



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The season of **Advent** helps to prepare us for **Christmas**, and is the start of the liturgical year in our Church. On a daily basis, groups gather in the Foyer to light our **Advent** wreath candles and to share some prayers. The season of light is particularly powerful as the days are shorter, the weather is colder, and many of us settle into the doldrums of **November**. With the school calendar as it is this year, we will spend almost all of **Advent** together. It is my hope that we come together as a community in this hopeful season.

Holy Cross is a special place because of our students, their families and the staff of our school who work so hard to support students and bring out the best in them. One of the people who makes **Holy Cross** such a special place is retiring. **Mrs Jeannette Berry, Attendance Secretary** for the past 23 years has her last day of classes on **Friday, December 23rd**. **Mrs Berry**, otherwise known as 'the nice lady in attendance', has been the voice at the other end of the phone who speaks to students and parents, signs students in and out of classes and encourages students to attend all of their classes. **Jeannette's** warm voice, cheerful smile and pleasant manner has been supporting students for nearly two and half decades. Later this month, she will hang up her headset to spend more time with husband **Jack** and her children **Jason** and **Jennifer's** families. I will miss your warm greeting each morning and kind reminders and words of encouragement that you offer to both students and staff. May your years in retirement be all that you dream of; you will be missed. A retirement social is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 20th** from 3:00 to 4:30 in the **Library**.

At this time of year, I encourage all to give generously to assist those who are in need. Here at **Holy Cross**, students and staff will be entering into the spirit of this season together through our **Advent** campaign, our **Advent** liturgies, and our daily interactions in and around the school building. This can carry on from our **November** drive, led by **Mr. Robin Dzierniejko**, to raise awareness and funds to fight prostate cancer.

Congratulations to all of our fall sports teams for representing **Holy Cross** on the court, the field and the trails. Although we suffered some heartrending losses, each athlete and coach put forward their best efforts and represented the **Crusader** spirit well – we will cherish the many individual and team highlights throughout the fall season. We are proud of all of your accomplishments. I highlight here for congratulations the **Junior Boys' Cross-Country Team** of **Jonathan Besselink, Cole Smith, Chris Kimmerer, Jordan Grady, and Nolan Breault**, coached by **Marie Hulse** and **Anne Marie Macrow**, who won **OFSAA Gold**, the **Senior Girls' Basketball Team** who captured **EOSSAA** and made it to the quarter-finals on our home court in **OFSAA** competition – girls, you are everyday champions in my books – , the **Junior Girls' Basketball Team** who were **EOSSAA** champions, and the **Junior Boys' Football Team** who captured **KASSAA** gold. I thank especially **Kelly Dixon, Tom Holmes** and the massive group of student, staff and community volunteers who hosted **OFSAA** at our school; it takes a village and the competition was run expertly. Lives-treaming the games added not only to this multi-site event, but will also serve us well in many upcoming endeavours.

As we near **Christmas**, so many arts and technology initiatives are underway, it's awe-inspiring. I note in particular the wonderful performances of **The Phantom of the Opera** – a **Kingston** area first - and the corresponding art display "**Muse**". The talent at this school, direct-

ed by **Ms. Stacy Check Drumm**, is simply amazing. We look forward to the **Holy Cross Bands** getting us into the **Christmas** spirit during our lunch hours and at the **Katharine Splinter Memorial Concert**.

Many people know that our **November** school dance was disappointing for many reasons. At this time, dances are suspended. While I believe strongly that schools are the best institutions to hold dances for teenagers, we will not host events that are not in line with our mission. Students and staff will work together to rebuild a community of trust and respect. One daily means of showing this respect will be wearing the school uniform properly and maintaining respectful interactions.

I hope that all have a wonderful **Christmas** holiday, surrounded by the love and family and friends.

Paul A. Walsh

DECEMBER EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS

- Mon, Nov. 28 – Thurs, Dec. 22.....Advent Brick by Brick Collection (build school in Kenya)
- Wed – Sat, Nov 30 – Dec 3....Phantom of the Opera performances
- Thursday, December 1.....World AIDS Day
- Fri & Sat, Dec 2 & 3.....Sr. Boys' Bball Crusader Classic, Kingston
- Sat, Dec 3.....International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Monday, December 5.....Christmas Baskets Collection begins
- Mon & Tues, Dec 5 & 6 Gr 9 Friends' Photos
- Mon – Fri, Dec 5 – 9Grade Nine Transition Survey
- Tues, Dec 6...Natl Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women
Bridges to Community Mini-Christmas Sale, lunch, Foyer
- Wed, Dec 7.....New York City Arts Trip Departs
- Wed & Thurs, Dec 7 & 8 Gr 10 Friends' Photos
- Thurs, Dec 8.Archdiocesan Feast Day, Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral
- Thurs & Fri, Dec 8-9...Crusader Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
- Friday, Dec 9.....Queen's Online to Success Registration Deadline
- Saturday, Dec 10.....International Human Rights Day
Bill MacLeod Wrestling Tournament at RND
- Sat & Sun, Dec 10 – 11.... Queen's U Sr. Boys' Bball Tournament
- Monday, December 11.....NYC Trip Returns
National Day of Prayer for Aboriginal People
- Mon & Tues, Dec 12 & 13 Gr 11 Friends' Photos
- Mon – Thurs, Dec 12-15 ... Improv Try-outs, 2:45 – 4:00 p.m., Rm 246
- Wed & Thurs, Dec 14 & 15Gr 12 Friends' Photos
- Tues & Wed, Dec 13 & 14....Crusader Bands Foyer Performances
- Thurs, Dec 15.....Rec. Date for university & college applications
Advent School Mass
Katharine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec 16.....CICS' Bake sale & Staff Soup and Bread Lunch
for the Advent Campaign
- Tuesday, December 20Bridges Under 18 Christmas Bake Sale
- Thursday, December 22.....Winter Solstice
Advent Collection Ends
- Friday, Dec. 23 Last Day of classes before Christmas Break
Tentative Non-Uniform Day
- Sat, Dec 24 – Sun, Jan. 8.....Christmas Holidays

PASTORAL NEWS

We have begun another **Advent Season** here at **Holy Cross** with many special liturgies and events planned for the coming weeks. All are invited to our Archdiocesan celebration of the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m.** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**. Our students and staff will have an opportunity to celebrate the **Eucharist** together at our **Advent School Mass on Thursday, December 15th**. **Life Teen Nights** continue on **Sundays** at **St. Paul the Apostle Church**. The evenings begin with supper at **5:15 p.m.** followed by talks, skits, and group discussions; it concludes with a **Life Teen Mass** upstairs in the **Church** at **7:30 p.m.**

Congratulations to members of **C.I.C.S.** who were part of this year's **Toronto Street Retreat** from **November 14 – 15th**. The students did a **Street Walk** with **Patrick Sullivan** of **Sanctuary Ministries**, took food, socks and love to the homeless through an evening **Street Patrol**, and then finished up by helping prepare and serve lunch to the less fortunate at **St. Francis Table**. Our main **Advent Fundraiser** this year is the **"Brick-by-Brick" Campaign** to build a school for disadvantaged children in **Kenya, East Africa** through **Craig Kielburger's "Free the Children"** organization. We will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food for **Christmas Hampers** this year. Deliveries of our Hampers will take place on **Wednesday, December 21st**. If you'd like to be involved in providing a **Christmas Hamper** for a local family in need please call me in the **Chaplaincy Office** at **Holy Cross (ext. 3436)**. May God bless our students, staff and families with a holy **Christmas** and much peace in the New Year.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

The holiday season is fast approaching as we enter into the month of **December**. Last **Friday** we hosted our second dance of the year which was a blacklight theme. Students are reminded to be on their best behavior and represent our school in a respectful manner if dances are continued this year. During **November 24 - 26th, 2011**, **Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School** hosted the top high school basketball teams in **Ontario** for the **OFSSA AAA Senior Girls' Basketball Provincial Championship Tournament**. We are proud of our girls! The **Holy Cross Arts Department** presented **The Phantom of the Opera** on the **Holy Cross** stage. It was a phenomenal success, completely sold out. Our first Advent collection took place on **Friday, December 2nd** and students and staff are encouraged to donate generously. For this Advent season, will be putting our donations towards building a school in **Kenya**. On behalf of **Students' Council**, we would like to wish all staff and students a safe, merry **Christmas** and a happy new year!

Stephanie Constantinidis, Communications Officer

YEARBOOK FRIEND PHOTOS

Friend photos are an important part of our yearbook publication. This is your chance to get into the yearbook. All photographs will be taken in the photo studio, room 129, during the lunch hour. Grade 9 student friend groups will be photographed on **Monday/Tuesday, December 5-6th**; Grade 10 students on **Wednesday/Thursday, December 7-8th**; Grade 11 on **Monday/Tuesday December 12-13th**; Grade 12 students on **Wednesday/Thursday, December 14-15th**. We look forward to seeing you with your friends.

Bridges Christmas Bake Sale

The **Bridges Under 18** students are enthusiastically preparing some mouthwatering treats for their annual Christmas bake sale being held on **December 20th, 2011** in the main foyer during the lunch hour. Brrring some change and try some of our new selections. You won't want to miss out on this event! All proceeds will go to the **Brick by Brick Campaign**.

ECO-CORNER

Have Yourself a Merry "Green" Christmas!

It is **Christmas** time yet again! **Christmas** is a time of celebration and spending time with family. It is also a time of extreme consumerism and pollution! There are many things that can be done to limit your **Christmas's** effect on the Earth. The easiest thing to do is to convert from using wrapping paper to using gift bags. Gift bags can be reused and recycled. Wrapping paper is the number one source of garbage during the holidays! When possible, it is better to buy and decorate a real **Christmas** tree. The negative environmental impact from a plastic tree usually goes unnoticed. If you buy a real tree, it is important to compost it afterward. A large energy and money saving change would be to purchase **LED Christmas** lights. They are 90% more efficient than traditional Christmas lights! **Canadian Tire** offers a program in which old lights can be exchanged for store credit to purchase new, more efficient ones! Another simple "green idea" is to consider buying local foods this holiday season. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of this holiday season, remember to keep **Christmas** green! **Merry Christmas** from the **Green Team!**

TECH NEWS

Grade 11 Communications Technology students from **Mr. Dumas**'s and **Mr. Esford**'s period 3 classes tour **CKWS** television and radio studios on **Thursday, December 8th, 2011**. Students will be interviewed on-air by radio disc jockeys, sit at the **"News Hour"** anchor desk and read a teleprompter, and have the opportunity to chat with local television personalities. The field trip provides students the chance to witness career opportunities in television, radio and advertising.

Holy Cross Grade 12 Visual Arts and Communications Technology students have been hard at work preparing for the **"Muse"** art show. Inspired by the theme of muse, inspiration is prevalent in the school's production of **The Phantom of the Opera**. Forty senior students have been working hard for the past month to perfect pieces for their portfolio and the art show which runs in conjunction with the play.

The students have captured what their **"Muse"** or inspiration is through a variety of mediums such as; painting, sculpture, creative photography and graphic design. Collaboration between **Mrs. Rae-Dalton's Visual Arts** and **Mr. Esford's Communications Technology** classes has resulted in a successful art show featuring more than sixty works of art.

The Muse art show is located in the **Holy Cross** library and runs from **November 30th to December 3rd**. The **"Muse"** exhibit can be viewed before the show and at intermission during **"Phantom"** performances. Over 1,000 staff, students, family and friends will have the opportunity to view the displays and be able to vote on their favourite pieces in the categories of; "Most Creative", "Best Technique", and "Viewer's Choice". Come out and support Holy Cross' creative artists and be amused!

BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY EVENTS

HO HO HO having trouble thinking of what to get your **Crusader**? Why not some awesome Crusader gear from the **Holy Cross Tuck Shop!** Secret Santa's and family wishing to make a purchase can call **Gillian De Melo** during school hours at **613-384-1919 ext 2258**.

The **Bridges to Community Program** would like to thank all staff, students and families from the **Holy Cross** community for ordering a **Christmas Poinsettia**. All funds raised directly support the students in the program. We would like to wish you all a merry and blessed Christmas.

The **Bridges to Community Program** will be holding a mini Christ-

mas sale on **Tuesday, December 6th** during the lunch hour in the main foyer. Don't miss out on your chance to buy **Magic Reindeer Food**, hand-made gift tags or even gift bags.

EQAO GRADE NINE ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

In **January 2012**, **Holy Cross** students who are currently enrolled in a **Grade 9 Applied or Academic Mathematics** 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 will be administered on **Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17 and 18th, 2012**. Please note that for students in the academic program, this accounts for ten per cent of their final mark; for students in the applied level, an exemption from final exam may take place if they: 1) have term work at level three or four, 2) submit an **EQAO** review book at level three or four, and 3) score level three or four on the **EQAO** assessment. Teachers will inform their students of exemptions prior to final exams.

INFORMATION FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION

Postsecondary Transition Planning: grade 12 students on IEPs attending a postsecondary institution (college/university) are encouraged to prepare their transition portfolio. If interested, contact **Ms. Gavan Knox** in room 117 or phone **613 – 384-1919 ext. 3426**.

The application deadline for the **Online to Success Course** offered for grade 11 and 12 students with learning disabilities / ADHD is December 6, 2011; course runs from March-May, 2011. Interested grade 11 students are asked to contact **Mrs. Hulse, ext. 3428**; grade 12 students, contact **Ms Gavan Knox, ext.3426**.

Grade 9 students on IEP's taking the **EQAO Math Assessment** in January are being interviewed by Mrs. Poels to ensure that they receive the needed accommodations. See <http://www.eqao.com/Students/Secondary/09/09.aspx?Lang=E&gr=09> for details.

Students on IEP's use their accommodations during the final exams. Students who decline this right need to provide a letter from their Parent/Guardian which authorizes this change to the IEP. Letters are to be addressed to **Ms. Daniel, Vice Principal**.

The **Social Society** welcomes all students to participate in activities on Mondays and Fridays during lunch in **room 136**.

Thank you to all Parents and Guardians who returned the IEP Contact forms. Have a question about IEPs? Contact us at **613-384-1919 ext.3426**.

CRUSADER ATHLETICS - THE MEMORIAL

The **23rd annual Memorial**, a fundraiser for cancer research, will be held this year on **Friday, January 20th**. **Regiopolis** will host **The Memorial** basketball games with the Junior Varsity game beginning at 6:00 and the Senior Varsity game scheduled to begin at 7:30. Over the years, our fundraising efforts have been enhanced by many generous donations for the silent auction. In donating to the event, there will be special advertising options available to you. If you are able to make a donation or have contacts who might be in a position to donate items, please contact **Robin Dzierniejko** at dzierobi@alcdsb.on.ca. More information on the Memorial can be found at gocrusadersgo.com. We look forward to seeing all of our community, Crusaders past and present, to cheer on a friendly rival while raising funds to combat a cruel disease. Wear your green and silver!

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://gocrusadersgo.com>. Special sporting events upcoming at **Holy Cross** include: the **Crusader Christmas Classic Basketball Tournament - December 2nd and 3rd, Junior Boys**

Round Robin Basketball Tournament – December 9th and 10th, Saturation Saturday Volleyball Tournament - December 17th and the Archbishop Spence's Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament - January 6th and 7th.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

HONOUR ROLL CELEBRATION

Holy Cross held its annual Honour Roll Celebration on **Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011**. The guest speaker was **Sarah MacDonald**, a graduate of **Holy Cross** in **1994** and currently an Assistant Warden of Intervention at **Pittsburgh Institution, Correctional Services Canada**.

2010 – 2011 Grade 9 Honour Roll Students

Sarah A. Agent, Adam R. Alcorn, Madisson H. Almeida, Devan A. Anderson, Emma S. Arbuckle, Rebecca L. Austin, Emma L. Bagshaw, Mitchell A. Barr, Benjamin R. Barrett, Taylor N. Beaubien, Danika P. Bellemare, Alyssa Bilmer, Nicole H. Blacklock, Patrick W. Bowyer, Jordan L. Braid, Dylan A. Broad, Troy P. Bromfield, Madison L. Brooks, Arianna D. Bullett, Jacob A. Cabral, Eleanor A. Callery, Jesse W. Campbell, Austin N. Check, Woo-Jin Cho, Soo-Yeon Choi (Christina), Emily Constantinidis, Annabelle P. Corsi-Johnson, Madeline G. Costa, Kenya A. Costa-Dookhan, Alexandra L. Cowan, Alyssa J. Dantes, Jessica R. Davis, David R. Dyck, Brianna N. Faulkner, Madison P. Felger, Sarah I. Flisikowski, Ben amin G. Gagnon, Lisa L. Ginn, Anneke M. Golemiac, Christina M. Goodfellow, Megan R. Gougeon, Jake J. Gurnsey, Andrea O. Gyi-mah, Madison M. Halligan, Aydan D. Harper, James M. Hickey, Amanda M. Ho, Tyler D. Horth, Cole H. Johnston, Troy E. Kenney, Young Jo Kim (Chris), Hannah J. King, Meagan E. Kirbyson, Katerina M. Kirkham, Mikhala I. Kotack, Chelsea Lackey, Kyle P. Lavorato, Timmerie G. Lewis, Katrina A. Lott, Angie Loukas, Brittany T. Loyst, Taylor S. MacDonald, Kathleen F. MacGregor, Rebecca L. MacKinder, Chase D. Madryga Kayla M. Maki, Joseph B. Mark, Joseph M. Marshall, Brent M. Martindale, Miguel X. Martins, Brooklyn R. McCulloch, Eleri L. McEachern, Tara G. McGlashan, Megan M. McGuire, Anne M. McKenny, Julia M. McKeown, Rachel L. McLeod, Samantha L. Memme, Samuel J. Mills, Rita C. Morey, Brenna M. Murphy, Rachel M. Murphy, Kelsie L. Norman, Christa D. Ohlman, Jonathan Pankow, Felicia Pascoal, Samantha R. Pascoal, Riya Patel, Kailey M. Peirson, Jeremy D. Pendergast, Shelby L. Perry, Olivia C. Pincivero, Melina Pineau, Taylor C. Pratte, Mikayla O. Purvis, Brianna Robb, Madison Robertson, Nelson A. Rodriguez, Benjamin J. Simms, Melanie A. Simourd, Emma M. Stewart, Salina L. Stuper-Veley, Caitlin T. Sullivan, Alexandra H. Tassielli, Jordan C. Taylor, Marissa C. Taylor, Jessica A. Therrien, Brianna E. Tinline, Tessa vanZevenbergen, Jessica L. Waltner

Award winner for best overall average: Brenna Murphy

2010 – 2011 Grade 10 Honour Roll Students

Alexis F. Adamcrylic, Mark Andrawis, Madison Arsenault-Ball, Angela A. Azaredo Lobo, Adam A. Benn, Blake A. Bentley, Cassandra Bertrim, Korrah R. Bland, Sierra D. Bridgwater, Kieran M. Broekhoven, Heather A. Brousseau, Kristin L. Carreiro, Andre I. Castillo, Michaela R. Chambers, Joshua Chevarie, Cole T. Clifford, Olivia C. Cotman, Nicole M. Courneya, Nick Cumming, Celeste M. Cunningham, Cleo C. Danforth, Alexhya E. Desrouleaux, Marissa M. DiNardo, Joshua D. DiRocco, Stephanie L. Donovan, Amanda L. Douglas, Alesha C. Drew, William R. Etherington, Cariston J. Fawcett, Andrea Findlay, Mitchell Fitzmorris, Darby A. Flynn, Mariah J. Ford, Jacob A. Francis, Nicole A. Geary, Chris Gerdis, Danielle C. Gervais, Taylor M. Giffin, Bianca M. Goncalves, Benjamin J. Gooding, Madison A. Gorman, Caleb B. Gray, Sara J. Hadley, Ryan M. Haire, Kyle D. Hall, Nicholas E. Hartmann, Connor Hartson, Dayna N. Hearn, Alexis M. Heffernan, Emily P. Ho, Tanner J. Hoffman, Lucas P. Holmes, Sarah C. Hudson, Jennifer Jang, Noah R. Jinnarak, Riley Joyce, Savannah E. Kimmerer, Zachary P. King-Beland, Holland E. Klein, Shelby L. Kralik, Kyle E. Lalonde, Keiraly A. LaPierre, Kristina M. Leadbeater, Darien J. Leblanc, Karley S. Legros, Carly A. Lindsay, Caroline G. Lollar, Mikayla A. MacDonald, Jay S. Mackie, Eric D. Macrow, Chelsea L. Madigan, Michael V. Makula, Lisa C. Marshall, Kianna J. Mau, Catherine M. McCann, Gabriella McCullough, Morgan E. McLaren, Peter Mills, Haleigh J. Morrison, William R. Murray, Miranda P. Neal, Melanie K. Nelson, Brett A. Nichol, Kamela S. Nizio, Kaitlyn E. Northcott, Sydney O'Neil, Annie G. Ottenhof, Maggie M. Ottenhof, Nicolas S. acheco, Lindsay E. Pascoal, Noah A. Petric, Andrew Pho, Hannah Pho, Dominic A. Pincivero, Rosarie L. Planetta, Melissa M. Porter, Corey A. Prinsen, Kaitlin Purcell, Delnaz Rabadi, Paulina C. Rodrigues, Nathan Saccon, Victoria F. Sammon, Brian T. Sempowski, Jacob R. Smith, Simon R. Smith, Jacob B. Sousa, Taylor L. Steele, Paige E. Stevens-Doucette, Yu Su (Rebecca), Hannah J. Sutherland, Monika Tackaberry, Jaya R. Tanwani, Mark A. Taylor, Rebecca A. Tigchelaar, Connor Turner, Stephanie

A. Valliquette, Julia E. Vidotto, Bhavik Vyas, Tianna C. Weatherdon, Taylor H. Whalen, Mikala M. Wheeler, Jennifer H. Whitaker, Nicholas J. Zelizniak,
Award winner for best overall average: Jaya Tanwani

2010 – 2011 Grade 11 Honour Roll Students

Gregory J. Abramczuk, Gabriella M. Allegrini, Kristen A. Allen, Catia S. Araujo, Jeffrey A. Arnold, Michelle D. Augustyn, Daisy E. Barrette, Kristen Beattie, Jack C. Benia, Sydney K. Benjamin, Jennifer L. Bernicky, Sarah Besselink, Ariel A. Bissett, Darius J. Blundell, Adam A. Brett, Cortney D. Brewer, Tiara C. Bromfield, Mark Brousseau, Jordan M. Bulhoes, Jessica M. Bullett, Cecilia S. Cachaco, Andrew J. Campbell, John T. Charlton, Yu-wei Chen(Rick), Hong-Seok Cho (Brian), Ji Hoon Choi (Daniel), Madeline M. Clark, Victoria K. Collings, Lee J. Collins, Stephanie S. Constantinidis, Nicholas M. Cotman, Thomas J. Daechsel, Emanuelle Delaney, Sarah A. Dennie, Cole P. Desgagnes, Eric J. Dodwell, Nicole J. Du Bois, Brian J. Dunn, Sarah L. Dyck, Grace R. Esford, Ashley J. Fabbro, Kathryn L. Falcone, Matthew D. Ferguson, Hannah M. Finn, Anna L. Fischer, Evan Fischer, Brooke A. Funnell, Katharine J. Gagnon, Isaac W. Gazendam, Alison K. Geary, Adam S. Gencarelli, Micheal J. Gencarelli, Alexis E. Gentile, William P. Gervais, Brendan J. Ginn, Stephen R. Goodfellow, Samantha Gray, Meggan A. Greyling, Jacob A. Hadley, Grace A. Hill, Anita Hojabr, Eric A. Holland, Linda Huang, Kelsey A. Hulton, Jessica O. Hunter, Benjamin L. Jalink, Nathalie M. Jones, Tanya Joshi, Jessica V. Kennedy, Thomas J. King, Caitlin L. Kinsella, Sophie Krohn, Hye-Lim Kwon (Rosa), Jordan D. Lackey, Lindsey A. Lattimore, Mary G. Leake, Johnathan E. LeBlanc, Jeremy R. Legros, Jacob D. Lewis, Iain D. Lott, Natasha J. Lowcay, Alyssa A. MacGregor, Connor D. Makarucha, Brody A. Maracle, Peter S. Mark, Brooke A. Maschi, Hailey A. Masterson, William M. McConnell, Drew McKee, Cory P. Medeiros, Marise A. Meiklejohn, Terrance D. Miller, Jennifer A. Moran, Scott S. Mossman, Michelle Nguyen, Madison P. Norman, Matthew Palma, Andrew B. Papadakis, Mitchell H. Patterson, Karlycia J. Payne, Matthew J. Pendergast, Raegan C. Perin, Samantha M. Pho, Luke A. Prinsen, Kayla B. Raymond, Olivia E. Reyers, Emma J. Ronan, Sabena K. Sandhu, Jamee D. Simpson, Sydney O. Smith, Jun Ha Song (Ben), Sydney M. Steele, Alannah R. Szolopiak, Anjelica A. Tassielli, Jessica L. Taylor, Andrew Tessier, Seth H. Thomas, Madison M. Timmins, Garrett D. Tomalty, Jeong-Ln Yoo (Jane)

Award winner for best overall average: Isaac Gazendam

Provincial Math Contest Winners were also recognized at the **Honour Roll Ceremony** with a **Certificate of Distinction** or a school medal. **Chris Kim** was the recipient of both a Medal and a Certificate of Distinction, and **Amanda Ho, Ben Gagnon** and **Emma Bagshaw** were the recipients of a Certificate of Distinction in the **Grade Nine Pascal Math Contest**. **Celeste Cunningham** was the recipient of both a Medal and a Certificate of Distinction, in the **Grade Ten Cayley Math Contest**. **Jeremy Legros** was the recipient of a Medal and a Certificate of Distinction, and **Isaac Gazendam** was the recipient of a Certificate of Distinction in the **Grade 11 Fermat Math Contest**.

Course Changes for Semester Two

Students intending to make changes in their Semester Two time-table are asked to do so by **Friday, December 16th**.

College/University Applications

Post-secondary application workshops and information sessions have concluded. Although the deadline for applications to **OUAC** (University) is **January 11th** and **OCAS** (College) is **February 1st**, the **Holy Cross** recommended date is **December 15th**. All PIN numbers for university applicants have arrived, and students should have stopped by **Student Services** to pick up theirs. PIN numbers are not required for college applications; however, students do require their OEN number which can be found on their report card.

House of Commons Page Program

Grade 12 students accepted to a university in the **National Capital Region** with an academic average of 80% are eligible to apply to the **House of Commons Page Program**. Work begins in late **August 2011**, and the work schedule will be coordinated with their university schedule. Students must also speak fluent French to be eligible. For more information please go to www.parl.gc.ca/hoc-page. The deadline to apply is **Thursday December 22nd, 2011**.

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

"The skilled trades are more important to **Ontario's** future than ever before. Establishing the **College of Trades** recognizes the

sector's professionalism, and will help **Ontario** produce the skilled work-ers we need to compete in tomorrow's economy." – **John Milloy, Minister of Training Colleges and Universities (October 27th, 2009)**. The **Minister of Training Colleges and Universities** recently announced the government has passed legislation to establish the '**Ontario College of Trades**'. He indicated this will be a regulatory college to modernize the province's apprenticeship and skilled trades system, and that it will put the skilled trades on similar footing with teachers, doctors and nurses, who have their own regulatory colleges.

What is an Apprenticeship? – An apprenticeship is a hands-on training program for people who want to work in skilled trades or occupations. About 90% of an apprenticeship involves on-the-job training by employers; the remaining 10% involves theoretical training at a college or with a training provider.

How long does an Apprenticeship last? – Most apprenticeships take 2 – 5 years, depending on the trade.

Can a student start an apprenticeship while attending high school? – Yes! The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) provides opportunities for senior students (grades 11 and 12) to become registered apprentices while finishing high school.

Does the ALCDSB have any examples of OYAP student involvement? – Yes! Over the past 5 years there has been significant interest and growth in OYAP enrollment. For example, in 2008-09, 242 students were enrolled in cooperative education placements in skilled trade areas. Of this group, 46 students were formally registered as apprentices with employers, and 35 received their Level 1 apprenticeship training at either **St. Lawrence College, Loyalist College** or **Local 183**. Note: College tuition fees for OYAP students enrolled in the Carpentry, Hairstylist, Brick and Stone Mason, Automotive, Cook, Early Childhood Education, and Construction Craft Worker programs are paid for by MTCU.

How do high school students get involved? – Information about OYAP may be obtained from the guidance departments or cooperative education teachers. (Web information at www.oyap.com)

Who Should Consider OYAP? - Students who:

- Are at least 16 years of age and have completed 16 credits
- Have an interest in a career in a skilled trade

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**.

NEXT MONTH

Sun, January 1..... World Day of Prayer, NEW YEAR'S DAY
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Feast Day
Fri & Sat, Jan 6 & 7....Archbishop Spence's Jr. Basketball Tourn.
Monday, January 9..... First Instructional Day of the New Year
Holy Cross Semester One Field Trip Moratorium Begins
Wed, Jan 11.....OUAC online application submission deadline
Fri & Sat, Jan 13 & 14.....Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments
Monday, January 16.....National Non-Smoking Week Begins
Tues & Wed, Jan 17 & 18Gr 9 EQAO Mathematics Test
Wednesday, January 18.....Gr 11 Vocal Concert
Weedless Wednesday
Exam Review Begins (regular classes)
Thursday, January 19.....School Mass(es)
Friday, January 20The Memorial (at RND)
Monday, January 23Chinese New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 24.....Last Full Day of Instruction, Sem 1
Wednesday, January 25.....Culminating Activity Day
Thurs – Wed, Jan 26 – Feb 1.....Exam Days
Thursday, Feb 2.....Course Reconciliation Day
Friday, February 3 P.A. Day (no classes)
Monday, February 6.....1st Full Day of Classes, Semester 2