



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The chosen theme for Catholic Education Week 2009 is **Catholic Education: Good News for All**. In a world that is desperate for any form of good news, we in our school communities, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. And this Gospel, this Good News is for all peoples. It is the Good News that God has come among us, lives among us, and loves us faithfully.

In his address to educators in Washington during the papal visit to the United States, **Pope Benedict XVI** used these words from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (10:15): **How Beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news**. Here, Paul was echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah: **How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news. (Isaiah 52:7)** We who are engaged in the work of Catholic Education are among those who bring good news. And it is with our feet, our going out to meet people where they are, that we who are called become the 'beautiful' messengers of the Good News, Good News for All.

So when I think about our Good News of recent days, I think of the following, on behalf of the school community:

We celebrate with **Mrs. Jennie Melo-Jordan** and her family the birth of her new baby and we welcome **Mr. Dan Fitzgerald** to our staff in her absence.

We congratulate **Mr. John Esford** and his CommTech students who competed in the Kingston and Eastern Ontario Skills Canada competitions. Congratulations to **Eric Hurt** and **Sam Hume** who placed third in Eastern Ontario and will compete at the provincial skills competition (t.v. and video production) in early May, as well as to the HC students who swept the **St. Lawrence College** marketing and business competition. We also noted the predominant theme of ecological stewardship; the **Green Team** would undoubtedly be proud of this.

We thank the current year's **Students' Council Executive** for all of their efforts and enthusiasm on behalf of the school and their peers and look forward to the excitement that the candidates for next year's executive will bring to **Town Hall Assembly**. Good luck to each candidate: it takes courage and a commitment to our school to go through this process and we applaud you for it, win or lose.

We are proud of the efforts of our students who completed the Literacy Test, as well as our staff who rally every year to ensure that our students are confident, comfortable and conscientious test-writers, on this particularly high-stakes day.

We are so pleased with the results of all members of the HC bands who travelled to Washington on the last weekend of April. All the bands did well, winning with either Excellent or Superior scores: Best Rhythm Section; Best Soloist - **Cole Miller**; Best Jazz; Overall Highest Mark; Best Choral; Overall Highest Mark; Concert Band: Overall Highest Mark. Congratulations to these students and to their leaders, **Mr. David Orser**, **Mrs. Diane McCombs**, and **Ms. Stacy Check**. We also very much enjoyed the enthusiasm of the students and fans at the first-ever Holy Cross **Battle of the Bands**.

We look forward to the culmination of this year's achievements, academic and extracurricular, as staff and students focus on completing the year successfully and pause to celebrate all that has occurred.

We are glad that the Stock bus strike has ended and applaud the communal efforts made by many family and friends to ensure that most students were able to get to school and we pray for a speedy and satisfactory conclusion

to the current work stoppage by drivers of Access buses.

Paul A. Walsh

UPDATE FROM PASTORAL SERVICES

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is "**Catholic Education: Good News for All**" and a busload of our students and staff will travel to St. Michael the Archangel Church in Belleville on **Thursday, May 7th** for the Board-wide Mass with **Archbishop Brendan O'Brien**. Here at Holy Cross we will be celebrating our Catholic Education Week Masses on **Wednesday, May 6th**. May is also the month for the final retreats of the school year and on **Friday, May 22nd**, we are excited once again to have the National Evangelization Team from Ottawa lead a retreat for several of our Grade 9 Religion classes at Rideau Acres. And, we will be taking a busload of students to the **March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14th**. Students can sign up in

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

- May 1 Track and Field, Bay of Quinte Invitational Belleville
Students' Council Election Day
World Catholic Education Day
- May 1 & 2.....3rd Annual Coaching the Coaches Clinic
- May 3 - 8.....Catholic Education Week "Good News for All"
- May 5.....Grade Eight Orientation
- May 6..... Graduation Photos in Room 129 at lunch hour
School Liturgies at Holy Cross
St. Lawrence College Connections Program
Coffee House, 7 - 9 p.m.
- May 7....Board-wide Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Michael's in Belleville
Track and Field, National Capital T & F Classic, Ottawa
S.I.N. (Sir Isaac Newton) Physics Contest
- May 7 - 9.....Cheerleading Nationals, Hershey Centre, Mississauga
- May 8Fr. Stan Memorial Soccer Games @ RND
Kids Helping Kids Toonie Friday
- May 10.....Mother's Day
- May 11-15.....Queen's Enrichment Course Week
- May 13.....The Sound of Music trip
24th Partners in Mission Food Blitz Night
- May 13 & 14.....Track and Field, KASSAA, Kingston
- May 14.....March For Life, Ottawa (see Mr. Forster to sign up)
- May 15....4th Annual Greg Hulse Memorial Soccer Tournament at HC
- May 18.....Victoria Day Holiday
- May 20 & 21.....Track and Field, EOSSAA, Brockville
- May 21.....The Arts Genesis Awards Evening
- May 22.....Grade Nine Retreat with N.E.T. (Rideau Acres)
Trills & Thrills Music Festival, Toronto
HC Students' Council Dance
- May 25.....Yearbook Distribution in the Library (Tentative)
Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 27.....Athletic Banquet & Awards Night Dinner, 5:30pm
- May 28 & 29.....Track and Field, East Regionals, Brockville
Bridges to Community Program's Performances of *Snow White*
- May 29.....U.N. International Day of Peacekeepers
- May 31.....World No Tobacco Day

the Chaplaincy Office or call **Mr. Forster (ext. 3436)** to book a seat for this day-long excursion to be part of a large gathering of high school students from across the country.

Please remember the **PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BLITZ** which is fast approaching. This annual event in support of the local food bank will take place on **Wednesday, May 13th**. Volunteers are greatly needed to help canvass our assigned areas; any parents, students, or staff who would like to join the Holy Cross team, are asked to call **Chris Forster** in the **Pastoral Office (ext. 3436)** to sign up. May the joy and peace of Easter and Pentecost continue to fill all of our lives.

Christopher Forster

KIDS HELPING KIDS TOONIE FRIDAY (MAY 8th)

The entire school community is invited to join in supporting our **Catholic Education Foundation** on **Friday, May 8th, 2009** as part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations.

The **Catholic Education Foundation** has focused its efforts toward the alleviation of poverty in our region and will officially proclaim this new direction by inviting the entire school system to participate in a **"Kids Helping Kids"** dress up/dress down **Toonie Friday**. All proceeds collected from students and staff will go to the **Emergency Response Fund** of the Foundation established to respond to emergency requests by principals on behalf of students in need. This assistance includes the provision of eyeglasses, EpiPens, medical supplies, food and clothing, transportation and many other financial needs resulting from family crises.

Help make our **"Kids Helping Kids" Toonie Friday** a big success!

SPRING AT HOLY CROSS

The **optional** spring uniform may be worn beginning on **Tuesday, April 28th, 2009**. 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.** **Halpern's** is operating out of the **Tuck Shop**, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, should you still need to purchase the spring uniform.

Now that the nicer weather has returned, more students are leaving school property at the lunch hour. Students are reminded to **dispose of their garbage** in appropriate recycle or garbage containers at or around the school. We have experienced many phone calls from our neighbours lately about garbage on their property, particularly after our lunch time. We all need to act responsibly and respect the property of our school community at all times. Let's continue the good work of our **Eco-Team**.

Respect for others includes leaving communal and private property undamaged. Students are reminded that they are not to gather in groups and linger near the streets and yards of our community. Represent yourselves and our school with pride.

SPRING USED UNIFORM SALE

If any students or parents are looking for a previously owned spring uniform, please contact **Ms. Daniel** at **613 384-1919 ext 3406**. Green shirts are **\$8.00** and the shorts are **\$10.00**. These uniforms have been donated by students and parents in the school community; any proceeds from this sale will help students in need pay for school-related costs. Many thanks to Catholic School Council members **Lori O'Connor** and **Nancy Hayes**, for working hard behind the scenes to help our community. There will be a previously owned uniform sale opportunity in the summer. Read the June newsletter for further information.

BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

The Bridges to Community Life Skills Program is pleased to present their annual performance on **May 28th** and **May 29th** in the **Holy Cross Cafetorium** at **12:00 pm**. Come out and experience the world of **"Snow White"** as presented by our talented actors.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

This month's meeting of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council will be **Monday, May 25th** at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All members of the community are welcome to this meeting.

ECO-CORNER

In April our school community celebrated **Earth Week**. Using water bottles from the recycling bins, the **HC Green Team** constructed a giant water bottle. The sculpture was displayed in the foyer all week where students and staff could guess the number of bottles used in the creation. Congratulations to the winning student who received gift certificates for the movies. While visiting the sculpture, people were invited to sign a petition for the banning of the sale of disposable plastic bottles from municipal facilities. Thursday's winner in the **Waste Free Lunch Competition** was **Mrs. Coombs and the Bridges class**; they are now the proud owners of the **HC Keep it Green Trophy** and enjoyed free pizza lunch to celebrate their enthusiasm. Honorable mention goes to the period one classes of **Mr. Gervais, Mr. Garant, and Ms. Pelow**. Finally, on **Friday, April 24th**, **HC Students and Staff** cleaned up the school property and surrounding area as part of **Pitch-In Day**. Thanks to all who participated in our Earth Week Celebrations; events like these are important to our commitment to improving our environment.

In other news, while riding the wave of such a fantastic year of environmental awareness, the application for Eco-School certification was prepared and sent in. We are eagerly awaiting the decision, and hope to share good news with you in our next update.

Eco-tip: Just try it! Make a change, bring a reusable water bottle. Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth. Turn the lights off when you leave a room. Pick up garbage in the hallways or in your community. Small changes are not that hard, and when we all get involved, the difference is huge. You CAN make this Earth a greener place to be.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL NEWS

May at **Holy Cross** is looking to be a hectic, but exciting month. We are closing out April with **Earth week**, and one of the biggest events of the year; **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, April 29th**. Town Hall is the showcase, and platform on which the candidates for the **09/10 Students' Council** will make their case. The entire school will be gathered, and each of the 18 students running will deliver a speech, with an optional video presentation, to best convince the student body that they are right for the job. Although the task of running for Students' Council can be daunting, our 09/10 candidates have shown great passion, and a solid work ethic throughout their impressive poster campaigns. All of our candidates should be congratulated for their hard work, and their desire to become a more involved leader in the school.

Spring sports are now underway, and we encourage all Crusaders to please support the athletes who are playing not only for themselves but representing the school in a positive way. Also the intramural **"HC Semi Pro Basketball League"** is approaching playoffs and has gained quite a following among some of the hoop-crazy Crusaders. **Semi Pro** will be having an **"All Star Week"** in the month of May with games for all at lunch. Come out for a good time and try to win some of the snazzy prizes. Our last dance of the year is coming up on **Friday, May 22nd**. It will be a sports theme as tradition dictates, and it will be half price for the graduating students. Come out, decked out, in any type of sports attire, and have enough fun to last you the whole summer. **Monday, April 27th** was a P.A Day so all students got to enjoy their long weekend. Starting **Tuesday, April 28th**, we took part in **Spirit Week** here at Holy Cross. Finally, we would like to wish good luck to all Holy Cross students in all the challenges they face in the month of May.

Laura Brown

GRADE 9 ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

For those who are currently registered in Grade 9 Academic Mathematics courses, the **Grade 9 Assessment of Academic Mathematics** will be written on **Tuesday, June 9th** and **Wednesday, June 10th**. The **Applied Mathematics Assessment** will take place on **Tuesday, June 9th** and **Thursday, June 11th**. This assessment will take place during regularly scheduled classes.

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION AT HOLY CROSS

On the morning of **Tuesday, May 5th**, our future Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to visit Holy Cross. The **class of 2013** will be given school tours, classroom visits, and will participate in a question and answer session with current Crusaders.

CICS' CORNER

Congratulations to all for their contributions to this year's Share Lent Collection. Over \$4500 was raised for D&P and the Jamaica Band.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCE NEWS

There will be a **Parent and Adolescent Postsecondary Transition meeting** for those students with IEPs who are leaving Holy Cross. This meeting will focus on the topic "*Emotional Intelligence*" (DVD) and the completion of the Postsecondary Planning Portfolios. Join us on **Wednesday, May 27th** at **7:00 pm** in the library. For students and parents interested in learning more about **scholarships**, please visit **Learning Disability Association Canada's** website for a full description of the following four of LDAC's scholarships, criteria and application forms: www.ldac.ca and click scholarships. The application deadline is no later than **May 15th** for all four scholarships. **Transition Planning for Students with Asperger's** will take place on **Wednesday, May 20th, 2009** at **Algonquin College's Woodroffe Campus, Ottawa**. Deadline for registration is **April 30th, 2009**. For more information: rowsell@algonquincollege.com or www.algonquincollege.com/csd/dare.

GENESIS AWARDS

Join the students and teachers of the **Holy Cross Arts Department** on **Thursday, May 21st, 2009** at the **Genesis Awards** - a celebration of student achievement in **Dramatic Art, Guitar, Instrumental Music, Visual Art, Vocal Music, Audio- Video Production** and **Photography**. This year's event will feature the Student Gallery showing works from many of our students and portfolios of graduating artists.

The evening features awards presentations and will include special artistic highlights of the 2008-09 school year. Tickets are **\$5.00** and will be available at lunch during the week of the ceremony or at the door. The curtain rises at **7:00 p.m.** Please join us in celebrating the work of our many fine artists.

FESTIVALS OF MUSIC COMPETITION IN WASHINGTON

From the first stop at **the Canadian Embassy** on Pennsylvania Avenue, seeing the President's motorcade speed by on its way to the **Capitol** building, *Ragtime* at the **Kennedy Centre of the Performing Arts, Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Reflection Pool, Korean War Memorial, Viet Nam War Memorial, WWII Memorial, Smithsonian, Music Festival Competition, Colonial Williamsburg**, Sunday morning Mass with **Fr. La-Belle**, to **Busch Gardens**, . . . the trip was very exciting. The students were incredible not only for their performances on stage but also in the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the five and a half days. To pick up nine awards and to obtain excellent and superior ratings was very rewarding. The superior rating is very difficult to obtain. The leadership of the seniors has been very gratifying for the music teachers.

TRILLS AND THRILLS MUSIC COMPETITION AT CANADA'S WONDERLAND

On **Friday, May 22nd, 2009**, the **Grade Nine Band** will travel to **Toronto** to participate in the **Trills and Thrills Music Festival**. The student musicians will perform at **Agincourt High School** in the morning and then will spend the balance of the day at **Canada's Wonderland**.

Grade Twelve Vocal Concert

On **Wednesday, June 3rd, 2009**, the **Grade Twelve Vocal Class** will present their final gala concert. The performance will take place in the cafetorium and curtain time is **7:30 p.m.**. Tickets are only **\$5.00** at the door. Come out and enjoy an exciting evening of vocal performance.

Coffee House, Wednesday, May 6th

Students interested in participating in this year's **Coffee House** should sign up in **Room 134** or should speak with **Wayne Roberts**. We look forward to an evening of sharing music.

VISUAL ARTS / COMM TECH TRIP TO NYC

Forty Holy Cross Visual Arts and Communications Technology students traveled safely to **New York City** on **Thursday, April 23rd, 2009** for a five day visit to the "Big Apple". Students toured the **Empire State Building, Radio City Music Hall, The Metropolitan Museum, NBC TV Studios, Times Square, Little Italy, Harlem, Rockefeller Centre, F.A.O. Schwartz, Trump Tower, Museum of Modern Art, Central Park, Chinatown, Wall Street, Ground Zero**, attended Mass at **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, and enjoyed the Broadway production of *Mary Poppins* to name a few of the educational activities. The students were supervised by **Ms. Rae-Dalton, Mr. Esford, Ms. Teves, Ms. Dowsley, and Ms. Johnston**. The students had a fantastic time viewing masterpieces of art, experiencing media productions, and seeing the world.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Grade 8 Orientation at Holy Cross

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University and College

University and college bound students are encouraged to check their **OUAC** and **OCAS accounts** to verify all transcript data. Mid term marks have been sent to both application centres.

OYAP Program

Information on Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs (Level 1 Apprenticeship) is available in Student Services. Programs include: Automotive Services Technician, Carpenter, Cook/Chef, Construction Craft Work, Early Childhood Education, Bricklayer and Hairstylist. Please see your guidance counsellor.

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

Spring and Summer bring many opportunities to volunteer within the community! For more information on these and other **volunteer** and **employment** opportunities, please visit www.hctoday.ca under "Student Services".

Summer Opportunities

DEEP Summer Academy

The University of Toronto Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering provides highly motivated high school students with the opportunity for advanced study in a variety of engineering, technology, business and science disciplines. Weeklong courses fall within different themes ranging from Medical Engineering, Environmental Engineering and mini-MBA. Go to www.deepsummeracademy.com for registration forms.

Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Law Youth Summer Programs

The University of Toronto Faculties of Medicine and Law offer to high school students the opportunity to have a university experience during a unique summer program. Go to www.ysp.utoronto.ca for registration information.

Katimavik

Graduating students not ready for college or university, who are adventurous and ready to live in different areas of Canada, and who are interested in volunteering in community development initiatives may be interested in what Katimavik has to offer. Katimavik provides participants with a structured learning program that focuses on civic engagement, leadership, healthy lifestyle, cultural discovery, and environmental stewardship. Go to Katimavik.org/gap to learn more about their programs.

Timetables

The timeline for next year's timetable distribution is the last week in May.

St. Lawrence College Connections Program

On **Wednesday, May 6th**, a group of grade 10 and 11 Holy Cross students will be exploring careers in an interactive Connections program at **St. Lawrence College**. The program will provide an exciting opportunity to investigate first-hand such careers as hairstyling/aesthetics, carpentry, police foundations, law and security, and early childhood education.

Connect and Win

On **Thursday, April 30th**, a group of grade 12 students will be attending a Careers Fair at **St. Lawrence College**. On this day, students will have the opportunity to meet with potential employers, hear about hundreds of job opportunities, tour the college and check out the programs available to them.

QUEEN'S MINI-ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Holy Cross students will be participating in **E=MC2**, a mini-enrichment program at **Queen's University** from **May 11 - 15th**. The program provides students in grades 9-12 the unique opportunity to go to Queen's and study a subject of their choosing at an advanced level for the week. There are several subjects offered, covering aquatic ecology, robotics, sport psychology, dance choreography and anything in between!

OSAP

A financial representative will discuss OSAP applications on **Tuesday, May 19th** at **11:10 a.m.** in the Lecture Theatre. Graduating students and their parents are encouraged to attend.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2009

This year's graduation ceremony will be held on **Thursday, June 25th** beginning at **7 p.m.** at the school. A **Graduation Mass** will be celebrated by **Father René Labelle** at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** on **Taylor-Kidd Blvd** at **12:00 p.m.** for the graduates, their families and friends and staff. All teachers are asked to please mark this date on their calendar.

GRADUATION PORTRAITS

There will be one final opportunity to have your grad portrait taken on **Wednesday, May 6th** in room 129 during the lunch hour. Please see Mr. Prior or Julianna Harbec to make an appointment.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

A number of projected graduates have not completed Community Involvement Hours. Documentation is to be submitted by **Friday, May 22nd**. So get to it!

Following is a list of students who, at this point, are **potential** graduates and eligible to take part in the **June 2009** graduation ceremony. The completion of thirty (30) credits (including compulsories) forty (40) hours of Community involvement and the successful completion of the literacy test, are the key components of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours (40) are to be completed and submitted to Student Services by **Friday, May 22nd, 2009**. It is **the student's responsibility** to ensure that **all** requirements (including night school courses and on-line courses) have been completed or will be completed. The final marks for on-line and night school courses must be submitted to Student Services by **Monday, June 15th, 2009**. Please contact your counsellor if you have any concerns.

Christina Adams, Amanda Ainslie, Philip Arnold, Lucas Azeredo Lobo, Jessica Bannon, Alex Barr, Kyle Benford, Reid Benjamin, Alysha Benn, Robert Bernardino, Kyle Bevins, Jordon Bilow, Roger Black, Joshua Blackstock, Jacob Blair, Jessica Boczek, Damon Bonvie, Daniel Borges, Brandy Bourdage, Jessie Bowes, Eric Branco, Andrew Breeze, Laura Brown, Jessica Buchanan, Rebecca Buchanan, Colleen Burluk, Logan Bush, Chantelle Cadeau, Craig Campbell, Drew Campbell, Martin Cen, Mackenzie Chamberlain, Candice Chan, Kevin Chandrarajan, Chontichar Chevamongkol, Brandin Chiu, Luke Choiniere, Joshua Clow, Ryan Coens, Courtney Collins, Kathleen Complak, Stephanie Connors, Elisha Conway, Stuart Conway, Rachel Corcoran, Cassandra Comelius, Timothy Correia-Fonseca, Sarah Costa, Rachel Craig, Andrew Cunningham, Devin Day, Patrick deHaan, Jenna DeKoster, Shelby DeLonghi, Bradley Deodato, Connor Desgagnes, Jenna Desjardins, Matthew DeSousa, Michael Deveau, Rachelle Domanski, Scott Donovan, Demetre Doulas, Marisol Espinoza, Brock Evans, Emily Evans, Jay Fabbro, Sonja Farrell, Gregory Faulkner, Catherine Filteau, Jessica Findlay, Danielle Fitt, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Jessica Flegg, Cathaleen Flynn, Laura Fox, Matthew Francis, George Fraser, Jessica Freitas, Lee Ann Fridgen, Lisa Marie Fridgen, Shane Gencarelli, Joshua Geniole, Stefie Georgiou, Anna Gervais, William Gilpin, Kayla Gouveia, Jessica Graham, Tyler Grant, Kaileigh Greenwood, Natasha Greenwood-DaSilva, Melissa Greyling, Justin Grosman, Kiefer Guzman, Taeyeon Hahn, Spencer Hambly, Julianna Harbec, Jacob Harpell, Alex Hart, Joseph Harvey, Ryan Hayes, Jonathan Heffernan, Krissie Heikamp, David Héroux, Tyler Hodgson, Michelle Hogan, Thomas Holland, Jeffrey Howes, Tanner Hudson, Simone Huffman, Stephanie Hulse, Matthew Hulton, Bradley Immersee, Laura Jaques, Gabriel Jones, Kelly Keates, Brendan Kelly, Steven Kenny, Murray Kerr, Logan Kidson, Alex Kim, Yoonhee Kim, Jennifer King, Shari King, Andrew Klenke, Kasia Knap, Sheralee Knight, Soomin Ku, Allan Kwon, Amanda Lacharité, Daniel La Duca, Kaitlyn Landon, Eric Latimore, Bryan Layne, Joanna Leake, Apple Lee, Cody Lee, Jae Pil Lee, Jeffrey Lee, Will Lefort, Nathan Levac, Elizabeth Lightbody, Andreea Lizano, Brittany Lollar, Daniel Lowcay, Amanda Mabie, Justin MacDonald, Lewis MacDonald, Jena Mackie, Jessica Mallen, Kirsten Malloy, John Manion, Joe Marquis, Emily Marshall, Stephen Marshall, Neil Martin, Jordan Maschi, Jordan Mayer, Brandon McCance, John McCombs, Robert McDermott, Kylee McGee, Andrew McIntosh, Christopher McKinnon, Laura McMurray, Justin McQuaid, Amanda Meekel, Samantha Metauro, Ben Millan, Heather Miller, Madison Miller, Melissa Miller, Rachel Miller, Bradley Monk, Marah Monk, Cassidy Mooney, Lisa Moorhead, Brittany Moran, Amanda Mullin, Robert Munroe, Brett Murphy, Shelby Murphy, Jessi Murphy-Wood, John Murray-Ashie, Krista Naylor, Chris Neilson, Van Anh Nguyen, Austen Nizman, Sarah O'Brien, Alexandra O'Hearn, Andrew Oliveira, Matthew Oliveira, Caylee Ortiz, Holly Ottenhof, Michael Palma, Colin Palmer, Nikolaus Pankow, Mathew Parfett, Rileigh Perin, Danielle Perry, Erin Perry, Megan Peterson, Bradley Philip, Jessica Pickett, Daphne Plourde, Matthew Pogue, Stefan Poirier, Abigail Poitras, Matthew Pollard, Karin Pryal, Elaina Raponi, Andrew Reade, Wayne Roberts, Amanda Robson, Gregory Rochefort, Brittany Roddy, Devin Rodger, Thomas Rogers, Ashley Rosa, Kelly Ross, Trevor Rutherford, Colin Saccary, Tyler St. Cyr, Ryan Schenk, Katrina Schiller, Addie Seguin, Heather Shea, Christopher Sheridan, Riley Shkimba, Kyle Silva, Nikki Silva, Jasmine Silver, Katelyn Siu, Graham Slaughter, Brent Sly, James Smart, Andre Sousa, Brandon Spencer, Kayla Springer, Simon Stephenson, Michelle Stinchcombe, Jacob Storey, Ryan Storrar, Conor Stuart, Jonathan Sullivan, Aaron Sylvester, Jordan Szolopiak, Jazmine Teeple, Katharine Tessier, Michael Teves, Kristofer Tolgyesi, Seth Tracey, Meagan Turgeon, Kylie Valentino, Marissa Valentino, Deidre van Herpt, Samantha Veley, Joshua Vickers, Sarah Villemaire, Katie Visser, Kate Wagar, Jessica Walker, Jacqueline Wall, Evan Wallace, Daniel Walsh, Dylan West-Sadler, Dylan Whitaker, Aaron White, Sara White, Michael Witters, Alysha Wormes, Peter Yagminas, Kuba Zawadzki, Silvery Zhang, Monica Zolnierczyk.

RETURNING GRADE TWELVES

Any students who are interested in returning for a fifth year, or portion thereof, of high school must first meet with **Mr. Walsh**. Please schedule an appointment. Currently, there are 87 Grade Twelve students who have registered to return next year; after **Monday, May 4th**, an interview will be necessary to re-enrol.

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Summer school will operate at **Bayridge Secondary School** this summer beginning on **July 6th** and concludes on **July 31st**. Summer school is operated by the two Boards of Education in the Kingston Area: Limestone and our own Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Further information regarding Summer school is available in Student Services. **Students may select to take courses to improve on a mark already achieved or enrol in a new credit course.**

SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

We are very pleased with the responsible way in which students are dealing with textbooks. As we have requested, students are bringing in books needing repair. Prevention like this avoids students having to pay charges for repair or replacement at the end of term. It is the student's responsibility to personally return the textbooks they were **issued** to the **Textbook Room** to ensure that their account is cleared. **Do not** leave textbooks in the classroom or exam room. **Holy Cross textbooks are due back no later than the day of the individual student's last exam.**

ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

The **2008-2009 Athletic Banquet and Awards Presentation** will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, May 27th**. Tickets are **\$5.00 for students** and **\$10.00 for adults**. They go on sale **May 20th** in the main lobby. The banquet begins at **5:30**, followed by the guest speaker at **6:15**. Awards presentations begin at **6:30**. Teachers have been given nomination forms; parents and students are also welcome to submit nominations for deserving athletes. A link to the form is available on our website and nominations may be submitted electronically to huntert@alcdsb.on.ca. Students are to dress in casual business style which may include shirts and ties for the gentlemen, and dresses for the women. No jeans please.

JUNE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS AND EXAMINATION PERIOD

The last day of classes for all students this year is **Friday, June 12th**. **Final summative assessments** will take place from **Monday, June 15th** to **Friday, June 19th** for students in all grades. A more specific calendar will be available mid-May. Morning examinations begin at **8:30 a.m.** while afternoon examinations start at **12:00 p.m.**

HOLY CROSS CHEERLEADING

The Crusader Cheerleading team will be competing for first place at this year's Canadian National Championships to be held at the **Hershey Centre in Mississauga** on **May 8th** and **9th**. **CRU-SAD-ERS Crusaders are the BEST!**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Mother's Day is a time for warm thoughts and fond memories, for expressing the feelings and words that often go unspoken, for letting those special people in our lives know that they are loved and appreciated. This spring, Mother's Day is celebrated on **Sunday, May 10th**. May God bless all mothers with the peace and happiness they so richly deserve.

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

June 1.....	2009-2010 Student Timetables distributed
June 3.....	Grade Twelve Vocal Music Concert
June 4.....	Last School Mass of the 2008-2009 Year
June 4, 5 & 6.....	Track and Field, OFSAA
June 12.....	Final Instructional day for all students
June 15 – 19.....	Final Summative Assessments
June 9 & 10.....	EQAO Grade 9 Academic Math Assessment
June 9 & 11.....	EQAO Grade 9 Applied Math Assessment
June 24.....	Examination and Report Card Pick Up (am)
June 25.....	Grad Mass (12 noon) and Ceremony (7 p.m.)
June 26.....	PA Day # 4
July 1.....	Canada Day
July 6-31.....	Summer School at Bayridge Secondary School

