season.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

HOLY CROSS SPRING UNIFORM

Our optional spring uniform may be worn beginning on **Monday, May 1, 2006**. The spring uniform consists of a school-crested green golf shirt and school-crested beige shorts offered for purchase at Holy Cross. Flat front shorts for girls will be offered once again this year. Footwear for the spring uniform is either sandals or running shoes. Students may continue to wear the fall/winter uniform. Combinations of the seasonal uniforms are not permitted.

HC SPRING UNIFORM SHOPPING

On **April 12th 3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** the Spring Uniform will be available for purchase from **Halpern's Mobile Store** in the Holy Cross cafetorium. Please note Halpern's accepts cash, Master Card, Visa and debit cards. Halpern's does not accept cheques. This will be the only day students and their families may purchase the spring uniform at Holy Cross. After this date, the spring uniform will be available at Newman's Men's Store on Princess Street. Check out the available clothing and prices at the Halpern's web site at www.halperns.ca.

Male

Men's green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested
 Youth \$19.95 Adult \$24.95
 Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested
 \$29.95

Female

Ladies green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested
 Youth \$21.95 Adult \$26.95
 Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested
 \$29.95

ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic Education Foundation invites you to attend The Archbishop's Dinner, in support of Catholic education, **Thursday April 27th, 2006**. The evening

will be hosted by **Most Reverend Anthony Meagher**, Archbishop of Kingston, and will honour **Most Reverend Paul-Andre Durocher**, Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall. Cocktails and silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Ban Righ Hall, Queen's University, Kingston. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and may be purchased by calling the Foundation at 613-354-7317.

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS J. SPENCE CATHOLIC TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is seeking nominations for the **Archbishop Francis J. Spence Catholic Teacher of the Year Award** for year **2006**. Submissions must be received by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3 2006**. For more information, please contact **Margie Royle at Holy Rosary Catholic School, (613) 962-2305**.

CELEBRATE PALM SUNDAY

Archbishop Meagher invites all youth and young adults to celebrate Palm Sunday with him at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday April 9th**. The evening will begin with a talk by Archbishop Meagher at 7:30 p.m. Mass will follow. For more information, please contact Mary Carr at the Diocesan Centre at 548-4461 or wyd@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

MR. G.R. WILLIAMSON, SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Mr. Michael Schmitt, Director of Education of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board announced the notice of retirement of Mr. G.R. Williamson, Superintendent of School Effectiveness at the March 28 Board Meeting.

Mr. Williamson began his teaching career at Regiopolis-Notre Dame in 1976. Mr. Williamson has a long association with Holy Cross, as he was a member of the original Holy Cross staff in 1986. While at Holy Cross, he played a critical role in establishing the foundation of our community. He served as department head, was the first vice principal of the school, as was later appointed principal in 1996. He currently is the superintendent of Holy Cross. A strong believer in the value of extra-curriculars, GR coached a number of teams, most notably the Football Crusaders and the Track and Field team.

Mr. Williamson's retirement is effective August 31, 2006.

Later this year Holy Cross will join the greater community in celebrating Mr. Williamson's career.

CATHOLIC PUBLICLY FUNDED EDUCATION

Are you concerned about the future of Catholic Education? Plan to attend the 2006 Conference and 67th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education the weekend of **May 26th – 28th 2006**, in Ottawa. For further information, please contact 1-877-282-2081 or www.oapce.on.ca.

CLASS OF 2006 GRADUATION REMINDERS

The graduation ceremony will be held at Holy Cross on Thursday, June 29th in the Gymnasium.

Class of 2006 information meeting Period 2 April 20th
Valedictorian Submission Deadline May 15th
Community Service Hours documentation due May 19th
Final Course documentation deadline June 22nd
Graduation Mass and Comencement June 29th
There will be an information meeting for students on April 20th to go over details about Graduation.

MENINGOCOCCUS VACCINATION

The **Ontario Ministry of Health** and Long-Term Care is now providing publicly-funded immunization to protect the most vulnerable groups against the dreaded disease of **Meningitis**. One of the most vulnerable groups is our **15 to 19 year old teenagers**. To help with this important Public Health initiative, Holy Cross is hosting a clinic for our grade 10 to 12 students on Wednesday **May 10**, in Gym # 3. The staff of Public Health will be here to administer the vaccine. Eligible students will be receiving a package from the Public Health Unit that will include a consent form that **must be completed and brought to the clinic**.

Meningococcal Disease (meningitis) is a serious life-threatening disease caused by a bacterium that infects the blood and the coverings of the brain and spinal cord. Although there are several strains of this bacterium, the C strain is most common in outbreaks in our region and therefore is the target of our immunization campaign. Previously healthy people of all ages can become extremely ill rapidly with devastating results. The mortality rate from this disease is very high. The new Meningococcal C-Conjugate vaccine appears to provide strong immunity. The United Kingdom's experience in 1999 demonstrated a higher than 96% decline in the disease in this age group after providing the vaccine.

Adolescents who live in residence or participate on teams are at even higher risk of exposure to this disease. **Students going on to university or college may require this vaccine to maintain an optimal level of health in residences**. For these reasons **Holy Cross supports this initiative** to maintain the highest level of physical health along with the intellectual and spiritual development of our students. Further information regarding this initiative will be distributed in the near future.

2006-2007 STUDENTS' COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Students who are interested in becoming a member of Students' Council executive for the 2006-2007 school year are required to complete a nomination package. Completed packages must be submitted to a current Students' Council member by **Thursday, April 27th**. **Beginning in September, 2006, students elected to the students' council executive will be registered in a leadership course and will earn a credit.** The Town Hall Assembly is scheduled for **Thursday, May 11th**. Voting will take place on **Friday, May 12th**.

STUDENT SERVICES – COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

On **Wednesday, 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. No formal interviews are scheduled at this time. Parents with concerns are asked to contact **Student Services at 384-2023**.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Students are asked to check the board outside Student Services for updates on available volunteer opportunities. These opportunities include KGH and St. Mary's Hospital, Providence Manor and summer camps.

Summer Jobs

Students should also check the board for summer job postings. The latest posting is for the Ministry Junior Forest Ranger program.

University and College Acceptances

Final marks from first semester have been forwarded to both **OUAC and OCAS**.

Please be aware of the fact that universities vary widely in when they send their offers of admission. Some students may have already had an early acceptance, but this is not the norm. Mid-term marks will be forwarded to **OUAC by the end of April**. Universities will then begin to send offers of admission. Please reassure your son/daughter that they should not be alarmed if they do not hear at the same time as their friends.

Offers of admission for college, for the most part, are sent out after **March 31st**. Applicants must confirm their acceptance offer by **May 15th**.

Career Exploration – St. Lawrence College

On **May 10th and 11th**, six grade 10 and 11 Holy Cross students will be attending an exciting, interactive **Connections** career workshop at St. Lawrence College. There they will explore future careers and programs in such fields as behaviour therapy, childhood education, esthetics, graphic design and many more!

SPIRIT WEEK

Plans are in the works for a **Spirit Week** during the week of **May 8th – 12th**. The May dance will be on **Friday, May 12th**, with a Retro theme.

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

· Parents/guardians of students identified as exceptional learners will be invited to IPRC meetings in the next few weeks.

· Graduating students are encouraged to make an appointment with **Mrs. Gavan Knox** in order to discuss their Transition Portfolio.

· The Special Education Staff will provide resource assistance to students from **8:00am - 8:20 am, in Rm. 136**, on a daily basis. Students wishing to get help with their homework, finish assignments, and use assistive technology are welcome.

· **Pathways for Children and Youth** is running a parent education group called **C.O.P.E.** for parenting children with challenging or A.D.H.D. behaviour. It is designed to improve existing parenting skills, build problem solving skills improve family relationships, develop support networks, and increase knowledge of resources that are available. Meetings are held at **Bayridge Public School - 1066 Hudson Dr. on Thursday evenings 5:30 - 7:30, beginning March 23rd to May 25/26th**. The meetings are FREE. If you are interested, contact **Pathways (Mike Sherman at 546-8535 ext. 238)**.

· Parents/guardians wishing to discuss the early report card results, academic choices for next year, or any other concerns should make an appointment with the Special Education Staff.

GUITAR HORIZONS

Mr. Bernie O'Connor's period 1 and 2 guitar classes will be attending **Guitar Horizons**, the first annual UCGS festival for guitar students in the Greater Kingston Area. Bayridge Secondary School will host this event on **Tuesday, April 11th**. The festival will feature concerts, workshops and displays by professional guitarists from Kingston, Toronto and Montreal, as well as a guitar orchestra performance comprising all participants. To date, the list of guest artists include:

Jerome Ducharme, a Montreal based classical guitarist and winner of the 2005 Guitar Foundation of America competition. **Eric Turnbull**, a Kingstonian and winner of the 2005 Canadian Guitar Festival for fingerstyle guitar playing.

The festival will culminate in an evening concert featuring the guest artists and open to the general public.

WOLFE ISLAND DAY CAMP

Once again this summer the Board is offering the Wolfe Island Day Camp. The camp is open to all students between the ages of 5 to 12 years. The cost of registration is \$115.00 per child for a one-week session with a 10% discount for each additional week that a child is registered. To view our calendar of events or to register visit us at www.alcdsb.on.ca/widc or come into Loyola Community Learning Centre at 1440 Princess Street from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. For further information call Jennifer Stainrod @ Loyola Community Learning Centre 354-5093 Ext. 31 or email finn@alcdsb.on.ca

CRUSADER BAND TRIP

The Crusaders bands travel to **Walt Disney World, Orlando Florida April 25th – May 1st** to compete in Festival Disney.

THE TIME WARP CABARET

The Holy Cross Arts Department is presenting this year's musical cabaret **Wednesday, April 19** and **Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm** in the school cafeteria.

The theme for this year's event is **The Time Warp**. Our students will take you through the dazzling decades of the 50's through today. The evening features our incredibly talented singers, dancers, and actors performing in a relaxed cabaret atmosphere. Choose an outfit from any decade and join us for a blast from the past at **The Time Warp Cabaret**. Admission is \$6.00. Thematic refreshments will be available.

MAY AT HOLY CROSS

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| May 1-6..... | Catholic Education Week |
| May 4..... | Board Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral |
| May 4..... | S.I.N. (Sir Issac Newton) Physics Contest |
| May 5..... | Catholic Education Week Mass at Holy Cross |
| May 5 – 7..... | National Cheerleading Championships |
| May 8 – 12..... | Queen's U Enrichment Course Week |
| May 8-12.. | Students' Council 2006-2007 Election Campaign |
| May 10..... | Meningococcus Vaccination |
| May 11..... | Town Hall Assembly |
| May 11..... | Jazz Band Recording Session |
| May 12..... | Students' Council Election Day |
| May 12..... | Jr. Band Trip to Canada's Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland |
| May 17..... | Partners in Mission Food Blitz Night |
| May 19..... | Last School Dance of the Year |
| May 19..... | Grade 11 Retreat |
| May 22..... | Victoria Day Holiday |
| May 25..... | The Arts Genesis Awards Evening |
| May 29..... | Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00 |
| May 29..... | 2006-2007 Student Timetables distributed |
| May 31..... | Athletic Awards Night |

Crusader Athletics

Team Photographs for all spring teams will be taken on **Tuesday, April 4th and Wednesday, April 5th**.

Track and Field Tuesday on track at 11:20
Lacrosse Tuesday on field at 11:30
Rugby Tuesday after school
Soccer Wednesday at lunch in Room 129
Tennis Wednesday at lunch in Room 129
Rowing Wednesday at 11:50 Room 129

Teams photographed at this time will appear in this year's yearbook.