

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

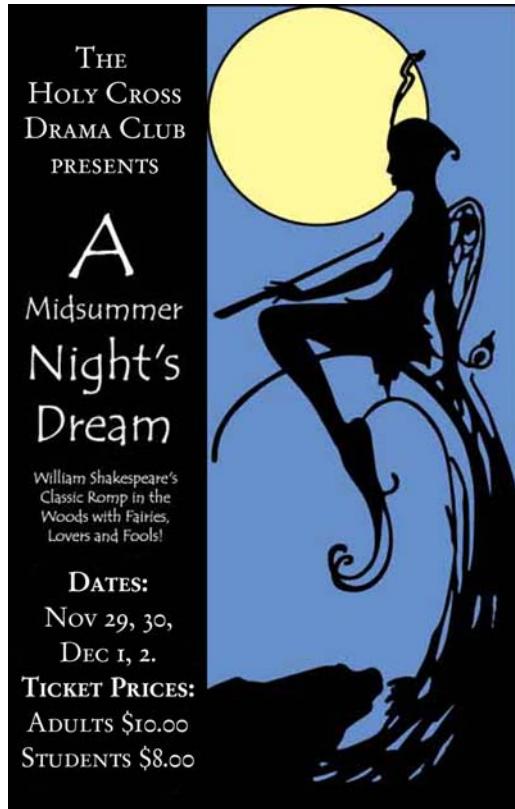
On October 5th, we issued our **Early Semester Report Cards** to students. This was an early indicator of each student's achievement in the first five weeks of this semester. The first half of the semester will end on **Tuesday, November 7th** and then on **Friday, November 17th** the **Mid-semester Report Cards** will be distributed in Period One classes. This Report Card provides extensive reporting in each subject including: a percentage grade; course median; absences/lates; Learning Skills and personal comments on the individual student's strengths, weaknesses and next steps. **There is ample time left in the semester for students to improve their marks and do well in each course.** If a student's mark is below 50%, this indicates the need to examine the work to date. This month will be a time to

review academic strategies, goals and objectives for the school year. A discussion with the teacher will help you plan for maintaining the achievement level or ways to improve the student's mark.

Fall sports are proceeding well and all of our teams are putting in a great effort. Thanks to the coaches, managers, community volunteers, and stu-

Congratulations to our school community for contributing so much to the Thanksgiving Food Drive, especially to **Mr. Prior and Mr. McComb's classes** for bringing in the most items. Once again, Holy Cross came a close second to QECVI, but most importantly, we all contributed to the largest outcome the food bank has ever received from this annual event.

As the Holy Cross school community we welcome your input and questions on how we are doing as a school. Please feel free to contact a teacher, counsellor or administrator during school hours. Check our website regularly for important updates on information. Our students, your children, are the centre of our work and their educational and personal accomplishments fulfill our mission.



dents for always making us proud to see the **Green and Silver on the courts and fields**. Thanks also to the parents for coming to the games and showing incredible support! To view the schedules and standings go to www.coach@gametimes.ca Much appreciation goes to the athletes, coaches and volunteers who helped to raise **\$4,500 at the PH Classic**; this year, the funds will support the purchase of a foot pedal for a specialized bed at the cancer centre as well as replacement gowns for the patients undergoing treatment. Congratulations and good luck to Stephanie Hulse and Jeff Davies as they compete at Cross-Country OFSAA in Thunder Bay, as well as to all of our teams working towards their seasons' ends.

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	.....Mid-semester Examination Period
1	..... All Saints' Day
1	..... "Take Our Kids to Work" Grade 9 Day
1	.....University Application Session #1 11:15 - 12:00
2	.....University Application Session #2 2:30 p.m.
2	..... All Souls' Day
3	..... Mid-semester Examination Period ends
4	..... OFSAA Cross Country Meet at Thunder Bay
6	..... College Application Workshops Session #1 11:15 - 11:55 Session #2 12:30 - 1:15
7	..... Half courses end
7	.....All-Candidates Meeting in Library 7:00 p.m.
7	.....M.P.P. John Gerretson visits Holy Cross
8	.....Post-Secondary Information Night for Parents 7:00 p.m.
9	..... Honour Roll Celebration (Period 1)
10	..... Remembrance Day Liturgies
11	..... Remembrance Day
11	..... KASSAA Football Championships at Richardson
13	..... Ontario Municipal Election Day
13	..... KASSAA Volleyball Championships
13	..... Try-outs for Winter Sports Teams Begin
14 & 16	.....KFLA Health Unit: Drive for Life Gr. 11
15	.....Grades 9 to 12 Marks Due
15 - 17	.....C.I.C.S. Toronto Street Retreat
17	.....Mid-semester Report Cards Issued
18	.....Kingston Santa Claus Parade
20	..... KASSAA Basketball Championships
22	.....Ticket sales begin for <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
23	..... Friend and Grad Artist/Athlete photo orders due
23	..... Full Disclosure (last day to drop senior courses)
24	.....PA Day # 3 - No classes
27	.....Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00 at HC
29 - Dec 2	..... <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>

HOLY CROSS PASTORAL SERVICES

We begin this month with the celebration of two important feast days: **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day**. On these two days, and throughout the month of November, Catholics traditionally pray for all those who have died and gone before us into God's loving presence. As always, we invite students, staff and visitors to remember their loved ones by writing their names in the **Book of Remembrance** which will be kept in the Chapel throughout this month; we will pray for each of these people at our daily masses.

We will also be remembering all those who have died in the Great Wars of the past century at our Remembrance Day Liturgies in the Cafeteria on Friday, November 10th.

Our Grade 10 home form classes attended the first ever **Sexuality: Mind, Body, & Spirit Retreats** during the last week of October. These full-day retreats focused on many aspects of our sexuality and we were fortunate to have Sr. Sue Kidd, C.N.D., Terrie Hoey and the Health Unit nurses as our main speakers on this important topic. These retreats involved a great deal of work and sacrifice on the part of our staff, and we appreciate their efforts in this regard. The response from the students both during and after the retreats has been overwhelmingly positive. Our next retreat will be the **C.I.C.S. Toronto Street Retreat** which will take place from **November 15 - 17th**.

C.I.C.S. would like to thank all those who contributed to their **October 17th 'White' Bake sale**. Many staff and students, as well as **Classic Bakery**, donated their favourite 'treats' to this fundraising effort. And we also congratulate all those who purchased a white wrist band and signed our '**Make Poverty History**' banner that same day. Over 500 people, including staff and students at some of our elementary schools, were part of this worldwide effort to urge our governments to do more to end poverty both here in our own community as well as around the world.

And both **Student Council** and **C.I.C.S. Executive Council** are looking at ways that we as a school community can follow up on the "**Free the Children**" presentation at our school on **October 19th**. At this point they are discussing either "Adopting a Village" or helping to "Build a School" through this amazing organization founded by Craig Kielburger. More information will follow.

On **November 25th**, **Father Paul Hansen, CSSR**, will be the main speaker at a workshop at Providence Spirituality Centre on the theme of, "**Discipleship and the Social Gospel.**" This workshop which will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is sponsored by the **Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Kingston**. You can pre-register by calling me at Holy Cross (ext. 3436) or by contacting **Alice Gazeley** by **November 15** at: rgazeley@cogeco.ca.

May God's love shine upon us and all our deceased loved ones during this month of November.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

In keeping with our Catholic and civic mandates, CSC is pleased to sponsor an **All-Candidates Meeting** on **Wednesday, November 8th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the library, for the four Catholic trus-

tee positions of Kingston-Frontenac Islands. All are welcome to attend and learn more about candidates **Jack Coleman, Raymond Doyle, Wilf Garrah, Christopher Horeczy, Terry Shea and Kathy Turkington**. The next meeting of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council will be held on **Tuesday, November 27th** in the Library at 7:00 pm. All interested community members are invited to attend.

MAJOR DRAMA PRODUCTION NEWS

The Holy Cross Drama Club is presenting an exciting, new, ultra-modern production of William Shakespeare's comedy **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. Our cast of fifty-five actors will entertain you with a memorable evening of theatre that brings to life "The Dream". Creating the set for this innovative production is a team of over twenty student visual artists who will transform the Holy Cross stage into the perfect setting for the magic of "The Dream" to unfold.

Performance dates are **November 29, 30, December 1, 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** Ticket sales run from November 22 to November 29 at lunch - \$8.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults.

CRUSADER TUCK SHOP

Looking for a Christmas present for your special Crusader? Stop by the tuck shop and see the new items arriving this month: drawstring knapsacks, sweat pants, toques, mittens, and hoodies. Candy is always available! **Tuck shop is open Monday and Wednesday from 11:10 to 11:55 a.m.** Parents, grandparents, and other family members are welcome to come in and see what is available or may call the school 384-1919 and speak with a staff member at ext. 2201.

BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY CRAFT SALE

Need a little gift for someone or a decoration to help spread the joy of the season? Join us on **December 14th and 15th** in the front foyer for our annual **Christmas Craft Sale**. There will be something for everyone!

HOLY CROSS UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all those who generously supported this year's United Way Campaign. Donation pledges, raffle tickets and cheese sales were all very successful. Together we have made a difference for someone.

POINSETTIA SALE

The Christmas season is just around the corner and this year the new **Holy Cross Bridges to Community Program** are excited to be offering for sale beautiful poinsettia plants, along with several other Christmas plant arrangements. Poinsettias have long been a favourite Christmas decoration or gift, providing a stunning focal point to any room, table or desk. Plants may be ordered by contacting **Jill Courneya** at **613-634-1642 ext. 2258**. Delivery date is **December 1st, 2006**.

VETERAN'S WEEK

The week before **Remembrance Day** has once again been declared Veteran's Week by the Prime Minister. It is a week to honour and remember the achievements and sacrifice of Canada's veterans. For background information on Veteran's Week visit the **Veteran Affairs Canada** web site at www.vacc.gc.ca

PHOTOGRAPHY

Friends Photo and Graduating Artist/Athlete photo orders will be accepted until **Thursday, November 23rd**. Please submit your orders to **Mr. Prior** in Room 129 during the break between periods 1 and 2 or at lunch. Completed orders will be distributed before Christmas.

Grad Photo orders are still being accepted. Please bring your orders to **Mr. Prior** during the break between periods 1 or 2. Orders placed at this time, however, will not arrive until after Christmas.

TEXTBOOKS

Each student should now have all in-stock required textbooks for every class. As noted in other newsletters, students must take good care of each book and return all items (by barcode) which are signed out when exams end. A reminder also that students should write their name and the date in each book to avoid classroom mix-ups. In late semester, a letter will be issued to each student detailing titles and barcodes signed out.

CATHOLIC RATEPAYERS

It is particularly important for the Catholic school system that **Catholic parents/guardians, electors and supporters** be identified on the **Municipal Property Assessment Rolls** as **Catholic Ratepayers** by November 15, 2006. If you have any questions regarding your tax support, please call **Angela MacDonald** at **613-354-6257** or **1-800-581-1116 ext. 455** at the **Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board**. An insert providing more explanation is included with this newsletter.

NUMERACY PROGRAM

At this time Holy Cross is offering an "**After School Numeracy Program**" to Grade 9 and Grade 10 students who are struggling with Mathematics. **Mrs. Melo-Jordan** will be using a set curriculum developed by the Renfrew County District School Board to deliver the course. Students will also receive assistance with their homework as time permits.

The course takes place in one-hour sessions on **Thursdays** after school in the library at Holy Cross for the rest of Semester One. Although the program is underway, interested students may join in now. If you are interested in this initiative, please contact **Mrs. Teves**.

PUMPKIN CARVIN' COMPETITION

Students' Council wishes to thank all staff and students who participated in the tremendously successful "**Pumpkin Carvin' Competition!**" on **Tuesday, October 31st**. The judges had a hard time deciding on the winners. The categories and winners: "**Scariest Pumpkin**"- Mr. Zanette's class; "**Most School Spirit**"- Mr. Gervais' class; "**Most Creative**" Mr. Prior's class; "**Best Jack O'Lantern**" Mrs. McCombs' class; "**Best look-alike of a teacher**" Mr. C. MacDonald's class; "**Grotesque**" Mr. J. Walsh's class; "**Movie Theme**" Mrs. Grady's class; "**Judges' Discretion**" Mr. S. Murphy's class. Way to go Holy Cross from your Student Council!

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Honour Roll Breakfast

A ceremony honouring last year's honour roll students will take place during **Period One on Thursday, November 9th**. Our guest speaker will be HC alumnus **Ryan Quinlan Keech**.

Post Secondary Information

The Student Services Department will be hosting workshops for online applications to OUAC and OCAS. Two College workshops will be held on Monday, November 6th at 11:15 and again at 12:30, while the University workshops will be on Wednesday, November 1st at 11:15 and Thursday, November 2nd at 2:30. Sign-up sheets for these sessions are in Student Services. Students are now encouraged to check out further post secondary information on the HC website,www.alcdsb.on.ca/schools/hcss - HCTODAY website: choose Academic-Student Services-then Counsellor's News.

Volunteer Opportunities

Students are reminded to check the Information Board across from Student Services for volunteer opportunities.

Scholarship News

Three prominent scholarships are the Millennium Scholarships, Burger King Scholarship, Wendy's Classic Achiever Scholarship. The Millennium Scholarships applications are due mid December and are based on citizenship, strong academic achievement, and leadership.

They are valued up to \$20,000.

Visit www.millenniumscholarships.ca/en/index.asp

The Burger King Scholarship applications are due mid December. All applicants must work an average of 15 hours per week and demonstrate financial need. The school can nominate one student only. If you would like to be considered for nomination, see Mrs. Hill before mid November. For further information visit <http://www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/bkscholars/> The Wendy's Classic Achiever Scholarship applications are due mid December . It is based on academic excellence, extracurriculars, community service. A 300 word essay is required. Visit www.wendysclassicachiever.ca.

EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY

Congratulations to Grade 11 student **Hee Jae Chung** and Grade 10 student **Angela de Matos** of Mr. Scarpazza's Technological Design class for winning the Carleton University / Design Exchange 11th Annual Canadian Logo Design Competition. This marks the first time that Holy Cross has placed first in both the Senior and Junior division. Last year's winner was Nicholas Gallinger also from Holy Cross. There were a total of 87 entries from across Canada. Other notable student designs were from:

Senior Division

(1st) HeeJae Chung Grade 11

(Honourable Mention) Billy Gibson Grade 12

Junior Division

(1st) Angel DeMatos Grade 10

(2nd) Robery Hayes Grade 10

(Honourable Mention) Christopher Matias Grade 10

Hee Jae also designed the winning logo for the **Greg Hulse / Queen's University All-Star Soccer Game**. Contact Gillian Ward at the Design Exchange. (gillian.ward@dx.org)

The Holy Cross Students' Tech Council in partnership with the Holy Cross Students' Council are designing, building and exhibiting a float for the second year in the **Downtown Kingston Santa Parade**. The parade is on **Saturday, November 18th** and it starts at **5 p.m.** near the new Wendy's across from the Kingston Centre. All Crusaders are invited to join in the fun and walk along with the float in their grey & green school colours.

FIRE SAFETY AT HOLY CROSS

Congratulations to the students and staff of Holy Cross who were the winners of the **Secondary School Evacuations Drills for 2006**. During the drill at Holy Cross, the students and staff were aware of the importance of timely and orderly evacuation when the fire alarm sounded. In recognition of our superior performance the **Kingston Fire & Rescue** provided the **Holy Cross Student Council** with a cheque in the amount of **\$500** to apply towards a school dance.



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- Adult Non-Credit ESL / LINC Programs
- Adult Secondary School Program
- Specialized Adult Credit Programs
- Personal Support Worker (PSW) Program
- Adult Non-Credit Upgrading and Job Readiness Programs
- Literacy and Numeracy Programs for Success (Elementary and Secondary)

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Open Book....	158 Patrick Street.....	613-544-8883
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Trenton.....	83 Marmora Street.....	613-965-5840

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ATHLETICS

The winter sport season **begins late in November** and Holy Cross is again expected to field extremely competitive teams in **Wrestling, Curling, Cheerleading, Badminton, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Volleyball, and Girls' and Boys' Hockey**.

This winter, over 170 student athletes from Holy Cross will attempt to compete in these championships. Approximately 50 staff coaches and 16 volunteers will provide these opportunities throughout the year. Both the KASSAA website - www.kassaa.ca and the OFSAA website www.ofsaa.on.ca are excellent resources for schedules, league rules and any general information regarding high school sports.

Information regarding teams can be obtained through a number of sources, including school announcements, posters, our school's athletic web site - www.alcdsb.on.ca-hcssa, local newspapers and the KASSAA web site - www.kassaa.ca. If you have any questions concerning a team, please contact the coach listed or ask your home room teacher for assistance.

Sport	Head Staff Coach	Starting Date	Approximate Cost
Badminton	Mr. Gervais	Mid December	\$60.00
Jr. Boys Basketball	Mr. Garant	Mid November	\$175.00
Sr. Boys Basketball	Mr. Hunter	Mid November	TBA
Cheerleading	TBA	Late November	TBA
Curling	TBA	TBA	TBA
Boys Hockey	Mr. Zarichny	November 1	TBA
Girls Hockey	Mr. Michalski	November 7	\$310
Jr. Girls Volleyball	Mr. O'Brien	Mid November	\$100.00
Sr. Girls Volleyball	TBA	Mid November	TBA
Wrestling	TBA	Late November	TBA

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

1.....	Grade Level Reconciliations all day in the Library	22.....	Final Instructional Day before the Christmas Break
2 & 3.....	Archbishop Spence Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball	24.....	Christmas Eve
4.....	First Week of Advent, C.I.C.S. Food Drive Begins	25.....	Christmas Day
	Tournament at Holy Cross	25.....	Christmas Break Begins
21.....	Christmas Concert	26.....	Boxing Day
21.....	End of Advent Food Drive	31.....	New Year's Eve
22.....	Advent School Mass		

