

# Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

## **Newsletter** – May 2015



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*School Pastoral Theme for 2014-2015 "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS" (Matthew 5:9)*

### **Message from the Principal**

Across Ontario, in our schools, the month of May begins with the celebration of Catholic Education Week. The theme, this year, *Exploring Paths of Joy*, is derived from Luke 24:32, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road." We will be taking 12 students to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Belleville on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, to represent our school at the CEW mass. Our own school mass will be held on Thursday starting at 9:30. Please feel free to join us.

May also brings a change in student leadership, as our outgoing Students' Council, transitions our new council into their positions, culminating with our Town Hall assembly, organized by council moderator **Mr. Richard Coleman**, on Thursday, April 30, followed by our election on Friday, May 1st. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing council for its efforts on behalf of students, in particular, Head Boy, **Jordan Grady** and Head Girl, **Christina Papadakis**. It's been a pleasure working with you this year.

I recently had the pleasure of travelling to Festival Disney with the Holy Cross Band and Vocal Ensemble, led by **Mr. David Orser** and **Mrs. Stacy Check Drumm** respectively. This is an exceptionally talented group of student-musicians who performed at the very highest level, truly a proud moment for our school. Special thanks to supervisors Mr. Orser, Mr. Sicoli, Ms. Perugino and Mrs. Check Drumm. As we move closer to June, our graduating students face more and more stress as exams and university/college/work loom closer. We were fortunate on April 20th to have **Mary Walsh**, RN, speak to a large group of potential graduates and a smaller group of parents about transitioning to post-secondary life. She left students and parents with a good idea about how life will change at home and at school in September, and how to recognize the tell-tale signs of trouble. Why not ask your son or daughter what they remember about her talk?

Mid-term reports have been printed and are on their way home. Students who have not performed as expected still have plenty of time to turn things around. Keep in mind the best statistical indicator of success we have at Holy Cross is student attendance. Good attendance invariably equals good grades. It's that simple.

Please join me in congratulating **Mr. Tim Pendergast**, head of our science department, who is one of five Queen's Associate Teachers of the Year for 2015. He is being honoured for offering exemplary teaching placements for teacher candidates in science. Mr. Pendergast commended his department and he accepts the award on their behalf. We are fortunate and proud to have Tim on our teaching staff.

**God bless** our entire school community during this **month of Mary**.

*Ian Stuart*

## ***Spring Uniform***

On Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the option to wear the spring uniform came into effect. We remind students that the spring uniform is a privilege, introduced at a time when Holy Cross did not have air conditioning, and offered as a way to make life in classrooms a little more bearable as the weather grew hotter in May and June. Students are reminded that non-uniform sweaters and spirit wear are not part of the spring uniform. Your help in putting the **UNI** back in our uniform is appreciated.

## ***Fundraiser***

The Buick Drive for a basketball court fundraiser, sponsored by Taylor Auto Mall, we happen at the Holy Cross parking lot starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 2nd. We encourage **all parents of players on our sports teams** to come on out for a 10 minute test drive – for every test drive the school receives \$20.00 toward our outdoor basketball court project, a space that can be enjoyed by Holy Cross students and the community at large for years to come. Special thanks to Taylor Auto Mall for their support of Holy Cross and its athletic programs.

## ***ECO Corner for May***

April is clean up month for Holy Cross and the Green Team. This year over 150 students participated in Pitch In during Earth Week. Areas that we cleaned included 3 parks and the HC property. New this year was having the involvement of the Fishing Team who partnered up with the Green Team to clean up the shoreline around Collins Bay. April is also certification month and the Green Team has once again applied for EcoSchool certification. We will find out our level following our audit in late May. Thank you to all those that do their part! Keep it **Green** HC.

# **Counsellors' Corner For May – Attention Graduates!**

## **Grade 8 Orientation at Holy Cross**

On Wednesday, May 6th our future Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to visit Holy Cross. The class of 2019 will be given tours, classroom visits and will participate in a question and answer session with current Crusaders.

## **University and College**

University and college bound students are encouraged to check their OUAC and OCAS accounts to verify all transcript data. Mid term marks have been sent to both application centres.

## **Dual Credits**

St. Lawrence College provides an opportunity for Grade 12 students to attend a St. Lawrence College course and receive credit towards their Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma. Visit the Holy Cross website [hctoday.ca](http://hctoday.ca) for more information.

## **St. Lawrence College Connections Program**

On Thursday, May 7th, a group of grade 10 and 11 Holy Cross students will be exploring careers in an interactive Connections program at St. Lawrence College. The program will provide an exciting opportunity to investigate first-hand such careers as hairstyling/aesthetics, carpentry, police foundations, law and security, and early childhood education.

## **Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:**

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

## **First Year Forty**

Grade 9 students who have completed 40 hours of community service will be invited to a celebration taking place in the Cafetorium on Friday, June 5th, during period 2. Grade 9 students should submit their volunteer hours by May 29th, if they would like to be invited to this year's celebration. Invitations will be delivered in period 1 classes on Tuesday, June 2.

## **OSAP**

A representative from the Ontario Student Assistance (OSAP) will be here on Monday, May 26th, 2015 at 11:10 to explain the OSAP application process.

### **Summer School 2015**

· New Credit: July 2 – 29. 4 weeks for new credit delivered through on-line learning.  
Courses available are: ENG3U, ENG4U, ENG4C, MCF3M, MHF4U, MAP4C, MCR3U, PPZ3O, CHV2O5 Civics, and GLC2O5 Careers.

\* Please note that Grade 11 and 12 “U” and “C” level courses will have an onsite exam on July 29th, 2015 at Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education.

· Co-op Program: July 2 – 29. 4 week co-op program (one credit) will be offered if there is sufficient enrolment.  
Please contact your Guidance counsellor for more information.

### **GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015**

This year’s graduation ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 24th beginning at 7 p.m. at the school.** A Graduation Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Taylor-Kidd Blvd at 12:00 p.m. for the graduates, their families and friends and staff.

### **Community Involvement Hours**

A number of projected graduates have not completed Community Involvement Hours. Documentation is to be submitted to Student Services by Friday, May 8th.

### **Potential Grads June 2015**

Following is a list of students who, at this point, are potential graduates and eligible to take part in the June 2015 graduation ceremony. 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. The community involvement hours (40) are to be completed and submitted to Student Services by Friday, May 8th, 2015. 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 Monday, June 22rd, 2015. **Please contact your counsellor if you have any concerns.**

Brianna M. Acton, Andrea C. Aleixo, Matthew R. Allen, Michael V. Allen, Abbey T. Anson, Joshua L. Anthony, Andrew Aubin, Gabriel S. Bach, Kelly P. Banks, Emily Barker, Kara J. Barr, Natasha J. Barton, Vanessa J. Beckett, Victoria K. Belecque, Nicole M. Bengtsson, Bradley R. Benoit, Jonathan D. Besselink, Nicholas P. Best, Matthew B. Biber, Kourtnei M. Bickerstaffe, Brody Blaskie, Keifer M. Blight, Kyle T. Booker, Merak B. Bourque, Nicholas R. Boutillier, Katrina R. Bracken, Kay Lynn M. Brant, Nolan M. Breault, Braydon J. Breeze, Ciara-Shay M. Brown, Nikita A. Brown, Jordan G. Brown-Ratcliffe, Shawna C. Brunet, Maxwell R. Brunner, Bradley F. Byron, Kylie M. Callery, Allison L. Cameron, Morgan T. Cameron, Jonathan E. Campbell, Ashleigh Campbells-Whitmarsh, Travis C. Caverley, Grant L. Chenier, Liam D. Chesebrough, Alicia C. Christie, Ryan T. Clancy, Matthew R. Cleaver, Tyler D. Clement, Kristen S. Coenen, Katherine A. Collie, Laura J. Collings, Jesse I. Collins, Samantha C. Coombs, Tara M. Coombs, Joseph M. Cordeiro, Quinn J. Cota, Zane M. Coutts, Kyle J. Cox, Jameson G. Craig, Kaitlin E. Cross, Tess C. Danforth, Courtney F. Day, Melissa-Ann M. Delph, Adrianna N. denOuden, Joseph G. DiNardo, Alison H. Dodwell, Mikayla C. Drewniak, Megan H. Dunbar, Justus J. Dupere, Chloe M. Dupre, Avery J. Esford, Alycia M. Forshner, Cassandra S. Forshner, Montana J. Fox, Stephanie A. Gagnon, Jacob D. Garrison, Danielle V. Geary, Jamie N. Gencarelli, Catarina Godinho, Cedar E. Gollé, Sabrina G. Goncalves, Kiana V. Gouveia, Jordan J. Grady, Bailey M. Greenwood-Vidal, Elizabeth M. Guiney, Kate Y. Hall, Kyle R. Harrigan, Chase Hawley, Cameron D. Hebert, Carter D. Hoffman, Harmony A. Holland, Cassidy K. Hollywood, Emily A. Hopkins, Megan C. Hudson, Zachary P. Hutcheson, Brandan A. Ignazzitto, Jenna M. Janiec, Maria C. Johnson, Jonah A. Johnston, Francis G. Joyce, Rylie D. Kane, Luke D. Kelly, Arianna E. Kemp, Cole A. Kennedy, Avery L. Kent, Jung-Woo Kim, Christopher E. Kimmerer, Nicolas J. Kingan, Ryan K. Kinsella, Zachary J. Kish, Katryn D. Klein, Natalie V. Knap, Bradley Kring, Joshua J. Kurish, Brigitte M. Lachance, Justin W. LaFrance, Riely D. Lambert, Angel A. Lappan, Kirsten M. Lebelle, Joshua I. LeBlanc, Patricia Leconte,

Brendan S. Lee, Yewon Lee, Sydney E. Lewis, MacKenzie D. Ley, Yinyi Liao, Jesseca E. Liedeman, Dylan Light, Charles J. Lindsay, Christen A. Lindsay, Matthew J. Lopes, Aaron B. Luchuk, Connor J. Lyon, Ashley MacDonald, Kaitlyn M. MacDonald, Meaghan A. MacDonald-Walters, Courtney L. MacIntyre, Philip V. MacLean, Madison M. Mahoney, Stephen R. Makarucha, Jag D. Masters, Shoma Masuda, Jade D. Mau, Adam J. McCaffrey, Cassandra L. McCormack, Hannah M. McCormick, Gabriel P. McDonald, Matthew R. McGlashan, Michaela R. McGrath, Roland J. McKeown, Murray J. McLaren, Ian W. McLatchie, Sydney L. Mead, Shayla L. Moore, Liam Moran, Jakob T. Morley, Mikayla E. Morley, Taylor L. Morrison, Matthew J. Muller, Timothy L. Mullin, Jensen E. Murphy, Paul W. Murphy, Brandon N. Nadeau, Jewel L. Neill, Claire M. Nelson, Jesse S. Newhook, Meaghan R. Noonan, Braydon C. Norris, Michael W. O'Brien, Boluwatife Olutunda, Emma-Saviour C. Onwuemeodo, Benjamin T. Ottenhof, Christina Papadakis, Charleyne A. Patterson, David M. Patterson, Claudia J. Pawlak, Mallory B. Peach, Sarah G. Peebles, Emily M. Peirson, Amber-Jayne N. Pemberton, Grace M. Pereira, Matthew N. Peterson, Kaitlyn P. Philip, Wyatt J. Plain, Cheyenne L. Playfair, Emily E. Power, Monica M. Rafter-Sickling, Brayden M. Raymond, Courtney M. Readman, Mikayla H. Reid, Luke T. Richardson, Riley N. Richmond, Kyra G. Robbins, Quinn A. Robbs, Elizabeth Q. Robertson, Harry M. Robinson, Chad M. Roddy, Andrea Rowe, Alexxa M. Roy, Katie M. Russell, Skylee E. Ryan, Adam C. Saccon, Jessica P. Seguin, Alyssa R. Shannon, Jenna E. Shoniker, Jordan M. Silva, Allison M. Smith, Cole L. Smith, Hannah E. Smith, Molly A. Smith, Jose B. Soares, Elizabeth S. Spinozzi, Jacob W. St. Peter, Nikolai Stakheiko, Noah A. Steele, Brodie R. Stevenson, Victoria S. Stinson, Kento Stratford, Courtney L. Street, Felicity-Anne L. Stroman, Abigail G. Sutherland, Geneviève M. Symons, Elliot Y. Tang, Rajiv Tanwani, Alexis K. Teal, Jessica A. Thompson, Owen J. Timmins, Tatiana M. Travers, Jarred D. Troywalchuck, Aaron T. Tunnaciff, Madison M. Turner, Scott D. Varey, Gianluca Venditti, Hayden Verbeek, Brianna L. Vincent, Cailey E. Vlahos, Cole N. Vlahos, Nicholas A. Vosburgh, Colin J. Walker, Drake Walker, Alexander Wassef, Abigail R. Watson, Shane R. Watson, Theresa R. Wein, Meagan L. Weir, Wesley J. Wendling, David T. Wilson, Rose E. Worrall, Braden M. Wylie.

### ***RETURNING GRADE TWELVES***

***Any students who are interested in returning for a fifth year, or portion thereof, and who have not yet made course selections, must first meet with Mr. Stuart. Please schedule an appointment.***

### **Pastoral Message for May – from Mr. Forster**

We have all heard about the devastating earthquake which struck Nepal a few days ago. In response to this humanitarian crisis, many charitable agencies are collecting money and supplies to help in the relief effort. Here at Holy Cross we are inviting students and staff to donate through the Catholic Development & Peace Organization. You can drop off cheques or money to the Main Office at Holy Cross (tax receipts will be provided). Catholic Education Week (CEW) will be celebrated from May 3 - 8th. This year's theme is "Exploring Paths of Joy". Twelve students from our school will be attending the CEW Board Wide Mass on Tuesday, May 5th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Belleville. And, on Thursday May 7th, we will be celebrating our CEW Mass here at Holy Cross. On Wednesday, May 13th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. we will be participating in the annual **Partners In Mission Food Blitz**. We need parents, students and staff to help as drivers or canvassers. Call the Chaplaincy Office (ext. 3436) to sign up for this event.

**Chris Forster**, Chaplaincy Team Leader

### **Food Sharing Project – Spring Banquet 2015**

In May 23, 2015, starting at 6:00 pm, the Chinese Canadian Association in partnership with the Kingston and District Food Sharing Project are hosting a dinner, dance (featuring live music by *Soul Survivors*) and silent auction at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 588 Division Street, Kingston. Tickets are \$75 dollars and are available online at eventbrite.com under "Spring Banquet 2015". You can also pick up tickets at Jankins Computers at 1250 Gardiners Road, Kingston. Holy Cross is the grateful recipient of support from the Food Sharing Project. Over 400 students access food provided through this program and we encourage our community to support this fundraising effort in whatever way they can. If you cannot attend the banquet, consider a cash or merchandise (gift card) donation for the Holy Cross gift basket(s) which will be part of the Silent Auction. For more information on how to help, please contact Terrie Hoey at 613-384-1919 ext. 3238.

## Wolfe Island Day Camp 2015

The camp is open to children 5 to 12 years.  
Cost of registration is \$135.00 per child for a one-week session with a 10% discount for multiple week and child discounts.  
Camp begins the week of July 6 and completes August 7.  
Each week has a fun new theme.  
To register visit [www.alcddb.on.ca/widc](http://www.alcddb.on.ca/widc) .  
or contact Jennifer Wilson 613-544-3361

### Looking Forward to June

**Monday, June 1** – University Admissions response date for graduating students

**Thursday, June 4** – Final school mass of the year

**Friday, June 5** – 2015-2016 Timetables available on-line; Grade 9 First Year 40 Celebration Period 2

**Tuesday, June 9** – Senior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 1

**Wednesday, June 10** – Adaptive Phys. Ed. Culminating Task Fun Day; Senior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 2; Wellness Wednesday #10; Semester 2 EQAO Math Assessment Day #1

**Thursday, June 11** – Senior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 3; Semester 2 EQAO Math Assessment Day #2; Junior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 1; Grade 12 Vocal Music Concert

**Friday, June 12** – College Tuition Payment: First Possible Due Date; Senior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 4; Junior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 2

**Monday, June 15** – Senior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 5; Junior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 3

**Tuesday, June 16** – Senior Culminating Activity Day 1 from 8:30 to 12:00, regular classes to follow; Junior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 4

**Wednesday, June 17** – Senior Culminating Activity Day 2 from 8:30 to 12:00, regular classes to follow; Junior Culminating Activity and Examination Prep Day 5; textbook return period begins.

**Thursday, June 18** – Examination Period Begins, Day 1.

**Friday, June 19** – Examination Day 2

**Monday, June 22** – Examination Day 3; Final marks for Graduating Students due

**Tuesday, June 23** – Examination Day 4; Locker clean out and textbook return

**Wednesday, June 24** – Grad Mass at 12 noon at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Taylor-Kidd Blvd., gown fitting at 5:30 at Holy Cross; 6:15 Grad Photo, Class of 2015; 7:00 Graduation Ceremony

**Thursday, June 25** – Final Marks due by noon

**Friday, June 26** – Professional Activity Day #6; semester 2 grades available online.

**Tuesday, June 30** – E-Learning and Summer School Credit Recovery begin.