

four years **Nicole Borges, Matt Pendergast, and Sarah Besselink**. All are recipients of the **Holy Cross Letter**. These three individuals are hard-working, conscientious and determined student athletes who committed themselves to practices and highly competitive games. Our 2012 Major Athletics Awards recipients include **Grade 9 Athletic Recognition to Christina Papadakis, Junior Male Athlete to Brent Martindale, Junior Female Athlete to Kelsie Norman, Junior Leadership to Sarah Flisikowski, Senior Leadership Award to Tom Daechsel, Grace Esford, and Eric Dodwell, B'nai Brith Award to Eric Macrow and Hannah Pho, Senior Male Athlete to Matt Pendergast, Senior Female Athlete to Kameisha Christian, Sports Leadership Award to Pat McCombs**. Much appreciation to all of our student athletes and volunteer coaches who bring sport to life at **Holy Cross**.

At this time, I'd like to thank our staff members who will retire this June. The talents and combined years of experience of these folks leave big shoes to fill. To **Jill Courneya, Diane McCombs, Pat McCombs, Miriam McConaghy, Ann O'Brien and Elizabeth Rae-Dalton**, thanks for building the community here at Holy Cross and good luck on your journey. On behalf of staff and students, we value their contributions and we will miss their leadership and personalities. We thank also the following staff members who at this time may be moving on to other opportunities: **Matt Clarke, Ted Daniel, Andrea Johnson, April Johnson DiRinaldo, Justin Murphy, and Ryan Perkin**.

We received a thank you note from **Director Jody DiRocco** about this year's contributions to the **ALCDSB Catholic Education Foundation**, supporting those in our community in need. Together, we raised over \$2,250.00. Good luck to all students preparing for their culminating projects and final exams. Please buckle down and focus on achieving the best results possible. To all students and staff, may you have a safe, joyful summer, filled with many blessings.

Paul A. Walsh

JUNE PASTORAL UPDATE

On Friday, May 4th Holy Cross hosted a **Blood Donor Clinic** in the small gym. Our students and staff were amazingly generous this year as close to 50 people donated blood and exceeded last year's total of 34 units of blood. Congratulations to **Kate Schenk, Hayley Dykins, Rachael Taylor and Kaitlyn Northcott** for organizing the clinic and to all who gave the "**Gift of Life**".

Our **Holy Cross** students joined with their **Regiopolis-Notre Dame** counterparts to travel to Ottawa for the annual **March for Life** on **May 10th**. They joined 20,000 other pro-lifers in making a strong statement for 'Life' and against abortion during the rally on **Parliament Hill** and the march that followed through the streets of **Ottawa**.

On behalf of our **Crusaders in Community Service (C.I.C.S.)**, a big thank you to staff, students and parents who helped out with the **Hotel Dieu Food Blitz** on **Wednesday, May 16th**. We especially thank the students, staff and parents from **Our Lady of Lourdes** who came out to help us canvass door-to-door and to load 34,000 pounds of food donations onto the trailer. This year's total for all of Kingston was 95,000 pounds so we collected over 1/3 of the total here at **Holy Cross**. Congratulations to all for their donations and their help in making this year's **Food Blitz** such a great success and for supporting the **Partners In Mission Food Bank**.

Our last **CICS** Outreach of the year to the **Rosewood Retirement Home** took place on **Monday, May 28th**. Special thanks to **Mr. Drumm** and **Mr. Gervais** who have been part of these visits all year and to all the **CICS** students who took time out of their busy schedules to visit our "Senior" friends at the **Rosewood**. Your visits there were much appreciated.

We will celebrate our last School Mass of the year on **Thursday, June 7th** with **Fr. Rod McNeil** presiding. And on **June 28th** at 12:00

noon at **St. Paul the Apostle Church** we will gather with our graduating students, family members and staff for the 2012 Graduation Mass. May God bless all our students as they prepare for final assignments and exams, and our graduates as they look forward to beginning a new chapter in their lives.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

The **Students' Council** will be hosting a **Grade Eight Night** on June 8th, 2012, which will give next year's grade nines a chance to meet their **Students' Council**, explore the school and meet new friends while taking part in lots of fun activities. **Students' Council** would like to wish all students success in their studies for exams. Best wishes to the **Graduating Class of 2012** as they take their final strides here at **Holy Cross**. We would also like to thank the **administration, all teachers, educational assistants and support staff, and the custodians and all others for making this year a success with the various events this year**. We could also like to wish next year's students council good luck for the upcoming year. We hope that all students and their families have a fun and safe summer!

Stephanie Constantinidis, Communications Officer

EQAO GRADE 9 ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

For those who are currently registered in Grade 9 Academic and Applied Mathematics courses, the **Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Academic Mathematics** will be written on **Thursday, June 14th** and on **Friday, June 15th** in regularly scheduled math classes. Some applied students may be eligible for an exam exemption should they achieve the provincial standard on this test and throughout the semester; teachers will notify qualifying students directly in advance of our final exams.

TECH NEWS / BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

All community members are encouraged to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter, sent to you automatically. Anyone interested in subscribing to the **HC** newsletter online, please visit our school website, hctoday.ca. Similarly, if you or your son or daughter is graduating, you could email an "unsubscribe" request to us.

2012 HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

The **2012 Holy Cross Crusade** was distributed on **Tuesday, May 29th, 2012**. Thanks to both **Mr. Prior's Period 1 class** and the **yearbook staff** who co-ordinated the distribution process. If you have not yet picked up your pre-purchased copy (included in your September student fee), please see **Mr. Prior** in **Room 129** during periods 1 or 2, or during the lunch hour. If you have a friend that you know is no longer at **Holy Cross**, you may also pick up their copy for them.

GRADE TWELVE GALA VOCAL CONCERT

On **Thursday, June 7th, 2012**, the **Grade Twelve Vocal Class** will present their final gala concert. The performance will take place in the cafetorium and curtain time is **7:00 p.m.**. Tickets are only **\$5.00** at the door. Come out and enjoy an exciting evening of vocal performance.

ECO-CORNER

Thank you to the many student and staff volunteers for helping out with our E-waste collection that took place on **Saturday, May 26th**. An extra big thank you to **Mike DeSousa**, our IT representative for the school, who collected over 150 items. This extra effort enabled us to collect a few more items than **Regiopolis-Notre Dame**, allowing us to win the high school challenge. Over 3000 items were collected between the two schools raising money for the **Tanzania Schools Project**. The **Green Team** also completed the application for **Ecoschool** certification and **HC** is again a silver certified **Eco-School**. Thank you for the efforts of all staff and students in helping **HC** becoming a 'green' school. Finally, the **Green Team**, under the green thumb guidance of **Marie Hulse**, has been preparing this year's organic vegetable gardens. Keep it Green **HC!**

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Graduate Information

The completion of forty (40) hours of community involvement is required as a key component of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours are to be completed and submitted to **Student Services**. If you still have not done your community involvement you need to see **Student Services** ASAP. – Last call – **Friday, June 8th**.

Graduating students who applied for admission to an **Ontario** university, who did not receive an offer of admission, can inquire about possible openings at other **Ontario** universities through the **OUAC** from **June 6th to August 31st**. Go to www.ouac.on.ca or call **519-823-1063**. To be considered, students must have completed 6 4U or 4M courses including the prerequisites needed for entry to specific programs, as well as an average of at least 60%.

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

Spring and summer bring many opportunities to volunteer within the community! For more information on **volunteer** and **employment** opportunities, please contact **Student Services**.

Student timetables for the **2012-2013** school year will be available online on **Friday, June 8th**. Students can access their timetable by using the **Maplewood Portal** on the **HC Today** website. Student timetables will not be mailed over the summer. A copy will be available in the textbook room during textbook pick up in late **August**. It is the intent of **Student Services** to have timetable problems/changes resolved by the end of exams. Students who intend to switch from applied courses in Grade 9 to academic in Grade 10 are reminded that they need to complete the prerequisite course. Senior students wishing to upgrade also require the appropriate prerequisite. Please see your counsellor for details.

Summer School Information

The **Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** is offering summer school courses in the following options:

Credit Improvement: July 4 – 17: 55 hours of credit improvement will be available for students achieving 35% or greater. Summer school will be offered at **Holy Cross**, numbers permitting. Transportation will not be available.

New Credit: July 4 – 31: Students can take a new credit through on-line learning. E-learning courses include: ENG4C, ENG4U, ENG3U, PPZ3O, GLC2O, CHV2O, MPM2D, MCR3U, MCF3M, MHF4U, and HHS4M. All university level e-learning courses will include a final exam held on **July 31st**.

Co-op Program: July 4 – 31: A four week co-op program (one credit) is offered if numbers permit. Pre-employment training will be done online.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2012 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class will be held on **Thursday, June 28th** beginning with the **Graduation Mass** at **St. Paul the Apostle** at **12:00 p.m.** followed by the **Graduation Ceremony** at **7:00 p.m.** here at the school.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2012 JUNE REMINDERS

Wednesday 20th June..... Final Course documentation deadline
Thursday 28th June..... Graduation
12:00..... Mass for the graduates, guests & HC Staff at St. Paul the Apostle
5:30..... Gown Fitting in the Library with Ms Dowsley & Committee
6:15..... HC Class of 2012 portrait by Mr. Prior in the Main Foyer
6:35..... Grads line up alphabetically for Procession of the Graduates
6:55..... Graduate Processional begins to move to the gymnasium
7:00..... Graduation Ceremony begins
9:00..... Reception in the Cafetorium for the Graduates, Family, Guests, and HC Staff

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 was published in the **May 2012** newsletter. 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. 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 are encouraged to contact their counsellor regarding any questions concerning graduation. Congratulations to the following graduates, chosen by their peers as class representatives: **Valedictorian, Michael McConnell; Salutatorian, Nick Cotman; and 2012 Class Representatives, Jeff Arnold and Tyler Check.**

Each graduate has received four tickets which are required by their family and guests at the door on the evening of **June 28th**. All graduates are reminded to notify Student Services once they have accepted admission to a college or university and if they have received any scholarships or bursaries.

This year each graduate who has paid their **Crusader Student Activity Fee** will receive a photo CD, containing images from the graduation ceremonies. The CD will include the large group photograph, graduates receiving their diplomas, and award winners.

NEWS FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCE

Post-Secondary Education Transition Planning: After accepting entrance to college/university of your choice, students on IEPs make an appointment with their **Centre for Disabilities** to share their **Individual Education Plan** and all assessments to access accommodations. There is still time to update the IEP to reflect the **Strengths, Needs and Accommodation Sections** with the student's current learning profile. For an appointment, contact **Ms. Gavan Knox @ 613-384-1919 ext.3426**.

Identification, Placement and Review Committee Letters were mailed to Parents/Guardians. If you have already returned the Request/Waiver Meeting Forms, thank you; if not, please return these forms so that they be sent to **ALCDSB Office, Napanee (Ontario Ministry of Education requirement)**.

New TPM IEP Individual Education Plan: The new **TPM IEP** is to be sent to Parents/Guardians with the **June Report Card**.

Final Exams for Students on IEPs Your child's use of accommodations during the semester are entered by subject teachers on the "**Accommodation Form /Exam Form**" and returned to **Special Education**. Teachers may invite students who use "quiet location" and "time only" to write with their class or in **Resource Room 117**. Any change to the assessment is recorded in the Review section of the IEP. An "**Exam Conflict**" for students on IEPs at **Holy Cross** means that a student is writing two exams on one day. **Mrs. Marie Hulse, SERT**, coordinates this process with both subject teachers, student and **Mr. P. Melim, Vice-Principal**. **Mrs. Hulse** may be reached at **613-384-1919, ext.3428**.

Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment - A letter has been mailed to you outlining your child's accommodations. The accommodations outlined in the letter are the ones that the student has requested and agreed to use (all accommodations were offered as outlined in the IEP, but the student may have agreed to some and declined others). For further information, contact **Mrs. A. Poels** at **613-384-1919 ext. 3425**.

NEW! Orientation for the Grade 9 Students on Individual Education Plans, Class of 2012-13, will be on Tuesday, August 28, which is the date for "Grade 9 Textbook Day". Orientation activities will identify the "Go to Persons", the routines in the learning strategies classroom **136**, resource room **117**, classroom locations, and SEA laptops. The first session will be 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in room **136**; the second session from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in room **136**. Register for one of these sessions by contacting **613-384-1919 ext.3426**.

LOCKER CLEAN-UP AND CLEAN-OUT PROCEDURES

All students must clear and clean their locker of personal belongings on the day of their final examination or at the latest, before the end of the day on **Tuesday, June 26th**. In the last week of **June**, locks will be seized and lockers will be cleared of all contents with items being donated.

JUNE TEXTBOOK RETURNS

Textbooks issued by Holy Cross are the property of the school and are on loan to a student on a semester basis only. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to care for their books and to return all items in good condition. Mix-ups can occur in classrooms, and a student may inadvertently have another person's textbook in their possession. Students are responsible for returning the textbooks assigned to them. Please search your house, car, locker, etc. for any textbooks which may not have been returned. **HC textbooks are due back on the day of the individual student's final exam.** Students are to personally **return the textbooks they were issued (exact barcodes)** to the **Textbook Room** or to the **Library**, to ensure that their account is cleared. Textbooks left in the classroom or exam room remain the student's responsibility. The \$100.00 deposit cheques will be cashed for unreturned or damaged books beginning **June 27th**. After that date no information or refunds will be available until school starts in **September**. If there are any questions about textbooks, please call **Mr. Mario Cortis** or **Miss Mary Pryal** at extension **3413**, before then.

AUGUST TEXTBOOK PICK-UP

Students will be able to pick up their next year's first semester text books during the week before classes begin. The textbook room will be open from **Tuesday, August 28th to Thursday, August 30th** from **9 – 3 pm**, and the **Wednesday evening** also from **6 – 9 pm**. (**Tuesday, August 28th** is reserved as a **"Grade 9 only"**. Only the new grade 9 students will be served on that day.) Other students can pick up their books on the other days. In order to get textbooks each student's account of the previous year must be clear. Students must have their green textbook card to be validated. (New grade 9 students will be given their cards at textbook pickup time.) A separate textbook deposit cheque must be submitted. This cheque is to be made out to **Holy Cross Secondary School**, in the amount of **\$100.00** postdated to **March 1st, 2013**, and should have the student's **full name** printed at the top left of the cheque. *Please be advised that any textbook account problems that have not been resolved from the previous semester will not be able to be addressed during the busy textbook pick-up days. Replacement green textbook cards are \$5.00 and cannot be issued the same day.*

EXAMINATION RETURN AND REPORT CARD PICK UP DAY

Students may pick up their June examinations the morning of **Wednesday, June 27th** from **9:00 to 10:00 am**. Examinations may be picked up from subject teachers in their classrooms. **Report cards will be mailed home beginning on Monday, July 9th, 2012.**

ANNUAL UNIFORM SALE

Halpern's will be holding their **Holy Cross** school uniform sale on **Thursday, July 26th** from **3:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the **Holy Cross Cafeteria**. It is advisable to purchase the uniform on this date to ensure that everyone is in full uniform on the first day of school. If you cannot make the sale, uniforms may also be purchased at the school in late **August**. Please check www.hctoday.ca for further information.

PRE-OWNED & PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED UNIFORM SALE

Is your youngest child getting set to graduate from Holy Cross? Have you grown several centimeters in the past year? If you no longer have any use for your (or your child's) uniform and are interested in donating it to the school, please bring the uniform to **Ms. Daniel** in the main office. **Holy Cross Catholic School Council** will be offering parents and students an opportunity to buy previously enjoyed uniforms for reasonable prices on **Thursday, July 19th, 2012**. Any monies raised from this sale will go to support the learning experience (including uniforms and extracurriculars) for students and families in need. The sale will be held in the **Holy Cross Foyer** between **6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

SHSM Specialist High Skills Major in Communications Technology

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? Do you want to be an Animator, Journalist, Photographer, Video Producer, Web Page Designer? Then you will want to check out the **Holy Cross SHSM Specialist High Skills Major in Communications Technology**. Students who participate in this grade 11 & 12 focus program receive additional opportunities, extracurricular experiences, travel, and training. SHSM students graduate with a special red seal diploma. For more information on SHSM go to: <http://hcss.alcddb.on.ca/hctoday/TechEd/SHSM/SHSMsite.html> There is an **SHSM** informational presentation for grades 10 & 11 students on **Wednesday, June 6th** at 11:15 a.m. in room 218. Free pizza & pop will be provided. Bring a friend! Openings in the **SHSM** program are available, interested students may sign up at the meeting for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL KIDS CAMP

Dates: **July 16-20, 2012** **Camp Hours:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
August 13 – 17, 2012 *Parents can drop players off at 8 am
Fee: \$165.00
Location: Holy Cross C.S.S
* Open to Boys & Girls in grades 3-8

CAMP DIRECTORS

- Kelly Dixon, Alfie DeMelo, and Robin Dzierniejko
- 51 years combined coaching experience, both males and females of all ages.
- 15 KASSAA and EOSSAA Gold Medals, 1 OFSAA Gold, 1 OFSAA Bronze, 1 Provincial OBA Gold

JULY 2012	
July 1.....	Canada Day
July 4.....	Summer School Begins at Holy Cross
July 16- 20	Crusaders Kids Basketball Camp
July 19.....	Used Uniform Sale, HC Foyer, 6 – 8 p.m.
July 26.....	Halpern's Uniform Sale, HC, 3:30 – 8 p.m.
July 27	Opening Ceremony at the London 2012 Olympic Games
AUGUST 2012	
August 13 – 17	Crusaders Kids Basketball Camp
August 28	Grade Nine Day (pick up materials)
August 28 – 30	Textbook Pickup (evening hours Wed,6-9)

