

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

On behalf of the school's teaching staff, support staff and administrative team, I welcome all students, parents and guardians to the 2011 – 2012 school year at **Holy Cross**. As the year begins, I extend my best wishes for a successful school year to all members of the **Holy Cross** community. We began our school year on **Tuesday, September 6th, 2011** with approximately 1265 students. Our staffing for the school now appears to be nearing completion and we welcome at this time the newest staff members: **Mrs. Alison Coulter** in the English department, **Mr. Sean Purcell** teaching history, English and religion, **Mr. Joseph Richardson** in phys ed and science, and **Mrs. Susan Leblanc**, as an educational assistant in the Bridges Program. We welcome back **Mrs. Terrie Hoey** as our Youth Worker.

We encourage parents and guardians to keep the lines of communication open with your sons and daughters and with us. Please talk to your children about their daily experiences as well as the high and sometimes low spots. Talk to them about their academics as well as their extra-curricular involvements.

On the first day of school, our students often look starched and pressed and shiny white (green or gray) in their fall / winter uniforms. During the warmer autumn days, girls who do not wish to wear leotards should wear the grey **HC** pants instead.

I look forward to a year where all members collaborate on the pursuit of excellence in academic, extracurriculars and living out the mission of Christ.

Paul A. Walsh

PASTORAL SERVICES

Our Pastoral Team, **Fr. Labelle**, **Ms. Melo Jordan** and **Chris Forster**, looks forward to meeting both returning and new students as another academic year begins. Through our monthly School Masses, daily prayer and liturgies in the Chapel, retreats and **CICS'** outreach programs, we hope to challenge all our students to answer God's call in their daily lives. We are especially mindful of the people of **East Africa**, whose countries have been affected by a severe drought and famine. We will be assisting them through our fundraising efforts in the coming weeks. Our school theme this year "*To LIVE in Christ, to LOVE as Christ*" reminds us that we do need to reach out to others in need with the love of Christ.

Our school chaplain, **Fr. Labelle** will preside at our **Opening School Mass** on **Thursday, September 15th** as we celebrate together our school feast day, **The Triumph of the Cross**. We are also looking forward to having many of our students and staff involved in the "**LifeTeen**" evenings which begin on **Sunday, September 18th** at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** and which will continue throughout the coming year. Come and celebrate your faith with other young people.

Throughout the coming year, let us take time to reflect on the importance of our Catholic faith and to thank God for all our blessings, especially for the gift of our families, our friends and for our faith community here at **Holy Cross**.

Chris Forster, Coordinator of Pastoral Services

SEPTEMBER AT HOLY CROSS

Monday, September 5.....	Labour Day (no classes) International Literacy Day
Tuesday, September 6.....	First Day of School Try-outs for Fall Sports Teams Begin
Sept 6 - 9.....	Sign up for Grad Photos in Room 129
Wed, Sept 7	Semester One Grade Assemblies
Thursday, Sept 8.....	Large Group Photos in Foyer Jamaica Mission Trip Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept 9.....	Gr 9 Orientation Morning and BBQ Information Meeting for Phantom of the Opera, 11:15
Sunday, September 11.....	Grandparents' Day
Monday, September 12.....	First Fire Drill 2011 Honour Role List Posted Phantom of the Opera Auditions, 2:45 – 4:30
12, 14-16 & 19.....	Grad Photos in Room 129
Tues, Sept 13.....	KASSAA Transfer Eligibility Appeal Deadline Picture Day -Smile! Payment required NYC Arts Department Trip Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm
Wed, Sept 14	Triumph of the Cross Feast Day Absentee Photo Day Band Trip Meeting University Application Process, 11:15 & 2:35
Thurs, Sept 15.....	Opening School Mass
Fri, Sept 16.....	Last Day for Sem One Timetable Changes First Students' Council Dance
Fri&Sat.....	Sr. Girls' Pre-OFSAA Basketball Tournament
Saturday, Sept 17.....	RMC Jr Boys' Vball Tournament KCVI Field Hockey Tournament at Tindall Field
Sunday, September 18.....	31st Terry Fox Run HC Jr. Girls' Bball PreSeason Tournament
Mon, Sept 19...	2010 EQAO Math Ind'l Student Results distributed KROCK Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
Wednesday, September 21.....	Int'l Day for Peace Post-Secondary Scholarship Info Meeting, 11:15 Trinity Cross-Country Meet
Friday, September 23.....	Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. ALCDSB P.A. Day #1 Fall Equinox Jr and Sr Girls' Basketball Tournaments
Fri - Sun, Sept 23-25.....	Carleton Sr Girls' Bball Tourn.
Saturday, Sept 24.....	La Salle Jr. Girls' Bball Tourn. Jr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament Field Hockey Tournament, Ottawa
Sept 26-28.....	Graduating Athletes & Artists Photos
Tues, Sept 27.....	Post-Secondary Info Night for Parents, 7 p.m.
Thursday, September 29.....	Study & Go Abroad Fair, Ottawa
Friday, Sept 30.....	Tentative Non-Uniform Day Eagle / Falcon Invitational Cross-Country Meet RND Jr. Girls' Basketball Tournament Queen's U Tri-Colour Sr. Girls' Bball Tourn.

NEWS FROM STUDENTS' COUNCIL

On behalf of this year's **Students' Council Executive**, we welcome all returning and new students to the Crusader community! September starts the year off right with a variety of activities that bring all students and staff together to create the outstanding

school spirit that **Holy Cross** is known for. On **Friday, September 9th**, the grade nine students will be officially welcomed to the Crusader community with our annual **Grade Nine Orientation**. Orientation will be taking place during first and second period at **Woodbine Park**. It can be messy so bring old clothes! Picture day is on **September 13th**; be ready to show off those pearly whites! On **Friday, September 16th**, the **Students' Council** will be hosting the first school dance of the year, which will take place in the **Holy Cross Cafeteria**. Doors open at 7:30 and the entrance fee is \$12 per student. The theme will be announced later on this week. This year's **Terry Fox Run** will be held on **Sunday, September 18th** and our school typically turns out in great numbers. If you have a question or concern regarding the activities of **Students' Council**, please feel free to contact any of the members (**Head Boy- Tyler Check, Head Girl- Sam Pho, Senior Boy- Eric Dodwell, Senior Girl- Hailey Masterson, Treasurer- Isaac Gazendam, Communications Officer- Stephanie Constantinidis, Secretary- Matt Pendergast**), or stop by our office at the top of the main stairs. We are looking forward to represent an amazing student body for the 2011-2012 school year! Best of wishes to all students and staff for the upcoming month.

Stephanie Constantinidis, Communications Officer

TRANSPORTATION

All students and parents/guardians are reminded to record their bus number and bus company in case of inclement weather or emergencies. The **Triboard Transportation** website, <http://www.triboard.on.ca/>, will provide parents who register with them up-to-date information on any delays or cancellations for their children's buses.

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS – ALL STUDENTS

Students in every grade are prohibited from smoking at **Holy Cross**. Therefore, students are not allowed to gather in the former smoking area and are not allowed to be in possession of cigarettes or tobacco products. Students are also reminded to be courteous to our neighbours. Gatherings off-campus, which can be bothersome both in terms of noise and littering, will not be condoned. If a student is found to be smoking or to be in possession of cigarettes, he or she will be given a warning. There will be a progression of consequences for subsequent infractions, including suspension from school. Smoking is the number one preventable cause of premature death and disease in Ontario. We will continue to focus on smoking cessation programs with the help of the **Health Unit**.

CRUSADER GEAR SALE

The **Holy Cross Tuck Shop** will be open ahead of our first **Spirit Days** in **October**. Listen for announcements. Check out our **Holy Cross** clothing and show your **Crusader** pride by wearing green and silver!

ECOCORNER

Welcome back to **Holy Cross**, our Green and Silver School! Due to the hard work of our students, staff, and the **HC Green Team**, **Holy Cross** is a **Silver-certified Ontario Ecoschool** for a third year. This summer, the green team collected six harvests from our vegetable garden. Vegetables were donated to **St-George's Kitchen** located downtown. As a continuing part of our environmental efforts, we encourage all students and staff to use the paper and container recycling bins provided in the classrooms and hallways, as well as the collection center for used batteries, cell phones, ink cartridges, and eye glasses located in the hallway towards the gyms. We also promote using reusable water bottles which can be refilled at the chilled water fountains located near the gym and main foyer. We invite everyone to get involved in our green efforts and help **Holy Cross** become more of an environmentally sustainable school.

TERRY FOX RUN

This year, the 31st Anniversary of the **Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research** will be held on **Sunday, September 18th** starting at 1:00 p.m. In past years, **Holy Cross** has been awarded the **Barry Brady Trophy** for having the largest number of students participating in the **Terry Fox Run** at **St. Lawrence College**. Since Terry's run in 1980, there has been great progress in cancer. Hopefully, we can all contribute to this worthy cause and walk, run, bike, or roll as participants in this great Canadian tradition.

SCHOOL DANCE

The first school dance will be held on **Friday, September 16th** from 7:30-11:00 p.m. All are encouraged to participate appropriately. Students must show ID to gain admission. All students and their belongings will be searched before being admitted. The cost of admission is \$12.00.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT HOLY CROSS

Get involved! **Holy Cross** students can be proud not only of their academic achievements, but also of their achievements in music, drama, yearbook, **Students' Council**, **Crusaders in Community Service**, athletics and many other initiatives. The extracurriculars offered at **Holy Cross** are supported by the teachers, administrators, Board office officials and support staff because of the contribution that extracurriculars make to the general educational experience of our students. Our extracurricular programs are second to none and a source of pride within our community.

ARTS NOTES

The Arts Department is proud to announce that work will soon begin on the first production in **Kingston** of **Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera***. Based on the novel by **Gaston Leroux** and still a major hit on **Broadway** after twenty years, ***The Phantom of the Opera*** promises to be an engaging and memorable production. The show runs **November 30th** through **December 3rd**. A general information meeting for students interested in auditioning will take place on **Friday, September 9th** at **11:15** in the drama studio. Auditions will take place **Monday, September 12th** through **Thursday, September 15th**. All students, especially those in grade nine, are encouraged to audition. We are in need of dancers with ballet experience for this production, particularly those who can dance en pointe.

NEW YORK CITY ARTS ENRICHMENT EXCURSION

Senior students will have an opportunity to experience the cultural best of the **Big Apple** this **December 7th** to the **11th**. The **Arts Department** has planned an enriching tour of **NYC** that includes visits to some of the world's finest art galleries and attendance at four live performances, including two Broadway shows. There will be an information meeting for interested students and their parents/guardians on **Tuesday, September 13th** at **6:30 p.m.** in the lecture theatre.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the *2011/2012 Catholic School Council* will take place on **Wednesday, September 21st, 2011**, at **6:30 p.m.** The election of the school council executive, if necessary, will be announced. If you are interested in being a member of the **School Council Executive**, please contact **Mr. Paul Walsh** at **384-1919 ext. 3411** or walshp@alcdsb.on.ca prior to **September 19th**. Check our website regularly for Council news.

SCHOOL PICTURES AND GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photographs will be taken during the second and third weeks of September during period 2, during the lunch hour, and during some period 3 sessions. Graduating students are asked to sign up for their portrait session in room 129 during the first week

of school. These photographs will be used in the school yearbook publication and will be made available for purchase.

This year, we will have our school **Photo Day** on **Tuesday, September 13th** in our large gymnasium. Those who are absent on the 13th will have their pictures taken on **Wednesday, September 14th** in our small gymnasium. Students will receive proofs this year, and pictures will be available to you for purchase. A copy of each student photograph will be maintained at the school for the purposes of record keeping, identification, and use in the school yearbook publication. Any other use of these photographs would require your consent. That consent would be requested prior to their use. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of the student photographs, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Prior** or a member of administration.

HOLY CROSS ATHLETICS

The fall of 2011 sees the return of a strong extracurricular athletics program at **Holy Cross**. Tryouts and practices begin the first week of **September**. This fall will see no less than eight teams carrying the green and silver of **Holy Cross**. Permission forms, complete with parent signature, must be submitted prior to participating in try-outs or practices.

The commitment of our student athletes and coaches generates dividends for all in our community. The parental support our teams have grown accustomed to over the years is most welcomed and appreciated. Grade 9 students should not hesitate to get involved. There are a wide range of teams to join and all are age appropriate. High school sports are a great way to develop lasting friendships while learning and developing many skills. The values, beliefs and invaluable life skills which school sports provide allow our student-athletes the opportunity to fully develop themselves. If you have any questions regarding a team, contact one of the coaches or see your homeroom or physical and health education teacher.

OFSAA operates with a Five Year Eligibility and a Transfer Eligibility Rule. Student-athletes now have a maximum of five years of eligibility to compete in high school athletics. Any student who has transferred into **Holy Cross** from another high school remains ineligible for all sports until they go through the transfer appeal process and are ruled upon. Any transfer student should contact **Mr. Robin Dzierniejko** to begin the appeal process. If you wish to play Fall sports, you must speak to **Mr. Dzierniejko** by the end of the first week of school.

For the first time in its 26 year history, **Holy Cross** will host an **OFSAA** basketball championship this **November**. Spearheaded by co-chairs, **Dr. Tom Holmes** and **Mrs. Kelly Dixon**, this event promises to be one of the largest and most exciting athletic events put on by the **Holy Cross** community.

The costs of running an extracurricular athletic program are great. Our teams are most fortunate to have the financial support of the **Holy Cross Students' Council**. Even with this support, user fees are required for all sports at Holy Cross. User fees for individual teams are listed in the **Holy Cross Student Agenda** and are due in full for all athletes before their first competition. Financial assistance is available through the **Main Office**. Have a great season and we hope to see you on the sidelines supporting the Green and Silver Crusaders of **HC**.

PAUL HALLIGAN CLASSIC

Girls' basketball teams will be promoting breast cancer awareness by participating in the **11th Annual PH Classic** games against **RND** on **Tuesday, October 18th** (tentative date) with games at **Holy Cross** at **5:00** and **6:30**. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements regarding upcoming activities that will support fundraising efforts.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Course Load

All students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 are required to carry a course load of 4 courses each semester. Even in Grade 12, only students who have already earned 24 credits may take a spare. All are required to carry a minimum of 3 courses each semester.

Course Changes/Deletions

Students are to consult with a counselor prior to any decisions being made to their timetable. It is advised that any course changes required be dealt with by the end of the first week of the semester. Further to this, it is required that all changes be completed by the end of the second week of the semester. It is recommended that no changes to schedules occur after **Friday, September 16th**.

Post Secondary Information Sessions

In the upcoming months, **Student Services** will be hosting many presentations from **Ontario** colleges and universities. Below is a schedule of the visits. Unless otherwise mentioned, all presentations will be held in the lecture theatre. The time of the events will be posted. Students will need to sign up for all presentations in **Student Services** that do not take place over the lunch hour.

Sept. 14.....University Information Session, 11:15 and 2:30
Sept. 21.....Scholarship Meeting, 11:15
Sept. 27.....Parent Post Secondary Info Night, 7:00
Sept. 29.....Study and Go Abroad Fair, Ottawa Convention Centre
Oct.4 and Oct. 6.....College Information Sessions, 11:00
Oct. 12....Quebec Universities Information Session, 10:00 – 11:00
Oct. 14-16...Ontario Universities Fair, Metro Toronto Conv. Centre
Oct. 25.....University Information Program @ Regi, 6:30
Oct. 25 and Oct 27.....Online University Application Workshops, 11:15 and 2:30
Nov. 1.....College Information Program @ St. Lawrence College
Nov. 8 and Nov. 10.....Online College Application Workshops

Individual College and University Presentation Dates

September 13, 2011	York University, 2:30
September 16, 2011	Ryerson University 11:15
September 20, 2011	McMaster University, 11:15
September 21, 2011	University of Toronto, 2:30
September 22, 2011	University of Ontario Institute of Technology(UOIT), 2:30
September 27, 2011	Trent University, 11:15
September 27, 2011	Carleton University, 2:30
September 28, 2011	Wilfrid Laurier Univ, 11:15
September 29, 2011	St. Lawrence College, 11:15
October 3, 2011	Loyalist College, 2:30
October 4, 2011	Fleming College, 2:30
October 26, 2011	U of Western Ontario– Brescia College, 11:15
October 26, 2011	St. Francis Xavier University (Nova Scotia), 2:30
October 31, 2011	Algonquin College, 11:15
October 31, 2011	U of British Columbia, 12:00
October 31, 2011	U of Guelph-Humber, 2:30
November 1, 2011	University of Ottawa, 2:30
November 2, 2011	Huron Univ-College, 11:15
November 3, 2011	Nipissing University, 11:15
November 7, 2011	Humber College, 11:15
November 8, 2011	Dalhousie U (NS) 2:30
November 9, 2011	U of Western Ontario, 2:30
November 11, 2011	Waterloo U (St. Jerome's), 11:30
November 15, 2011	University of Guelph, 2:30
November 17, 2011	Lakehead University, 11:15
November 17, 2011	Redeemer University, 2:30
November 23, 2011	Brock University, 11:15

Due to the volume of material (application and scholarship related) handled in **Student Services**, graduating students are asked to regularly visit the **HC website** for current information on university and college presentations, the application process and scholarship information.

A reminder to graduating students to hand in volunteer hours as soon as possible. Students require 40 hours to graduate, and 60 hours to receive a **Crusader Certificate**.

CRUSADERS GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY 2011

The 2010 season was a building year and we are looking to build on our success. We have motivated players who look toward making this coming year our best season yet! Though we have the foundation for an extremely talented team, we are on the lookout for rookies who are passionate about sport and have the potential and desire to be positive contributors to the **Holy Cross** program this upcoming season and beyond. Tryouts begin on **Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 3 pm**. We are especially interested in grade nine players in addition to older grades. Please be on the field with your running shoes, t-shirt and shorts. Team selection will occur on **Friday, Sept. 9th**. Don't forget to bring your Athletic Permission form downloadable from the school website.

2011 – 2012 OPTIONAL CRUSADER STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

Over 1000 students have now paid their student activity fee, which covers participation in school teams and extracurricular activities, the Holy Cross Agenda, the Students' Council ID Card, a **Holy Cross** Spirit T-shirt or water bottle, three Twoonie for Non-Uni Days, and a 2011 – 2012 **Holy Cross** Yearbook. Students from Grades 10 – 12 must pay \$68.00. Graduating students will pay \$103.00, which includes the Grad Fee. The Grade Nine rate is \$75.00, which also includes a school lock. Students may opt out of receiving the yearbook by signing the "opt out" form. For parents with more than one child at **Holy Cross**, a reduction of \$4.00 per additional child is available when purchasing a yearbook. By ordering in bulk, **Holy Cross** is able to pass the savings on to the community. Therefore, **Students' Council** is better able to support the extra-curriculars that make **Holy Cross** such an easy place to get involved. If you would like the student activity fee to be partly or fully subsidized, please contact the **Main Office**. **School Council** maintains funds to help ensure that all members of the **Holy Cross** community can participate fully.

SAFE SCHOOLS UPDATE

Earlier in 2011, the **ALCDSB** and its community partners adopted the **ALCDSB Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP)**. This risk/threat assessment process is designed to be a proactive and multi-disciplinary approach to developing intervention plans that address threats of violence, threatening behaviour and instances where the emotional and/or physical safety of individuals may be at risk. Recognizing that violence prevention in our schools and neighbourhoods is a community responsibility, the risk/threat assessment process will be initiated by school administration and/or community partners when behaviours have been identified that pose a potential risk to an individual or to others.

Please see the full letter to parents on our website (www.hctoday.ca) or on the board website at <http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/protocols/ThreatAssessmentProtocol0311.pdf> for more information on this and other Safe Schools initiatives.

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS, OCTOBER 2011

1	.....Queen's U Tricolour Sr Girls' Bball Tourn. RND Jr Girls' Basketball Tournament U of Toronto Sr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament
2	.....20th Annual CIBC Run for the Cure
3	.....Fall Team Photographs Loyalist College 2:30
4	.....Fall Team Photographs College App. Timeline & Process, 11:00 a.m. Fleming College, 2:30 p.m.
4 & 5	.....Public Health "Drive For Life", Grade 11s
5	.....World Teacher's Day TISS Invitational Cross Country Meet Public Health "Drive For Life", Grade 11s
6	.....40th Ontario General Election College App. Timeline & Process, 11:00 a.m. Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work permission forms distributed
7	.....Thanksgiving Food Drive ends Graduation Portrait Orders due in room 129 Graduation Write-ups due in room 129
9 – 15	.....Ontario Fire Prevention Week
10	.....Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
12	.....Grade Representative Elections
13	.....October Thanksgiving School Masses Early Semester Report Cards Issued
14	.....Bay of Quinte Invitational Cross Country Meet Ontario Universities Fair
14 & 15	.....RND Jr Boys' Volleyball Invitational St Michael's and St. Matt's Girls' Bball Tourns.
15	.....Preliminary SAT at RND, 9 – 11 a.m.
16	.....World Food Day
17	.....International Make Poverty History Day
18 – 21	.....Gr 10 Retreats, Rideau Acres
19	.....PH Classic Girls' Basketball Games
19	.....Catholic School Council, 6:30, Library
20	.....Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work permission forms due School Photo Retake Day Parent-Teacher Interviews
21	.....KASSAA 2011 Cross Country Championships
23	.....International Action Day on Climate Change
24	.....ALCDSB P.A. Day #2 (no classes) System Faith Day for staff, Belleville
25	.....Fr. Tony Ricard Assembly @ Holy Cross Uni. On-line Application Workshop, 11:15 & 2:30 Ontario Universities Information Program @ RND, 6:30
26	.....Parent – Teacher Interviews
27	.....KASSAA Girls' Field Hockey Championships University Online Application Workshop, 11:15 and 2:30
28	.....Jamaica Mission Trip Fish Fry at RND EOSSAA 2011 Cross Country Championships Tentative Non-Uniform Day
31	.....Hallowe'en