



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

On **Thursday, March 29th**, over 300 students wrote the **Literacy Test at Holy Cross**. I am very confident that our students are very well prepared thanks to our classroom teachers, Special Education Resource Teachers, the HC Literacy Committee and our **EQAO** Test Preparation Team led by Literacy Co-ordinator **Sean Roberts** and SERT **Anne Poels**. I thank all parents for the encouragement and support they offered to their sons and daughters in the acquisition and development of their literacy skills. The **Individual Student Reports** are expected by the end of **June**.

On behalf of staff and students, I wish a fond farewell to **Ms. Shannon Guay**, who has taken a secretarial position closer to home. Although the drive will certainly be more manageable for her, we will miss her here and know that she will continue to be part of the **Holy Cross** community.

Students who plan to return to **Holy Cross** for next year should ensure that they have completed the course selection process and have made selections based on their interests, abilities and destinations. At this time, many registrations have been received for the **Class of 2016**. Please ensure that you have completed the course selection process while space is still available. Classes do become full quickly.

To celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of our students, the **Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** hosted a **"Beacons of Hope"** celebration at a series of community breakfasts in our region. Two **Holy Cross** students, **Grace Hill** and **Jeff Arnold**, were selected for this honour, which took place on **Wednesday, March 28th** at the **Days Inn**. Good luck also to **Hannah Sutherland** and **Nik Tolgyesi**, who as this newsletter goes to press, are competing at an **Olympic Trials** swim meet.

We try to ensure that our community is up-to-date with our many events in a variety of ways – this newsletter, our website, **Syner-voice**, etc. As of today, we also move into the Twitterverse: the administrators of will be updating a **Twitter** account, **HCtoday1**, frequently so that students, staff and parents who opt to use this means will have accurate information.

Catholic Education Week runs from **May 6th** to **May 11th** this year and the theme is **"Walking in the Light of Christ."** In our schools the **Spirit of God** is alive! When you next walk through the halls, stop and listen. You will hear the marvellous work of the students and staff reflecting **God's** graciousness in their learning and teaching. During this **Catholic Education Week**, let's open our doors to **God's Spirit** in a special way and celebrate how the Spirit is renewing the face of our schools! I pray that the **Risen Christ** blesses you and your families with His peace and love.

Paul A. Walsh

APRIL EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS

April 2012.....	Skilled Trades Month
	Autism Awareness Month
Sunday, April 1.....	Palm Sunday
	Easter Seals Telethon
Mon, April 2.....	2012-13 Students' Council Executive Election Packages
Tues, April 3.....	HC-FSS Dodgeball Games, HC, 6:30 p.m.
Wed, April 4.....	Halpern's HC Spring Uniform Sale, 3:30 – 8
	Limestone Skills Competition
Thursday, April 5.....	Holy Thursday Liturgies, Cafeterium
Friday, April 6.....	Good Friday (no school)
Saturday, April 7.....	Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 8.....	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 9.....	Easter Monday (no school)
Tuesday, April 10.....	S2 Mid-Semester Test Period Begins
	Spring Team Photographs
Wednesday, April 11.....	One Day Without Shoes
	Euclid Gr 12 Math Contest
	Spring League Bball Begins (every Wed until May 23)
	Spring Team Photographs
	2012-13 Students' Council Nomination Packages Due
Thursday, April 12.....	Charity Fashion Show
	MADD Presentations
Sat, April 14.....	Skills Qualifier Competition at St. Lawrence
Sunday, April 15.....	National Volunteer Week Begins
Mon, April 16.....	Semester Two Midterm Testing Period Ends
	Grade 10 Careers and Civics (Term 1) courses end
	Earth Week Begins
	KASSAA Spring Season Begins
Tues, April 17.....	Term Two Gr 10 Careers & Civics courses begin
	Craig Kielburger Presentation, St. Lawrence
Wed, April 18 – Sun, April 22.....	HC Bands Trip to Orlando
Wed, April 18.....	Catholic School Council meeting, Library, 6:30
Sunday, April 22.....	Earth Day
	Administrative Professionals Week Begins
	Students' Council Executive Election Begins
Monday, April 23.....	Start of Students' Council Election Videos
Tuesday, April 24.....	World Malaria Day
Wednesday, April 25.....	Secretaries' Day
	Students' Council Town Hall Assembly
Thurs, April 26.....	OUAC & OCAS S2 Midterm Marks Deadline
Friday, April 27.....	Pitch-In Kingston Day
Mon, April 30.....	Semester Two Midterm Report Cards Issued
	2012 Grad List Published
	Start of Spring Uniform

PASTORAL REPORT

SHARELNT ACTIVITIES: A big thank you to **Students' Council** and **CICS** who are helping to organize this year's **ShareLent Campaign**. We are hoping to raise the remainder of the **\$8500.00** needed to build a school in **Kenya, Africa** through **"Free the Children"**. Students are donating through their home room classes. One of the major **ShareLent** fundraising events is the overnight **Thinkfast** on

Friday, March 30th. Over 70 students and staff have signed up to go without food for 25 hours in support of **ShareLent**. The collection continues until **Thursday of Holy Week**.

YOUTH POVERTY CHALLENGE CONFERENCE: Ten **Holy Cross** students took part to this year's **Youth Poverty Conference** at **McArthur College** on **Wednesday, March 28th** where they experienced what it is like to live in poverty. And what we can do to change things for the better in our communities.

GRADE 12 RETREAT: Over 40 students and staff took part in this year's **Grad Retreat** at **Rideau Acres** on **Friday, March 23rd**. We were blessed to have **Christian Schell** and other members of the **Catholic Christian Outreach Team (CCO)** lead the retreat which focused on our hopes and dreams for the future.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES: **Ms. Check Drumm's Vocal Class** is organizing our **Holy Week Liturgies** this year. They will take place on **Thursday, April 5th** and will consist of a Dramatic Presentation of the **Way of the Cross**.

PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BLITZ: Please mark **Wednesday, May 16th** on your calendars as we will be looking for volunteers to help with this year's **Food Blitz**. **Holy Cross** is a major participant in this annual effort to restock the **Food Bank** shelves with non-perishable food items in this time of great need in our local community. And we will need lots of volunteers to make this possible.

As we continue our **Lenten** journey may each of us open our hearts to **God's** love through almsgiving, prayer and fasting. And, may we enter deeply into **Christ's** Passion and Death during **Holy Week** so that we can fully experience the joy of His Resurrection this **Easter**.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

STUDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT

Students' Council would like to welcome back all students and staff from the **March Break**. This spring will be very eventful with the many activities planned for the last few months of the semester. **Students' Council Executive Election Packages** are available for any students in **Grade 11** interested in running for **Students' Council** for the **2012-2013** school year. There will be a dodgeball game against **Frontenac** held here at **Holy Cross** in support of **Easter Seals**, a charitable organization devoted to providing opportunities for children and adults with disabilities. **Mrs. McLean's homeroom class** is organizing and running a "**Minute to Win it**" **Game Show** during two lunch hours in the **Cafeteria**. It will be held on **Monday, April 2nd** and **Tuesday, April 3rd** on the stage in the **Cafeteria**. **Beavertails** will be sold on **Tuesday, May 8th** during the **Father Stan** soccer games. Good luck to all students and staff in their last few months of studies!

Stephanie Constantinidis, Communications

HOLY CROSS OPTIONAL SPRING UNIFORM

The optional spring uniform may be worn beginning on **Monday, April 30th, 2012**. 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. We are aware that the spate of warm weather in mid-**March** led to a desire to start the spring uniform early. **Students' Council Executive** has been in discussion with **Mr. Paul Walsh** on this matter. Combinations of the seasonal uniforms are not permitted. Students can expect that all staff will be particularly vigilant that only school-crested khaki shorts and green uniform shirts are worn in their classrooms.

HC SPRING UNIFORM SHOPPING

On **Wednesday, April 4th** from **3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** the **Spring Uniform** will be available for purchase from the **Halpern's Mobile Store** in the **Holy Cross Cafeteria**. Please note **Halpern's** accepts cash, **Master Card, Visa** and debit cards. **Halpern's** does not accept cheques. This will be the only day students and their families may purchase the spring uniform at **Holy Cross**. After this date, the

spring uniform will be available at the **HC Uniform Store** located in the **Tuck Shop**. Available clothing and prices may be viewed at the **Halpern's** website at www.halperns.ca.

Boys: Men's green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested
Youth \$19.95 Adult \$24.95

Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested \$29.95

Girls: Ladies' green golf shirt, short sleeve, crested

Youth \$21.95 Adult \$26.95

Khaki walking shorts, "H" crested \$29.95

ATHLETICS

OFSAA RESULTS

Congratulations to **Kameisha Christian** who captured a **Silver Medal** at the **Wrestling Championships** in **Peterborough** on **March 6th** and **7th**.

The Boys' Hockey Team, despite being seeded **16th** out of **20** teams at the **OFSAA AAA/AAAA Championship** in **Peterborough**, played hard but unfortunately finished third in their pool and were beat out by some of the top seeds at the tournament.

The Senior Boys' Basketball Team competed in **Windsor** as the **10th** seed. They lost to home-town favourite #4 seed **Herman** by **5**, before surprising the **7th** seed in the second round with a **14-point** margin. A close game in the quarter-finals saw them fall just short of the medal round, losing to **St. Theresa** of **Barrie** by three points. A special congratulations to our athletes and their coaches for having been selected for the **Sportsmanship Award** for **OFSAA 2012** by the organizing committee.

EASTER SEALS DODGEBALL: Mr. Dzierniejko's Sports Leadership Class, in conjunction with **Chad Lees, Easter Seals Ambassador**, is hosting the second annual **Dodgeball Games vs. Frontenac**.

This year, we are hosting the event in our gym on **Tuesday, April 3rd** with games starting at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome. The entrance fee, **\$2.00**, goes towards **Easter Seals**, an organization that helps students with disabilities succeed. All are welcome!

HC FIELD LACROSSE

The Holy Cross Field Lacrosse Team will travel to **Ottawa** on **Friday, April 13th** to participate in the "**Spring Thaw**" **Lacrosse Tournament**.

M.A.D.D. PRESENTATION

On **Thursday, April 12th**, a **Mothers Against Drunk Driving** presentation will be held in the gymnasium. We thank **MADD Kingston**, the **Kingston Area Safe and Sober Alliance**, the **City of Kingston Police**, and the **Ministry of Ontario** for sponsoring these presentations with important safety messages for our youth.

HOLY CROSS STUDENTS' COUNCIL EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Students who are interested in becoming a member of **Students' Council Executive** for the **2012-2013** school year are required to complete a nomination package. **Holy Cross Students' Council 2012-13 Executive** election packages are available from **Mr. Coleman**. Completed packages are to be submitted to a current **Students' Council Executive** member by **Wednesday, April 11th**. The **Town Hall Assembly** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 25th** and voting will take place on **Friday, April 27th, 2012**.

To be eligible to stand for election a student must:

- i) Attain and maintain a minimum 75% academic average
- ii) Be a student in good standing
- iii) Submit a nomination form with 50 signatures from peers
- iv) Submit three teacher references.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

The **3rd Annual Holy Cross Charity Fashion Show** is underway! The **Creations for a Cure Fashion Show** will take place on **Thursday, April 12th** at **7:00p.m** in the **Holy Cross** cafeteria. Our student designers have been enthusiastically preparing designs and creations to share with the community and all proceeds from the show will be going to the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**. Come out and support our talented students! Tickets are **\$10** per person and will be sold at lunch in the foyer the week prior to the show as well as at the door. Donations graciously accepted.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

MID SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

On **Monday, April 30th** mid semester report cards will be issued to all students in Period 1. Students will be directed to take the report cards home that day. No formal interviews are scheduled at this time. Parents with concerns are asked to contact **Student Services**.

COURSE SELECTION VERIFICATION FORMS

Although it may seem early, the planning for the **2012-13** school year is well underway at **Holy Cross**. Students have received **Course Selection Verification** sheets which indicate the courses that students have selected for next year. Our students are asked to select their courses in consultation with their teachers and parents. In addition, students are asked to bring the course verification sheet home and to return signed verification forms by **Thursday, April 12th, 2012**. Alternatively, students and parents may view the courses selected for next year by visiting the **Maplewood Access** button on our website, clicking on **Timetable** and then selecting **Choices**. The courses selected for next year will be indicated. Students who plan to return to **Holy Cross** for next year should ensure that they have completed the course selection process including verifying their courses.

VOLUNTEER & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Students are reminded to check the bulletin board for volunteer and part-time job opportunities. Ontario summer job opportunities are available through **Ontario.ca/summerJobs**. Volunteer opportunities are available with the **Canadian Cancer Society** and **Loyalist Township**.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Final first semester marks have been forwarded to both **OUAC** and **OCAS**. Please be aware of the fact that universities vary widely in when they send their offers of admission. Some students may have already had an early acceptance, but this is not the norm. Mid-term marks will be forwarded to **OUAC/OCAS** on **April 26th**. Universities will then begin to send offers of admission. Please reassure your son/daughter that they should not be alarmed if they do not hear at the same time as their friends. Students should expect a response from universities by **May 29th** (latest). **June 1st** is the earliest date by which **Ontario** universities may require a response to an offer of admission. **Grade 12 students** enrolled in a night school course must have a midterm mark submitted to **Student Services** by **April 25th** and a final mark by **June 20th**. Please note that you may be expected to write a final exam before **June 1st** in order to receive a final mark by the deadline.

College applicants must confirm their acceptance of a college offer by **May 1st**.

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Some **Grade 10/11 students** have the opportunity to attend a one-day enrichment program at **St. Lawrence College** on **May 3rd**. This program provides students the opportunity to experience one of the following career pathways: Justice Studies, Community Services, Business, Health Sciences, Applied Science and Computing, and Skilled Trades and Tourism. Contact **Student Services** for a registration form. Application deadline is **April 5th**.

OSAP

A financial representative will discuss **OSAP** applications in **April**, the date and time will be announced at a later date.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE AT QUEEN'S (SEEQ)

Go to **esu.queensu.ca**. **SEEQ** offers weekly theme courses for highly motivated and bright students from grades 7-10. Students will choose courses of interest that will be explored in depth using state of the art facilities, labs and equipment on campus.

2012 SEEQ courses are grouped into tracks for grade 7-8 and grade 9-10 students. **SEEQ** will be offered one week for local students (commuter week), and one week for students who want to stay in residence and get the entire university experience.

SEEQ Week (grade 7-10) Date	Fees
Residence Week August 12-17, 2012	\$650
Commuter Week August 20-24, 2012	\$275

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2012 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class will be held on **Thursday, June 28th** beginning at **7:00 pm** in the gymnasium. A **Graduation Mass** will be celebrated at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** on **Taylor Kidd Blvd** at **12:00** for the graduates, their families, friends and staff.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2012 REMINDERS

Potential graduates should take note of the following significant dates:

Wed, March 21	HC Class of 2012 information meeting
Friday, March 23	Graduates Retreat at Rideau Acres
Monday, April 30	Potential HC Graduates List Published
Week of May 7 th	Grad Invitations distributed in Period 1
Wednesday, May 9	Valedictorian Submission Deadline
Friday, May 11	Community Service Hours documentation due
Wednesday, June 20	Final Course documentation deadline
Thurs, June 28	Graduation Mass & Commencement Exercises

A list of students who are potential graduates of **Holy Cross** and eligible to receive their **Ontario Secondary School Diploma** and take part in the **June 2012** graduation ceremony will be published in the **May Newsletter**. The completion of thirty (30) credits (including compulsory), 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 11th, 2012**. 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 **Wednesday, June 20th, 2012**. Students may contact their counselor regarding any questions concerning graduation.

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Identification Placement and Review Committee Meetings: attention all parents/guardians of students identified as exceptional learners. Letters of invitation have been mailed to attend the annual review meeting to discuss your son/daughter's identification or placement. Please complete the form and return it to **Room 117**.

The **Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston Newsletter** contains current research on learning disabilities, resources available for loan, and scholarships available to students who are transitioning to college or university. Check out their website: **www.ldakingston.com**.

Many graduating students on individual education plans have accepted their offer of admission. The next step is to prepare a **Transition Portfolio** which includes most recent psycho-educational/medical assessment, most recent **IEP**, and **IPRC** statement where applicable. Thirdly, set up an appointment with the **Centre for Disabilities** in **April** or **May** and present this documentation to receive your accommodations. The graduating student is solely responsible for sharing all confidential documentation pertaining to disabilities with the postsecondary institution. For help with this process, contact **Ms. Gavan Knox** in **Room 117/ext.3426**.

St. Lawrence College is running the transition event "**Destination St. Lawrence**" on **May 3rd** and **May 4th** for students with disabilities/ADHD attending **St. Lawrence College** in **September, 2012**. Students who want to learn about valuable resources and strategies which will help prepare them for college are invited to register by **April 20th, 2012**. Registration forms are available from their website in **Room 117** or from the **St. Lawrence College** website @**www.stlawrencecollege.ca/disability**.

Postsecondary Financial assistance information is available on our **Holy Cross** website and also **www.disabilityawards.ca** and **www.studentawards.ca**;

On-line to Success Update: The five grade 11 students who attended the opening days of this learning strategies on-line course at **Queen's University** on **March 21st** and **22nd**, returned to **Holy Cross** with comments such as "it was fun" and "we updated our learning profile" and "we're getting an updated psycho-educational assessment before we go to college or university".

**TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
SKILLS COMPETITION**

Communications Technology students are participating in the **Limestone City Skills Competition** on **Wednesday, April 4th** at **St. Lawrence College, Kingston**. Grade 12 student **Daisy Barrette** is representing **Holy Cross** in the **Photography** category. Teams of grade 12 students **Meggan Greyling & Jessica Taylor**, and **Hayley Dykins & Grace Esford** are competing in the **Video / TV Production** category.

The **Specialist High Skills Major** students will advance to the **Eastern Ontario Skills Qualifier** on **Saturday, April 14th**. Successful students then proceed to the three day **Provincial Skills Competition** in **Waterloo, Ontario** starting on **April 30th**. If successful at the Provincial level, students advance to the **Canadian National Skills Competition** in **Edmonton**. Good luck **Crusaders!**

ONE DAY WITHOUT SHOES

One Day Without Shoes is the day we spread awareness about the impact that a simple pair of shoes can have on a child's life. On **Wednesday April 11th**, students and staff are invited go without shoes all day P1-P4, to experience a life without shoes first hand, and inspire others at the same time. Through every day encounters with domestic poverty, we are reminded to appreciate having food and shelter, but most of us all forget about our feet. Food, shelter and shoes facilitate life's fundamentals.

CRAIG KIELBURGER AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

On **April 17th, 2012**, **United Way, Kingston** and **Investor's Group** is sponsoring a presentation by **Craig Kielburger** at **McArthur Hall, Queen's University**. **Craig Kielburger**, founder of **Free the Children** and co-founder of **Me to We**, began volunteering in his home town of **Thornhill, Ontario** at the age of 12 and is a sought-after speaker who is known world round. The presentation topic is **The Canadian Guide to Living Me to We: Daily Tips for Living a Socially Conscious Lifestyle**. It will touch on how students can make a difference by volunteering in their community. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation. On **Tuesday, May 15th**, we will host a **Me To We** speaker at the school for a large group assembly in the morning as well as smaller leadership groups in the afternoon.

HOLY CROSS PITCH IN DAY

On **Friday, April 27th**, participating classes will clean up the school grounds as well as public areas near the school. See **Mr. Gervais** or **Mr. Forster** if you would like your class to participate.

ECO-CORNER

April is **Ecoschools** certification time and much has been happening behind the scenes leading up to this important time. Energy, waste, and recycling audits are being conducted to ensure that everybody is doing their part. Results from these audits will be communicated to the school community. The **HC Green Team** is also gearing up to get the vegetable garden ready for this year's growing season. A partnership with **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys** elementary school will result in both schools helping each other with their planting. **Earth Hour** was also celebrated at **HC** with each class reducing lighting for a total of one hour or more on **Friday March 30th**.

And finally, did you know that **HC** has been generating electricity with our solar panels for about eight weeks? We have generated enough electricity to power 63 houses for a day! The carbon dioxide saved from this is equivalent to 34 trees! To see our current generation see the following link: <https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/public/systems/WDNT57231>.

Keep it Green **HC!**

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

May 3.....	Grade Eight Orientation Day at Holy Cross Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest
May 4	Kids Helping Kids Twonie for Non-Uni Day HC Blood Donor Clinic, Small Gym
May 7.....	Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral HC Class of 2012 Grad Invitations Mailed Spirit Week Begins
May 9	Holy Cross Valedictorian Election
May 10	March for Life (Ottawa)
May 11	Class of 2012 Community Service Hours Due Date
May 13	Mother's Day
May 15	Me to We Presentations, Holy Cross
May 16	Hotel Dieu Partners in Mission Food Blitz
May 16 & 17	KASSAA Track and Field
May 18.....	KASSAA Girls' Rugby Championships
May 21	Victoria Day (no school)
May 22	S2 Field Trip Moratorium Begins
May 23	Genesis Awards Evening, 7 p.m.
May 24	KASSAA Soccer Championships KASSAA Boys' Rugby Championships
May 25	P.A. Day (no classes)
May 28	Response to Applicants by Ontario Universities
May 30	Green and Silver Athletic Awards Banquet World No Tobacco Day



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change your life.**

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April 15 - May 6, 2012**



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