



HOLY CROSS

Catholic Secondary School

July 2015

Principal's Message

Summer is upon us, and that gives us time to reflect on the year that has past. It has been busy, with many highlights and many opportunities to learn and grow. I'd like to thank our community—too many of you to name here—for all the support I have received throughout my first year back at Holy Cross.

Our graduation ceremony was held June 24th and started with Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church. In the evening, Masters of Ceremonies, Mr. David Orser and Ms. Carolyn Rose, kept us on the 'pathway' to success and Valedictorian, Rajiv Tanwani, inspired his classmates to seize the many opportunities that are available to them in their lives after Holy Cross. Our staff collectively wishes the Class of 2015 all the best and the continued blessings of our God in all that they do. For more graduation news, please check www.hctoday.ca.

Our pastoral theme for next year is "Blessed are the merciful" (Matthew 5:7). Our goal, to engage students in acts of mercy, will be evident throughout the 2015-2016 school year. Watch for the many opportunities we will provide: your participation is what makes it all work.

Below you will see a photo of our Student Agenda for 2015-2016. This will be the final year for the paper version of the agenda as we move to an electronic calendar system in 2016-2017. *Ian Stuart, Principal*

Staff Moves

We welcome back to Holy Cross **Ms. Julie Roantree**, who will be teaching in the science department. To Ms. Gavan Knox, Ms. Bland, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Bouvier, best wishes. To Mrs. DiRinaldo and Mrs. Waller, hurry back to us from leaves. And to Mrs. Mulvenna, Ms. Pacheco and Ms. Perugino, we hope to see you back in September. Thank you to Ms. Storms, Ms. Leblanc and Ms. Couvreur, EAs, who are moving on to new opportunities in our Board.



In This Month

- Staffing Update
- Important Dates for the Summer
- Community User announcement
- Report Card Pick Up
- Grad CD and Bus Pass pick up
- Crusader Certificate standards change



First Year Forty Group Celebrate with Lunch

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at Holy Cross, as is evidenced by the large group of students in grade 9 who completed the community involvement requirements of the Ministry of Education Graduation Diploma in one year. **Requirements for the Crusader Certificate are changing.** The bar has been raised. We are now asking students to earn 80 community service hours in four years in order to earn special recognition at graduation, starting with the graduating class of 2019.

Attention Returning Students

This is a reminder from last month's newsletter that student timetables for the 2015- 2016 school year are available online. 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 text book room during text book pick up in late August. Student Services staff have worked diligently to have timetable problems/ changes resolved, but there are always adjustments that need to be made. Please contact student services with any concerns. And please keep in mind that timetabling is fluid as staff will change over the summer. What you see now, may not be what you see later!



Just a few of the projects completed this past semester in **Mr. Corrigan's Construction Technology program.** Please note there are

still a few Toronto Maple Leafs fans out there! Go Leafs Go.

Summer Hours at

Holy Cross

Teaching staff are in and out all summer. Voice mail is available, simply call the school and access the voice messaging system. Alternately, please contact the main office. Summer hours for our main office and Student Services are below:

Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Boys and Girls Club of Kingston Volunteer Opportunity

On Saturday, August 22nd, 2015, the Boys and Girls Club of Kingston is hosting the 21st Annual Teddy Bear Picnic at Lake Ontario Park. The event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a massive community event with a very large attendance that relies on the support of many volunteers to help run the event, upwards of 150 total volunteers. In previous years we have always had a lot of high-school students involved and it has always worked out wonderfully. We are looking to try to recruit more students again for the event this summer. It's a great opportunity for students needing volunteer hours, and its a fun way for them to obtain some.

Any Holy Cross students interested in this opportunity can contact **Chris Carvalho directly at chris@bgckingston.ca or (613) 507-3306 ext. 104**



Left: The Holy Cross Concert Band performs at Festival Disney under the direction of an adjudicator, as the remainder of the Holy Cross Band look on.

The Band trip to Festival Disney was one of many highlights in our school year.

Look throughout this newsletter for more examples for student successes in 2015-2016

Attention Students and Parents - All Grades

Report cards will be available for pick up in the Main Office on Thursday, July 9th. The Graduation CD will be included for all recent graduates as well as the 2014-2015 Grade 12 Bus Passes. This year, report cards will not be mailed to homes. Keep in mind, all marks are available on line through Maplewood.

Contact Us

Check on-line for more information at www.hctoday.ca

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Crusaders In Community Service (CICS) Executive

Recently six students were appointed to serve on the Crusaders In Community Service Executive for 2015-2016:

- **Anna Stafford** (Co-chair)
- **Olivia Lynch** (Co-chair)
- **Naomi Gazendam** (Secretary)
- **Hayley Maloney** (Communications)
- **Reid Cameron** (Senior Rep – Grade 11)
- **Faith Lollar** (Junior Rep – Grade 10)
- **TBA in September** (Junior Rep – Grade 9)

These students all have experience working on various social action projects here at Holy Cross and next year they will inspire even more members of our school community to put their ``Faith Into Action``. If you have a charitable group or a social action project that you would like to see supported here at Holy Cross please see any member of the CICS` Executive.

Chris Forster, Chaplain

ATTENTION COMMUNITY USERS

AT SOME POINT THIS SUMMER, DEPENDING UPON PLANT AVAILABILITY, THE ENTRANCE LOCK AND ALARM CODES AT HOLY CROSS WILL BE CHANGED. THIS IS A SCHOOL SECURITY NECESSITY. YOU WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION VIA EMAIL ABOUT THIS CHANGE AND A SIGN ANNOUNCING THIS CHANGE WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE ENTRANCE DOOR. THE SCHOOL IS STAFFED ALL SUMMER, EXCEPT FOR A ONE WEEK SHUT DOWN IN AUGUST. INFORMATION ABOUT SUMMER HOURS APPEARS IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR ELECTRONIC SIGN. HOLY CROSS APOLOGISES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE TO OUR VALUED COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

EVENTS FOR SUMMER

June 30 - Final Marks available on-line for semester 2 students

July 1— Custodians begin locker clean out: locks and contents will be removed

July 3 - College mark verification completed

July 7 - University mark verification completed.

July 9—Final Report Cards available for pick up

July 23 - School Council's gently used uniform sale in support of programs at Holy Cross (donations of used uniforms are welcome) in the foyer from 6-8 pm

July 29 - Halpern's In-School Uniform Sale of brand new uniform items from 3:30 to 8:00 pm in the cafeterium

August 24 - In-school sales for uniforms resume in our Tuck Shop

September 1 - Grade 9 Locker & textbook Distribution, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

September 2 - Grade 10-12 Locker & Textbook Distribution, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

September 2 - All Grades Locker & Textbook Distribution, evening 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

September 3 - Grade 10-12 Locker & Textbook Distribution, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

News from Holy Cross Catholic School

Council

Holy Cross Catholic School Council is pleased to offer our community the opportunity to purchase gently used school uniform items, at our annual "Nearly New Sale". This year's sale will be held on Thursday July 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Funds raised go towards supporting financially needy families in our school community.

Graduating this year? Please consider donating your gently used Holy Cross uniform to us! Items may be dropped off at the main office weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm, during the month of June (please note that the annual Halpern's uniform fitting event for the purchase of new school uniform items will be held the following week, during the last week of July).

Catholic School Council meets regularly, once per month, in the school library resource centre. All members of the Holy Cross community are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Current projects include planning our annual spring speaker events for students and for parents. Stay tuned for news about our dynamic 2016 speaker!

Are your children returning to Holy Cross in the fall? We'd love to have you join us next year. For further details about meetings, or about Holy Cross Catholic School Council in general, please feel free to contact me at eiliescu@cogeco.ca.

Michelle Iliescu, Chair