



# 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 weekly basis, groups gather in the **Foyer** to light our **Advent** wreath candles and to pray together. 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 **December**. It is my hope that we come together as a community in this hopeful season. We have wrapped up our school's **United Way Campaign**, led by **Chris Corcoran** and **Faith Bland**, having raised over \$4500. In **Advent**, we focus on charitable works both local and afar – helping as we can with rebuilding in the **Philippines** as well as providing necessary items for the **Kingston** winter season to people locally. At this time of year, I encourage all to give generously to assist those who are in need. May the true spirit of the season and **Christmas** touch each of you and your families.

Congratulations to all of our **Arts** and **Technology Departments** – staff, students and community member volunteers – who once again collaborated to create a truly outstanding production of **Jesus Christ Superstar** and the corresponding **Art Show**. This contemporary re-imagining of the final three days of **Jesus'** life showcased the amazing talents and dedication characteristic of **Holy Cross** productions. Congratulations to **Stacy Check-Drumm** and all involved in this year's show. Leads **Jeremy Pendergast**, **Robert Halligan** and **Courtney Day** were part of an extremely talented ensemble. 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**. The morning performances for the intermediate students on the two **Days of the Arts** were a great warm-up.

The winter sports season is now underway and we hope that the excitement from large crowds at several sporting events in the fall will continue into this new season. A packed gymnasium is a very exciting environment. Come cheer on our teams.

Congratulations to **Patsy Hawkins Hogan's Exercise Science** and **Curtis Stanzel's General Science** classes who cut, chopped and prepared vegetables for the 50 homeroom classes. Student leaders delivered loads of fresh veggies, and shared valuable, evidence based information about the importance of consuming more veggies and fruit every day. This initiative was made possible through community partnerships with **Lisa Lollar, KFL&A Public Health** and **Grant Kirbyson's No Frills on Division St.** Thanks also to **Students' Council Executive, CICS, Leadership students** and **Richard Coleman** who organized a number of **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week** activities. A contest in which students were encouraged to submit an entry in one of four categories: poster, writing, photography and video was very successful. All entries creatively brought awareness to the subject of bullying, including ways to prevent it. In addition, Grade assemblies on bullying awareness and prevention were held on Thursday in the cafeteria. Click here <http://hcss.alcdsb.on.ca/hctoday/> to learn more. Congratulations also to **Jordan Taylor, Katrina Marshall**, and **Brianna Robertson** who placed first, second and third in the **Royal Canadian Legion's Black and White Poster Remembrance Day Contest**; to **Riya Patel, Chae Rin Lee, Erika Pakis**, and **Natalie Palma** who took the top four spots in the **Colour Poster Contest**; and to **Diana McDonald** who placed first in the **Senior Poetry Contest**.

## THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

- Sunday, December 1.....First Sunday of Advent  
World AIDS Day
- Monday, December 2.....CICS Advent Collection Begins  
Gr 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, Period 1  
Improv Tryouts, 2:45 – 4 p.m., Room 246  
Queen's Teacher Candidates Return
- Tues, Dec 3 .SHSM Com Tech Reach Ahead Trip – Concordia U & NFB  
Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, P1  
Improv Tryouts continue, after school  
International Day of Persons with Disabilities  
KASSAA Winter Sports Season Begins
- Wed, Dec 4.....Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, P1  
Quinte Invitational Wrestling Meet  
Winter Season Team Photographs
- Thursday, December 5.....Winter Season Team Photographs  
Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assembly, P1  
Improv Tryouts continue, after school  
Grade Level Reconciliations, all day, Library
- Friday, December 6.....Winter Season Team Photographs  
Nat'l Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women  
Improv Tryouts continue, after school  
Staff Soup & Bread Luncheon, Typhoon Haiyan Relief  
CICS Advent Bake Sale  
Queen's Online to Success Registration Deadline
- Fri – Sat, Dec 6-7 .....Queen's U Sr. Boys' Basketball Invitational
- Saturday, Dec 7 ..... Brockville Jr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament
- Mon, Dec 9 ..... House of Commons Page Program due date  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, Cathedral
- Tuesday, December 10..... International Human Rights Day  
Crusaders Bands Performance, Foyer, lunchtime
- Wed, Dec 11.....Crusaders Bands Performance, Foyer, lunchtime  
Ernestown Wrestling Tournament
- Thurs, Dec 12..... Nat'l Day of Prayer for Aboriginal People  
Katharine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert, 7, Cafetorium  
Advent School Mass
- Fri, Dec 13 ..... Rec. Date for uni/college online applications  
Kingston Street Retreat  
Bridges Program Bake Sale, Foyer, lunch
- Fri – Sat, Dec 13-14 ..... Queen's Jr & Sr Girls' Vball Tournament  
Archbishop Spence's Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament
- Saturday, Dec 14 ..... Bill MacLeod Wrestling Tournament
- Sunday, December 15 .....Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday, December 16 ..... Christmas Carols / Karaoke at lunch
- Tuesday, Dec 17 .....Science Presentations – Birds, Cafetorium  
Gingerbread House-Making Contest at lunch
- Wednesday, December 18.....Advent Collection Ends  
Coffee House, 7 pm, Cafetorium  
Tacky Christmas Sweater Day (with uniforms)  
Pictures with Santa at lunch  
RND Dual Wrestling Meet
- Thursday, December 19..... Tentative Non-Uniform Day  
Final Instructional Day before Christmas
- Friday, December 20 ..... PD Day #2 (no classes)
- Monday, January 6 .....First Day of Classes in 2014

I wish students, teachers and support staff good luck in their endeavours to complete the semester with the best results possible. I hope that all have a wonderful Christmas holiday, surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Paul A. Walsh

## PASTORAL NEWS

We have begun the holy season of **Advent** here at **Holy Cross**, and our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the people affected by **Typhoon Haiyan** in the **Philippines**. Our school community is organizing several fundraising events in the coming days to help in the relief efforts. We will also be taking part in some special liturgies over the coming weeks. Each **Monday** morning during **Advent**, students and staff will gather in the **Main Lobby** to light our **Advent Wreath**. Students and staff will be participating in our **Advent Reconciliation Services** on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** in the **Library**. And all are invited to attend the **Archdiocesan** celebration of the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** on **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30 p.m.** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**. As a school community, we will be celebrating our **Advent Mass** together on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Congratulations to those students who took part in our **Toronto Street Retreat** from **November 11 – 12<sup>th</sup>**. We walked many miles during this two day retreat, starting with **Street Patrol** which took us out on the streets of **Toronto** to offer lunches, socks and **Tim Horton's** gift cards to the homeless. This was followed by a late-evening **Mass** and debrief with **Fr. Santo**. The next day **Patrick Sullivan** of **Sanctuary Ministries** took us on an **Awareness Walk** through downtown **Toronto**. **CICS** will be following up on this experience with a **Kingston Street Retreat** on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Our **Advent Collection** this year will benefit three charities. During the first week of **Advent**, we will raise money for the **Philippines**. During the second week we will collect money to provide "**Winter Warmth**" survival kits for homeless youth here in **Kingston**. And, during the third week we will dedicate our fundraising monies to provide **Christmas Hampers** for families in need. If you would like to provide a Christmas Hamper for a family in need please call me in the **Chaplaincy Office** at **Holy Cross (ext. 3436)**. May we continue to look for ways to support those in need around us. And, may God bless all our students, staff and families with a holy and peaceful **Christmas**.

**Chris Forster, Pastoral Services**

## STUDENT COUNCIL

It's beginning to look a lot like **Christmas!** With Jack Frost nipping at your nose, we are reminded that winter is upon us. During **December**, it is important to give generously to those less fortunate than ourselves. This year's **Advent Fundraising Campaign** will involve collecting money to support the relief effort in the **Philippines**, provide "**Winter Warmth**" survival kits for homeless youth in **Kingston**, as well as to help build a home for a disadvantaged family in **Kingston, Jamaica**. Winter sports are underway as we enter into the last month of the year, and we wish the winter teams the best of luck with their seasons. Members of **Student Council** will be attending an **Interschool Council Meeting** on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **Limestone District School Board Education Centre**. Representatives from both boards will be present to discuss the needs of the Kingston student body. On **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** enjoy a night of local talent at **Holy Cross' Christmas-themed Coffee House** to be held in the **Cafeteria**. We look forward to seeing students involved and attending. Tickets will be on sale soon! **Christmas Spirit Week** will take place just before we break for the holidays. **Student Council** is organizing a **Christmas Spirit Week** from **December 16<sup>th</sup>** to the **19<sup>th</sup>**:

▲**Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**- **Student Council** is hosting **Karaoke** in the **Cafeteria**

▲**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**- **Gingerbread House Making Contest** at lunch in the **Main Foyer** (payment required to participate and prizes are to be won)

▲**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** - **Christmas Sweater Day** (regular uniform still worn) and pictures with **Santa** and **Mrs. Claus** at lunch in the **Main Foyer**

▲**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**- Students who purchased tickets will

be excused from morning classes to see **The Hobbit 2** in theatres at **Cineplex Odeon** on **Gardiners Rd.**

▲**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**- PD Day #2 (no classes)

On behalf of **Student Council**, I'd like to wish the **Holy Cross** community a **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!** May the holiday season be filled with love, peace, and the magic of **Christmas**. See you in **2014!**

**Sarah Flisikowski, Communications Officer**

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013** in the **Main Foyer** during the lunch hour. Bring some change and try some of our new selections. You won't want to miss out on this event!

## EQAO GRADE NINE ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

In **January 2014**, **Holy Cross** students who are currently enrolled in a **Grade 9 Applied or Academic** 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 **Thursday and Friday, January 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. *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

**Post-secondary Transition Planning:** grade 12 students on IEPs attending a post-secondary 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**.

**Students in grade 12 with an IPRC designation will be receiving a letter to arrange for a meeting.**

The application deadline for the **Online to Success Course** offered for grade 11 and 12 students with learning disabilities / ADHD is **January 20, 2014**. The course runs from **March 24 to-May 9, 2014** Interested students in grade 11 and 12 are asked to contact **Mrs. Hulse, ext. 3428**;

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> 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**.

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.3425**.

## CRUSADER ATHLETICS

The **Fall Season** ended with the **Senior Boys Volleyball** team competing at **OFSSAA**. Despite being seeded 18<sup>th</sup> overall, the boys fought hard, upsetting the 5<sup>th</sup> seeded Villanova in their final game. 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 and our twitter account (**@gr33narmy**). Special sporting events upcoming at **Holy Cross** include: the **Crusader Christmas Classic**

**Basketball Tournament – November 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**, the **Archbishop Spence's Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament – December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**, and **Saturation Saturday Junior Girls Volleyball – January 4<sup>th</sup>**. The **Memorial** is scheduled for **January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and 8 pm** at **Regiopolis-Notre Dame**.

## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

### Looking for a Job or Volunteer Hours...

Students are reminded to regularly check the postings on the **Job & Volunteer Board** located outside **Student Services**.

### Course Changes for Semester Two

Students intending to make changes in their **Semester Two** timetable are asked to do so by **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### College/University Applications

Post-secondary application workshops and information sessions have concluded. Although the deadline for applications to **OUAC** (University) is **January 15<sup>th</sup>** and **OCAS** (College) is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, the **Holy Cross** recommended date is **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**Shad Valley**: A pre-university experience for grade 10, 11 and 12 students. **Shad Valley** offers an ambitious curriculum of academics, collaborative projects, and physical/recreational activities. An application form, personal accomplishment profile, reference letter and essay are part of the application process. There are two application intake dates: **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Applications are available in **Student Services**.

### 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 2014**, 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/hocpage](http://www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage). The deadline to apply is **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.

### 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 workers we need to compete in tomorrow's economy." – **John Milloy, Minister of Training Colleges and Universities (October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009)**.

**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. There are usually 2 or 3 in-college training segments associated with the overall apprenticeship term.

**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 **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 cooper-

ative education teachers in any of the Board's high schools. (Web information at [www.oyap.com](http://www.oyap.com))

**Who Should Consider OYAP?** - Students who:

- Are at least 16 years of age and have completed 16 credits
- Are either in grade 11 or 12 and 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**.

### Honour Roll 2012-2013

This year's **Honour Roll Ceremony** was held on **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, during Period One in our **Cafetorium**. It was a wonderful celebration of academic achievement. 360 students were honoured for achieving an average of 80% or higher during the 2012-2013 school year. As well, the **Math Contest** winners in each grade were awarded their medals and certificates. The culminating moment was the announcement of the student in each grade who achieved the highest average. Our congratulations to **Kenya Costa-Dookhan (Gr.11)**, **Kiana Gouveia (Gr.10)** and **Danielle Harper (Gr.9)**. This year our guest speaker was **Kelsi Ball** who graduated from **Holy Cross** in **2006**. **Kelsi** shared her enthusiasm and zest for life, inspiring our **Honour Roll** recipients to play an active role in the opportunities that lie before them. Finally, the audience was treated to a preview performance of this year's dramatic production **Jesus Christ Superstar**. Overall it was a lovely celebration and a proud moment for us all.

### Grade 9 Honour Roll 2012-2013

Francesca Amarante, Emily Anderson, Merrick Anglin, Elyssa Biringer, Philip Bourque, Brianna Bowes, Cassandra Brush, Noah Cabral, Adrian Cachaco, Ashley Callery, Brendan Cameron, Cassandra Cantarutti, Maggie Cantarutti, Nicholas Chesebrough, Madison Chiasson, Sofie Chodkowski, Tiama Cifala Chad Coleman, Kate Cotman, Jesseka-Dawn Cowick, Cailee Crotty, Taylor DaSilva, Emily Dennie, Angeline DeSousa, Julia Dorion, Julia Doyle, Alexander Du Bois, Shannon Dunphy, Bailey Fenwick-Vanduinen, Owen Ferguson, Adam Flisikowski, Jacob Flisikowski, Philippe Gagnon, Jacob Gazeley, Turner Gazeley, Justine Gilholm, Karen Gladstone, Michaela Gooding, Jared Griffith, Mark Guanzon, Priya Gupta, Julia Hamm, Danielle Harper, Sage Hartmann, Madeline Healey, Steven Hearn, Carlos Hernandez, Donya Hojabr, Julian Huang, Jonathan Humber, Peter Iliescu, Urala Javier, Noah Jodoin, Amber Johnson, Emma Johnson, Logan Joyce, Jin Kim Rachel Lackey, Amanda Lanteigne, Devin LeBlanc, Simon Lewis, Rachel Long, Olivia Lynch, Selena MacKenzie, Emily MacPherson, Brooke Madigan, Lexa Mahoney, Isabelle Makula, Sarah Mallen, Hayley Maloney, Jack Marko Katrina Marshall, Andrew Martins, Celina Medeiros, Alex Melo, Nicole Mojsiuk, Courtney Norman, Marisa Norris, Isaac Osborne, Natalie Palma, Franklin Parkes, William Parkes, Ashley Pascoal, Julia Pascoal, Caleigh Patterson-Mahoney, Kyle Penney, Alexis Perin, Angelica Peters, Melodey Planetta, Paige Preston, Sydney Przontka, Nicholas Raposo, Eric Rebelo, Brandon Robbins, Jamie Robertson, Kayla St. Jean, Jamie Sammon, Tessa Seguin, Lucas Sheridan, Rebecca Simms, Lindsay Simourd, Holly Smith, Skylar Smith, Anna Stafford, Liam Steep, Sarah Szumlanski, Stephany Taylor, Brendan Toner, Colin Tonge, Ashley Turcotte, Mackenzie Tye, Micheal Valiquette, Courtney Vandenberg, Jessiya Vandenberg, Julia van der Merwe, Coen vanZevenbergen, Katie Vincent, Noah Vinet, Hunter Waddell, Kaitlyn Weatherdon, Jenna Whalen, Katie Wilson, Connor Wolfram, Keyana Yeatman-Michaud, Jessica Yoo  
**Award winner for best overall average Danielle Harper**

### Grade 10 Honour Roll 2012-2013

Michael Allen, Abbey Anson, Joshua Anthony, Gabriel Bach, Kelly Emily Barker, Kara Barr, Natasha Barton, Vanessa Beckett, Fran-

cesca Benjamin, Jonathan Besselink, Nicholas Best, Kourtnei Bickerstaffe, Nicholas Boutilier Katrina Bracken, Nolan Breault, Ciara-Shay Brown, Shawna Brunet, Bradley Byron, Kylie Callery, Allison Cameron, Jonathan Campbell, Grant Chenier, Alicia Christie Matthew Cleaver, Kristen Coenen, Jesse Collins, Tara Coombs, Quinn Cota, Kyle Cox, Lawson Crouse, Tess Danforth, Courtney Day, Adrianna denOuden Gabrielle Do Canto-Esford, Alison Dodwell, Avery Esford, Alycia Forshner, Cassandra Forshner, Montana Fox, Stephanie Gagnon, Danielle Geary, Sabrina Goncalves, Kiana Gouveia, Jordan Grady, Bailey Greenwood-Vidal, Elizabeth Guiney, Kate Hall, Chase Hawley, Carter Hoffman, Alyssa Hollinsworth, Megan Hudson, Zachary Hutcheson, Brandan Ignazzitto, Maria Johnson-Rylie Kane, Arianna Kemp, Avery Kent, Christopher Kimmerer, Nicolas KinganRyan Kinsella, Katryn Klein, Brendan Lee, Sydney Lewis, Jessica Liedeman Sabrina Livesey, Matthew Lopes, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Meaghan MacDonald-Walters, Stephen Makarucha, Jag Masters, Jade Mau, Adam McCaffrey, Matthew McGlashan, Michaela McGrath, Murray McLaren, Ian McLatchie, Shayla Moore, Mikayla Morley, Taylor Morrison, Matthew Muller, Timothy Mullin, Jensen Murphy, Brandon Nadeau, Jewel Neill, Kirsten O'Connor, Bolu Olutunda, Benjamin Ottenhof, Christina Papadakis, Claudia Pawlak, Sarah Peebles, Grace Pereira, Kaitlyn Philip, Gillian Reid, Mikayla Reid, Luke Richardson, Chad Roddy, Alexxa Roy, Shannon Russell, Skylee Ryan, Jenna Shoniker, Hannah Smith, Florbela Soares, Joseph Soares, Elizabeth Spinozzi, Nikolai Stakheiko, Miles Stanley, Victoria Stinson, Kento Stratford, Courtney Street, Felicity Stroman, Abigail Sutherland, Geneviève Symons, Elliot Tang, Rajiv Tanwani, Alexis Teal, Madison Turner, Scott Varey, Brianna Vincent, Alexander Wassef, Abigail Watson, Meagan Weir, Braden Wylie

**Award winner for best overall average Kiana Gouveia**

**Grade 11 Honour Roll 2012-2013**

J.C. Agazzi, Adam Alcorn, Madisson Almeida, Devan Anderson, Emma Arbuckle, Emma Bagshaw, Mitchell Barr, Benjamin Barrett, Wyatt Bauder, Taylor Beaubien, Emily Bertoia, Kristen Bilkovski, Dylan Broad, Troy Bromfield, Madison Brooks, Jessica Bulhoks, Arianna Bullett, Gabriel Burgman, Emma Byron, Eleanor CalleryJesse Campbell, Jordan Carlo, Austin Check, Emma Chen, Woo-Jin Cho, Christina Choi, Emily Constantinidis, Annabelle Corsi-Johnson, Kenya Costa-Dookhan, Sara Daigle, Alyssa Dantes, Sydney DeLonghi, Owen Donnelly, Mathieu Duprau, David Dyck, Brianna Faulkner, Sarah Flisikowski, Benjamin Gagnon, Sammy Gentile, Anneke Golemiac, Christina Goodfellow, Megan Gougeon, Marc Gravelle, Michael Guanzon, Jake Gurnsey, Andrea Gyimah, Megan Haire, Riley Healey, Jose Hernandez, James Hickey, Amanda Ho, Mercedes Hobbs, Tyler Horth, Bradley Howe, Kiyu Huang, Anna Jinarak, Troy Kenney, Chris Kim, Hannah King, Meagan Kirbyson, Kyle Lavorato, Chae-Rin Lee, Dayeong Lee, Chad Lees, Timmerie Lewis, Rachel Losier, Katrina Lott, Brittany Loyst, Taylor MacDonald, Kathleen MacGregor, Emma Mansfield, Joseph Mark, Brent Martindale, Miguel Martins, Joleen Mayer, Brooklyn McCulloch, Tylonne McEvoy, Tara McGlashan, John McGrath, Megan McGuire, Ryan McKenna, Julia McKeown, Roland McKeown, Samantha Memme, Sam Mills, Brenna Murphy, Rachel Murphy, Christa Ohlman, Jonathan Pankow, Brooke Parfett, Felicia Pascoal, Samantha Pascoal, Riya Patel, Kailey Peirson, Jeremy Pendergast, Ryan Penney, Melina Pineau, Mikayla Power, Anjelynn Pydiah, Sarah Rebelo, Brianna Robb, Madison Robertson, Haillee Salandy, Anisha Sandhu, Abbygail Satura, Olivia Simone, Melanie Simourd, Zach Skolnick, Emma Stewart, Caitlin Sullivan, Julia Szczesniak, Alexandra Tassielli, Jordan Taylor, Marissa Taylor, Brianna Tinline, Nikayla Van Asperen, Tessa vanZevenbergen, Jessica Waltner, Swingna Xiao

**Award winner for best overall average Kenya Costa-Dookhan**

Provincial Math Contest Winners were also recognized at the **Honour Roll Ceremony**. **Swingna Xiao** received a **Certificate of Distinction** and a **School Medal** for her performance in the **Grade**

**12 Euclid Math Contest**. For the **2013 Cayley Math Contest**, **Genevieve Symons** received a **Certificate of Distinction** and **Carter Hoffman** received a **Certificate of Distinction** and a **School Medal**. For the **2013 Pascal Math Contest**, **Jin Kim** received both a **Certificate of Distinction** and a **School Medal** and **Kyle Penny** received a **Certificate of Distinction**.

**GIFTS OF SUNSHINE**

Wondering what to buy that person in your family or circle of friends for **Christmas** who has EVERYTHING? Or are you interested in supporting some of the projects **Holy Cross** staff and students support in **Jamaica** and don't know how to? Well now you can. Make an informed donation to one of our **Jamaican** projects and make a difference in a life. Visit **HC Today**, Follow the link and view the **Gifts of Sunshine** catalogue. There you will find pictures of **Holy Cross** staff and students working and interacting with our Jamaican friends from past mission trips. Choose gifts from as little as \$10. A greeting card will be sent to you which you can personalize to give to your gift recipient. Click on the Order Form link and print it off to place your order. Mail it today in time for **Christmas**. Make cheques payable to **Holy Cross** (memo **Jamaica Mission - Gifts of Sunshine**). Tax receipts are also available if requested.

**ECO-CORNER**

This year the **Green Team** has decided to focus on the theme of the textiles. This involves educating the school community about what resources are involved in making clothes and how to reuse and recycle them. This theme fits well with the planned **Eco-Fashion Event** that will take place later in the school year. On **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, **Holy Cross** will be having a special visit from the **Ontario Specialized Species Centre**. This group will give two presentations to over 200 students on the biology of and threats to certain specialized species. They will bring live bats, owls, and birds of prey as part of their dynamic presentation. The group will also come during semester two for a second round of presentations. Finally, the **Green Team** will be heading to the **HR Frink Centre** early in the month to learn about the surrounding environment and also to do some team building activities. **Keep it green, HC!**

**ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATION**

**3. A Reflective and Creative Thinker**

**FAITH IN ACTION:** student videos "Fix You" by **Allie Robertson**, **Bridie O'Sullivan**, and **Jessica Coombs** and "Body Art" by **Ms. Bouvier's** Gr 11 class, art projects "Your Words Rob the Living" by **Kaitlyn MacDonald**, "Words Hurt" by **Kassy Dyer**, "Don't Be Afraid to Be Yourself" by **Ryan Purdy**, and "True Colours" by **Halen Hinch**

NEXT MONTH	
Wed, January 1.....	World Day of Prayer, NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Feast Day
Monday, January 6.....	First Instructional Day of the New Year Holy Cross Semester One Field Trip Moratorium Begins Feast Day of Brother Andre Bissette, Epiphany
Friday, January 10.....	Sr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament
Sunday, January 12 ...	Feast Day of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
Monday, January 13.....	National Non-Smoking Week Begins
Wednesday, January 15.....	Gr 11 Vocal Concert Weedless Wednesday School Mass
	OUAC deadline for equal consideration
Thurs & Fri, Jan 16 & 17 .....	Gr 9 EQAO Mathematics Test
Thursday, Jan 16.....	25 <sup>th</sup> Memorial Basketball Games Culminating Activities and Review Begins
Tuesday, January 22.....	Last Full Day of Instruction, Sem 1
Thurs – Tues, Jan 23 –28 .....	Exam Days
Wednesday, January 29 .....	Inclement Weather Day
Thursday, January 30 .....	P.A. Day #3 (no classes)
Friday, January 31 .....	Chinese New Year, (Year of the Horse)