



# 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

The season of Advent helps to prepare us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming. This is a season of joyful expectation and preparation. Christmas is a time of giving as we celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever received, the baby Jesus, God's one and only Son. At this time of year, CICS sponsors the Advent Food Drive to assist those most in need. I encourage all to give generously to assist those who are in need. May the true spirit of the season and Christmas touch each of you and your families. We encourage everyone to "Prepare the Way of the Lord" in the days leading up to our celebration of Christmas.

An exciting joint venture between students and staff is underway at Holy Cross; look for continuing information from our **EcoSchools** Team as they begin several exciting new initiatives. This group embodies the essence of Margaret Mead's famous quotation: "**Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.**"

As we prepare this newsletter, the cafeteria has become somewhat run-down. The windows are askew and several of the lights on the sign have burnt out. Oh wait, that suburban cafeteria turned city centre is the set of this year's musical extravaganza. Congratulations to cast, crew and the incredible arts department team for their accomplishments. We admire the tenacity, teamwork and vision that allows for astounding performances on an ongoing basis. **You're number one in our town!**

Congratulations to all of our fall sports teams for representing Holy Cross on the court and the field. We are proud of all of your accomplishments. In particular, what will stand out for me includes the **Golf Team's OFSAA silver medal** performance, the **Junior Boys' Football Team's KASSAA crown**, the highly successful **Friday Night Lights Catholic Cup** (and Holy Cross **DID** win the bet!), and **Stephanie Hulse's** formidable determination in her **fourth place finish at OFSAA Cross-Country**. We are also proud of civic efforts such as the one displayed by **Kelsey Carlin-Adam** who received commendation for her actions at work recently during a particularly trying period. **Kelsey**, your actions proclaim to the world that you have embraced our Catholic Graduate Expectation to be a responsible citizen who acts morally and legally as a person formed in Catholic traditions.

Paul A. Walsh

### PASTORAL NEWS

Christmas decorations are quickly going up and the First Advent Candle will soon be lit as we begin another Advent Season. Here at Holy Cross, students and staff will have an opportunity to celebrate **Reconciliation on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** and to gather as a community for our **Advent School Mass on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. We encourage everyone to take time to listen to God's voice in these days leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Congratulations to members of **Student Council** and **C.I.C.S.** who were part of this year's **Street Retreat in Toronto from November 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>**. The students worked with the homeless on the streets of Toronto for a couple of days and volunteered at **St. Francis Table**, a restaurant established by the Franciscans in West Toronto to help feed the poor in that area. All agreed this was an eye-opening experience of what it is like to be homeless and poor on the streets of our largest city. As one student stated: "It was very touching helping those in need. It was also a great experience to learn about those who are less fortunate." Members of CICS will also be participating in a **Development & Peace Student Leadership Retreat on Thurs-**

### DECEMBER EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS

- Saturday, December 01...Drama Club Production *Urinetown* at 7 pm
- World AIDS Day
- Holy Cross Jr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament
- Sunday, December 02 ..... First Sunday of Advent
- Monday, Dec. 03 to Thursday Dec. 19..... CICS Advent Food Drive
- Monday, Dec. 03 to Thurs., Dec. 06..... Improv Try-outs in Rm. 246, 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 05..... Bridges Over 18 Trip to Peter Pan, Toronto
- Thursday, Dec. 06..... Ntl. Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women
- Thursday, Dec. 06..... Grade Level Reconciliation-Library All Day
- Thursday, Dec. 06..... Crusader Bands at Mother Teresa
- Friday, Dec. 07..... ALCDSB Student Senate Meeting, 12 – 3 p.m.
- Registration Deadline for On-Line to Success Course
- Saturday, December 08 ..... Feast of Immaculate Conception
- Week of December 10 ..... Human Rights Week
- Monday, December 10 ..... International Human Rights Day
- Mon. & Tues. Dec. 10 & 11 ..... International Days
- Tues. Dec. 11 ... Bridges to Community Craft Sale 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12..... HC and RND Bridges Programs' Christmas Party, 12 – 2 p.m.
- Ryerson, Radio & Television, Much Music Trip
- Thursday, December 13..... Development and Peace Workshop
- Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 13 & 14..... Crusader Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
- Friday, Dec. 14 ..... Recommended Date for completion of University and College applications
- Fri, Dec. 14 and Sat., Dec. 15 . Sr. Boys' Basketball Tournament at HC
- Tues. & Wed., Dec. 18 & 19..... Crusader Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
- Thursday, December 20 ..... Advent Community Liturgy
- Christmas Concert at 7:00 in the gymnasium
- Friday, December 21 ..... (Tentative) Non-uniform day
- Friday, December 21 ..... Last Instructional day for 2007
- Sunday, December 24 ..... Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 25 ..... Christmas Day

**day, December 13<sup>th</sup>** in Napanee. Each school in our Board will be sending Student Leaders to this day. See **Mr. Forster** if you would like to be involved.

And this year's **Advent Food Drive** will take on a more personal note this year, as each of our Home form classes will be collecting food for a particular local family through the **Salvation Army's Christmas Basket Campaign**. And, thanks to the Student Council's **Canadian Tire Money Collection**, we will be adding toys to each of the Baskets before delivering them on **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** to those families with children that we are helping with a Christmas Hamper.

Let us continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, especially family members and friends. May they, and all those who are ill at this time, find healing and strength in our God who reveals Himself to us in so many ways during this holy season. And, finally I pray that God may bless each member of our Holy Cross community with a **Holy and Blessed Advent Season**.

Christopher Forster

### CANADIAN COUNCIL ON LEARNING SURVEY

An exciting and important project is currently underway throughout the province. A team from the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) is evaluating some of the initiatives put in place by the Ministry of Education that are aimed at fostering success among all secondary school students. Your son/daughter's views are critical given that these initiatives affect students directly. This project will help us gain a better understanding of the impact of these initiatives on student outcomes, and the findings will be used by the Ministry to inform future development of these and other initiatives.

Your son/daughter has the opportunity, until **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007**, to voice opinions about their experience in secondary school by answering an online survey that will take approximately 15-20 minutes of his or her time to complete. It is important to note that this survey is completely voluntary and your son/daughter's participation will not affect his or her school grades. The survey is anonymous and confidential.

Students and their parents are strongly encouraged to consider this request. Please provide the following information to your son or daughter so that they may participate:

The web address for the student survey is: <http://studentsuccess.ccl-cca.ca>

The user ID for students is: 07015S

The password for students is: QY5K

### ECO-CORNER

The **Eco Team** met in November to discuss our next steps towards the certification of HCSS as an **EcoSchool** and to set some new initiatives into motion. **Our custodians** conducted a **Waste Management audit** and determined that as a school we generate at least 75 full bags of garbage each week, which is approximately 3000 bags per year! **Grade 12 leaders** introduced the **Waste Watchers Program**, where they are encouraging people in the hall to put their waste in the appropriate recycling bins and garbage, to help reduce the garbage and clean up the school. An **Energy Use audit** is being conducted by **Mr. Scarpazza's class**.

**ECO TIP #2:** Would you leave a 60W light bulb on in an unused room all night? When a computer is in sleep mode, it uses more energy than that light! **Turn off your computer** at night, or when not in use, by pressing the power button or shutting down the power bar.

### DOWNTOWN KINGSTON SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Congratulations to the 50 hearty Crusaders who joined the Holy Cross float in the parade! The float was a broad-based, integrated project. Thank you to **Holy Cross Students' Council**, the **Holy Cross Students' Technology Council**, **Mr. Corrigan's Construction class**, **Mrs. Check-Drumm's Vocal class**, **Mr. Esford**, **Mr. Kallevig** and **Justin Emmerton** for being the Crusader Mascot. The float was designed and built by 25 members of the HC Students' Technology Council. The students were busy designing and building a float with the theme of "**Winter Wonderland**". The float, and its participants, received many accolades from the thousands of Kingstonians lining Princess Street on **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. We are proud to say that the Holy Cross collective once again won "best in parade" in the school category.

### ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

All students select one of four possible career paths after leaving high school – Apprenticeship, College, University, or the World of Work. While opportunities exist for students in all pathways, the Ontario government is working hard to increase the number of skilled trade people in the province. As a result, the **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)** was introduced at the high school level to provide information and career opportunities in the apprenticeship pathway. This popular choice allows senior high school students to "Jump Start" their careers by pursuing a career in any of the 140 apprenticeable trade areas. It should be noted that careers in skilled trades and technologies areas are in demand and they offer good wages and rewarding work.

#### Updates:

OYAP student enrollment within the Board has continued to increase over the past three years. In review:

- 250 students enrolled in cooperative education placements in skilled trade areas in 2006-07
- 22 ALCDSB students were registered as apprentices in the province last year (while still enrolled in grade 12). - It is anticipated this number will increase significantly this year as there has already been seven students registered as apprentices in the month of September
- High school students throughout the Board are presently enrolled in 6 different Level One (Theory) College Apprenticeship programs for 2007-08. These include Automotive, Cook, and Early Childhood Education programs at Loyalist College; Carpentry, Construction Craft Worker, and Hairstylist programs at St. Lawrence College; and a Construction Craft Worker program at the Life Long Learning Centre in Cobourg
- The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities are providing significant support for students in high school to investigate these opportunities.

#### Who Should Consider OYAP? - Students who:

- Are at least 16 years of age and have completed 16 credits
- Are either in Grade 11 or 12 and have an interest in a career in a skilled trade

Information about OYAP may be obtained from the guidance department or cooperative education teacher in any of the Board's high schools. (web information at [www.oyap.com](http://www.oyap.com))

Additional support or information is available from **Jim Johnston** or **Paul Denison**, **OYAP Coordinators** with the Board. **Jim** may be reached at **(613) 532-3985**; **Paul** may be reached at **(613) 849 – 8550**.

### BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY CRAFT SALE

Please join us for the Holy Cross "Bridges to Community" craft sale. Students have been working diligently to prepare craft items for this sale which will take place on **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** in the **Holy Cross foyer** from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

## COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TORONTO FIELD TRIP

On **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, **Holy Cross Communications Technology** students will be traveling to Toronto to explore potential post-secondary school studies and film & television career opportunities. Students will tour **Ryerson University's** campus and the facilities of the Radio and Television Arts program. Students will then be members of the live studio audience during **Much Music's Much On Demand** show from 5 to 6 p.m. on cable channel 26. Students will then travel to the **CBC Broadcast Centre** to view the video recording of an episode of the **Royal Canadian Air Farce** which will air on that Friday.

## POINSETTIA SALE

Thank you to all members of the ALCDSB community who supported the Holy Cross "**Bridges to Community**" poinsettia fundraising sale. Your valuable support is greatly appreciated.

## TUCK SHOP

Come and check out our new Crusader items just in time for Christmas shopping. Parents/families wanting to make "secret" purchases should contact **Bridges to Community Staff** at **613-384-1919 extension 2258**.

## INFORMATION FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION

Parents of students on an IEP, who have not yet returned a signed consultation form, which was mailed to them with the draft IEP in October, should do so as soon as possible.

Are you going to university or college? Do you have a **learning disability**? **Queen's University** and **Trent University**, in collaboration with our school board and two neighbouring school boards, are offering a program called **On-Line to Success**, which will teach you more about your own learning disability, self-advocacy skills, adaptive technology, and learning strategies for college and university. This course, an integral transition component for students with learning disabilities, is available to students planning on attending any university, college or apprenticeship program in Ontario next year. Interested students and parents should contact **Marie Gavan-Knox** at **613 384-1919, ext. 3426** or **gavankno@alcdsb.on.ca**. The deadline for registration is **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Students with Special Education identifications / IEPs who are planning to attend a post-secondary institution should also be in contact with Guidance Counsellor **Gloria Vella-Bowry** well in advance of the recommended deadline of **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

As December approaches, we enter the season of giving. This year to support the season of giving we have decided to try a new idea out, and make our school's contributions more personal. This year it is our goal for all of our homeroom classes to take care of a family. This fundraiser is a combination of two ideas. There is the **Canadian Tire money drive**, in which students are asked to bring in Canadian Tire money which will then be used to purchase toys. Then there is our **annual food drive**. This year there will be lists given to each homeroom class consisting of foods used for a Christmas dinner. If each homeroom class can bring in all the items on the list and collect a couple dollars each, we can make so many families happy this Christmas. We will be collecting Canadian tire money until **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** and food up until the last few days before holidays.

Within the school, **candygrams** will be sold starting the first week of December and are great to give to any friends, sweethearts (hopefully only one), or as a thank you. **SPC cards** will also be sold during December. These are **student price cards**, and will definitely help any student save huge on Christmas shopping. In the last week before holidays, various activities will be going on in the cafe, including wrapping contests, and

Christmas movie showings. Come out to the cafe that week and get ready for Christmas.

We would like to announce that this year at the Santa Claus parade Holy Cross took the prize for best float and parade gathering. Student Council would like to thank the entire tech team that worked on the float and everyone who came out to march. Finally it is important to remember that although Christmas can become all about giving presents, and getting presents, it is really our celebration of the birth of our Jesus. If we can all remember the example he brought into this world, the entire year may become just as joyous as Christmas.

**Merry Christmas to all our students,**  
Chris Ho on behalf of Students' Council.

## BRIDGES UNDER 18 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The "Bridges" students have been busy baking and preparing Christmas treats! Come out early and choose from a wide variety of goodies. Our sale will take place on **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** in the **Holy Cross foyer** from **11:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.**

## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Senior students are reminded to pick up their PINs from Student Services if they are planning to apply to the **Ontario University Application Center (OUAC)**. Students applying to the **Ontario College Application Service (OCAS)** do not need a PIN, but do require their Ontario Education Number (OEN). This number can be found on their report card. It is recommended that students apply by **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Grade 12 students who are taking an independent study course at the **Limestone School of Community Education** need to keep in mind due dates for mark submission to OUAC and OCAS. First semester marks need to be received by **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Please let your guidance counsellor know if you are taking a correspondence course so that the data may be entered onto your OUAC or OCAS application.

## House of Commons Page Program

House of Commons Pages are selected from high schools across Canada. They serve the House of Commons while beginning their studies at a university in the National Capital. They play a key role in the communications network on Parliament Hill. Pages are contracted to work at the House of Commons for one year beginning in late **August 2008**. They will work a minimum of 15 hours a week and their work schedule is coordinated with their university schedule. Candidates must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, beginning full-time university studies in September 2008 at **Carleton** or **Ottawa University**, have an overall average of at least 80% and have a superior knowledge of both official languages. The deadline for application is **Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**. See Mrs. Cantarutti for an application.

## TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Almost 300 Grade Nine students from Holy Cross C.S.S. participated in **Take Our Kids to Work Day** with a parent, relative or family friend on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Students found themselves in a variety of workplace situations including offices, penitentiaries, and retail businesses. Many students were treated to tours, career presentations and free lunches. Some felt that the contact might prove useful to them later when seeking part-time employment, and many concluded that the day served as a valuable form of career exploration. One Grade 9 student commenting on her mother's career choice, said, "Now I know what I *don't* want to be!"

## HONOUR ROLL CELEBRATION

Holy Cross held their annual **Honour Roll Celebration** on **Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. The guest speaker was **Matt Hulse**.

### 2006 – 2007 Grade 9 Honour Roll Students

Rachel Arnold, Jason Arsenault, Rebecca AuCoin, Andrew Baldwin, Jamie Beauchamp, Pierre Bedrossian, Jenna Bergeron, Emma Blackman, Chantel Bolarinho, Jeffrey Borges, Myranda Branco, Brianna Brooks, Shelley Cao, Kaci Carter, Madeline Corsi-Johnson, Andrew Dantes, Jeffrey Davies, Christopher Desforges-Petrie, Joshua Dorey, Kyle Dunphy, Kevin Feeley, Andrina Fellger, Sarah Ferguson, Christine Ferris, Adam Finn, Corey Flude, Taylor Fox, Aaron Gazendam, Michael Gencarelli, Samantha Gike, Christopher Grady, Jennifer Griffin, Mary Anne Guanzon, Mary Hanley, Lucas Hargrave, Erin Hayes, Brock Higgs, Jessie-Anne Howard, Matthew Jalink, Amy Jordison, Marion Kellar, Alexander Kemp, Jamie Kenny, Kyle Kinsella, Melissa Ley, Virginia Lott, David Loyst, Emily MacKay, Adam Mahoney, Alexandra Makula, Amanda Manion, Brandon Maracle, Hannah Mark, Adrian Marshall, Tyler Martins, Katie Maschi, Jessica Masterson, Manju Mathew, Jerai Mau, Bradley McMurray, Fiona Mills, Hugo Moreira, Luke Morrison, Maria Murphy, Brooklyn Murphy, Dillon Murphy, James Murphy, Graham Mushet, Olivia O'Hearn, Brian Parfett, Howard Park, Erica Pascoal, Calvin Perault, Laura Petrunka, Tashya Popis, Taylor Rogalsky, Adam Royce, Matthew Running, Peter Santilippo, Joan Savelberg, Jessica Shannon, Graham Sigurdson, Leandra Silver, Douglas Smiley, Logan Speer, Jordan Spencer, Matthew Stevenson, Christina Stewart, Nicholas Sullivan, Grace Sylvester, Laurissa Tassielli, Jessie Treneer, Tessa Turkeli, Ashley Upton, Erik Veenendaal, Nicholas Vidotto, Ali Visintin, Caolan Weima Majury, Deborah Williams.

**Award winner for best overall average: Manju Mathew**

### 2006 – 2007 Grade 10 Honour Roll Students

Christina Adams, Amanda Ainslie, Lucas Azeredo Lobo, Jessica Bannon, Reid Benjamin, Joshua Blackstock, Laura Brown, Rebecca Buchanan, Colleen Buriuk, Drew Campbell, Brandin Chiu, Kathleen Complak, Stephanie Conners, Sarah Costa, Rachel Craig, Andrew Cunningham, Jenna Desjardins, Matthew DeSousa, Scott Donovan, Brock Evans, Gregory Faulkner, Jessica Findlay, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Cathaleen Flynn, Laura Fox, George Fraser, Billy Gilpin, Lys'Anne Grenier, Melissa Greyling, Jacob Harpell, David Heroux, Michelle Hogan, Stephanie Hulse, Matthew Hulton, Laura Jaques, Kelly Keates, Yoonhee Kim, Jennifer King, Shari Lynn King, Kasia Knap, Soomin Ku, Eric Lattimore, Joanna Leake, Cody Lee, Elizabeth Lightbody, Andreea Lizano, Brittany Lollar, Jena Mackie, Jessica Mallen, Emily Marshall, Stephen Marshall, Neil Martin, Jordan Mayer, John McCombs, Robert McDermott, Christopher McKinnon, Madisson Miller, Rachel Miller, Cassy Mooney, Amanda Mullin, Brett Murphy, Shelby Murphy, Jessi Murphy-Wood, John Murray-Ashie, Chris Neilson, Van Anh Nguyen, Matthew Oliveira, Michael Palma, Nikolaus Pankow, Mathew Parfett, Rileigh Perin, Danielle Perry, Megan Peterson, Bradley Phillip, Jessica Pickett, Abigail Poitras, Karin Pryal, Elaina Raponi, Gregory Rochefort, Ashley Rosa, Katrina Schiller, Addie Seguin, Riley Shkimba, Jasmine Silver, Katelyn Siu, Graham Slaughter, Andre Kylie Sousa, Kayla Springer, Jonathan Sullivan, Katharine Tessier, Michael Teves, Courtney Tobin, Kylie Valentino, Marissa Valentino, Deidre van Herpt, Kate Wagar, Jacqueline Wall, Evan Wallace, Dylan West-Sadler, Aaron White, Sara Wilson, Monica Zolnierczyk.

**Award winner for best overall average: Laura Fox**

### 2006 – 2007 Grade 11 Honour Roll Students

Sacha Blackman, Joshua Blair, Collin Bouchard, Elizabeth Bourassa, Daniel Cachaco, Megan Cahill, Kelsey Carlin-Adam, Lauren Carter, Griffin Chambers, Kaitlin Chandrarajan, Ryan Chapman, Charlotte Corsi-Johnson, Mackenzie Costron, Michael Cox, Meghan Daoust, Danielle Davies, Mikaila De Sousa, Aiden Dorosz, Tom Doyle, Aly Edwards, Clare Forster, John Forster, Brittney Garrison, Layney Gauthier, Sarah Gauthier, Robert Gencarelli, Ramey Ghabros, Jessie Gower, Joseph Graham, Daniel Grant, Alessa Greenwood-DaSilva, Kyle Griese, David Halligan, Robert Hayes, Jessica Higgs, Christopher Ho, Katelynn Hodges, Emily Holmes, Nick Kelly, Jeffrey Keyes, Allison King, Allie Klenke, Sherrie Labrie, Gabby LaFortune, Josh Leavitt, Dean Lewis, Julie MacGarvey, Morgan MacKay, Caity Mahoney, Emily Mahoney, Samantha Marino, Olivia Marquez, Christopher Matias, Ashley Mayhew, Ryan McCaugherty, James McLean, Scott McLean, Mandie Moncrieffe, Janita Murphy, Lorne Murphy, Nathan Neeteson, Benjamin Palmer, Daniel Pearson, Brock Poirier, Josh Prinsen, Jordan Reed, Alex Reid, Brianna Roberts, Katie Roberts, Kaitlyn Running, Steph Samms, Brenda Sapitula, Jessica Scriver, Charline St. George, Emilie Stelpstra, Robert Taylor, Katrina Thompson, Holly Touseignant, Christopher Vermeersch, Danica Vidotto, Christa Walsh, Eighren Weima Majury, Nichole Wiemann, Haydi Wong, Darren Xiao, Sophie Yi, Asia Zolnierczyk.

**Award winner for best overall average: Robert Gencarelli**

## EQAO GRADE NINE ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

In **January 2008**, Holy Cross students who are currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Applied or Academic course will join others in a provincewide standardized **Grade Nine Math Test**. This mandatory assessment will involve multiple choice questions, short answer and extended responses. This test, which is one component of the Secondary School Reform initiative, will be administered over two of the students' regular mathematics classes, **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Additional information can be obtained from teachers in the Mathematics Department.

## CRUSADER ATHLETICS

The Winter Season has begun. Up to date information on schedules can be found on the KASSAA website <http://www.kassaa.ca/>. Additional sporting information can be found on our athletics web page - <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/~hcssa/>.

Special sporting events upcoming at Holy Cross include: The **Holy Cross Sr. Boys' Basketball Tournament - December 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Archbishop Spence's Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament - January 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>**. Basketball's annual cancer fundraiser will take place in early February.

## LITERACY FOCUS

**Proficient Readers and Writers . . . draw inferences.**

**Readers . . .**

Draw conclusions about their reading by connecting the text with their background knowledge; synthesize new ideas and information; create unique understandings of the text they are reading; make predictions about the text, confirm or disconfirm those predictions based on textual information, and test their developing comprehension of the text as they read; extend their comprehension beyond literal understandings of the printed page.

**Writers . . .**

Compose text that allows, even encourages their readers to make accurate predictions and draw meaningful conclusions; make assumptions about their audiences' background knowledge that shape the ideas and/or information they include in their writing.



Come see the Drama club's presentation of *Urinetown*.

### NEXT MONTH

January 01..... World Day of Prayer, NEW YEAR'S DAY !  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Feast Day  
Monday, January 07 ..... First Instructional Day of the New Year  
Fri. & Sat., Jan. 11 & 12..... Archbishop Spence Invitational  
JV Basketball Tournament at Holy Cross  
Fri., Jan. 18 & Mon., Jan. 21 . EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment Days  
Wednesday, January 23 . Last Instructional Day for Semester One

