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Newsletter – May 2016

School Pastoral Theme for 2014-2015 "BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL" (Matthew 5:7)

Message from the Principal

Across Ontario, in our schools, the month of May begins with the celebration of Catholic Education Week (CEW). The theme this year, *Opening the Doors of Mercy*, is Matthew, chapter 5, verse 7, and also happens to be our school theme for the year: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." We will be taking 20 students, our choir and four official greeters, Olivia Lynch, Anna Stafford, Turner Gazeley and Donja Hojabr, to St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, on Tuesday, May 3rd, for the CEW mass. Our own school mass will be held on Thursday, May 5th, 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. Vince Stabile**, on Wednesday, May 4th, followed by our election on Thursday, May 5th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing council for its efforts on behalf of students, in particular, Head Boy, **Turner Gazeley** and Head Girl, **Donya Hojabr.** It's been a pleasure working with student leadership this year.

I recently had the pleasure of travelling to New York City with the Holy Cross Band and Vocal Ensemble. This was my second trip with this exceptionally talented group of student-musicians who performed at the very highest level, a truly 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 are fortunate to have our Wellness Team, led by **Mrs. Lisa Lollar and Terrie Hoey**, to support our students during this stressful time. If you are feeling the pressure, why not seek out members of our wellness team or speak to a member of our staff. We are here to assist you. Also, find an activity, like our **Spring Carnival**, organized by our Students Leadership Class, which takes place after school on Friday, May 6th.

Holy Cross will be attending the **March For Life** rally in Ottawa on Thursday, May 12. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Knights of Columbus, Council 9652, led by Grand Knight **Scott Arnold**, for its support.

Mid-term reports were printed and issued Monday, April 25th. 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. God bless our entire school community during this month of Mary. *Ian Stuart*

Events for May

May 2 – College applicants confirm admissions; Students' Council Elections begin; Catholic Education Week begins; Spring Uniform begins; Grad list issued; Council Videos in the Caf; May 3 – Full disclosure day; Council Videos in the Caf; CEW mass at St. Mary's Kingston; May 4 – Town Hall Assembly; May 5 – CEW School Mass in our gym; Student Council elections May 6 – Grade 8 Day @ HC and Spring Carnival May 9 – Grad Invitations mailed; Provincial Skills Competition in Waterloo until Wednesday May 11 – Valedictorian elections begin; Partners in Mission Food Blitz May 12 – The March For Life Ottawa; Life Bus @ HC; Bubble Soccer Event May 13 - Community Service Hours due for Grade 12 students May 18 – Wellness Wednesday; Walk to HC today May 19 – Genesis Awards @ 7:00 May 20 - PA Day #6 May 24 – Field Trip Moratorium; May 25 – Green And Silver Awards Banquet; Yearbooks! May 27 – Gd. 9 Trills and Thrills; EduCast Tourney; One Match Event @ HC in the caf



Spring Uniform

On Monday, May 2nd, the option to wear the spring uniform comes 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.



The Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School band and vocal ensemble following its performance at World Stride Festival, New York City, April 23rd, 2016. Honours include Gold ratings for Symphonic Band & Jazz Ensemble, Festival Awards for both groups, Best Overall instrumental group for the Jazz Ensemble, Sweepstakes Award as the highest overall school and three Maestro Awards for Colin Watts, Olivia Greenwood-Vidal and Sara Doyle.

Counsellors' Corner For May – Attention Graduates!

Grade 8 Orientation at Holy Cross

On **Friday**, **May 6**th our future Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to visit Holy Cross. The **class of 2020** will be given tours, classroom visits and will participate in ice breaker activities coordinated by the Sports Leadership class. **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 <u>hctoday.ca</u> for more information.

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.

St. Lawrence College Connections Program

On **Thursday**, **May 5**th, 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.

Summer School 2016

New Credit: July 4th – 29th. 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 Friday, July 29th, 2016 at Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education.

Co-op Program: July 4 – 29. 4 week co-op program (one credit) will be offered if there is sufficient enrolment. Summer school Co-op will consist of 20 hours of pre-placement lessons and 90 hours of work at an appropriate cooperative education placement. Please contact your Guidance counsellor for more information.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016

This year's graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 29th beginning at 6 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 13**th.

Following is a list of students who, at this point, are *potential* graduates and eligible to take part in the **June 2016** 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 13th, 2016*. 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 20th, 2016*. Please contact your counsellor if you have any concerns.

Potential Grads June 2016

Jessica M. Abercrombie, Hailey A. Adair, Francesca N. Amarante, Michael H. An, Adam G. Anderson, Emily J. Anderson, Shannon M. Anderson, Triston C. Atkinson, Cole Beckstead, Tyler C. Beckstead, Heyden J. Bedford, Anthony A. Bertoia, Elyssa Biringer, Philip J. Bourque, Brianna L. Bowes, Maya M. Brett, Rebekah M. Brownlee, Cassandra N. Brush, Noah S. Cabral, Adrian S. Cachaco, Ashley S. Callery, Brendan M. Cameron, Cassandra R. Cantarutti, Maggie E. Cantarutti, Nicholas J. Castro, Kyle A. Chambers, Liam D. Chesebrough, Nicholas J. Chesebrough, Madison E. Chiasson, Sofie-Ann D. Chodkowski, Jacob M. Cifala, Chad J. Coleman, Katherine A. Collie, Emily K. Cook, Tara M. Coombs, Matthew D. Costa, Mercedes M. Costa, Jackson J. Coulter, Jesseka-Dawn J. Cowick, Kyle J. Cox, Cailee M. Crotty, Mackenzie J. Curran, Brittany Da Silva, Taylor N. DaSilva, Emily E. Dennie, Alexandra J. Dermott, Angeline G. DeSousa, Julia K. Doyle, Nicholas R. Doyle, Chase R. Drew, Hunter J. Drew, Alexander W. Du Bois, Shannon D. Dunphy, Etienne C. Dupuis, Hayden C. Eaton, Alyssa K. Etherington, Bailey N. Fenwick-Vanduinen, Jessica K. Ferguson, Owen W. Ferguson, Samuel J. Field, Adam T. Flisikowski, Jacob E. Flisikowski, Aidan A. Flynn, Avery A. Fowler, Jesse Fraser, Mitchell R. Furlan, Philippe V. Gagnon, Melissa S. Gallagher, Jacob D. Garrison, Jacob A. Gazeley, Turner J. Gazeley, Kailyn K. Germain, Justine A. Gilholm, Karen S. Gladstone, Michaela K. Gooding, Patrick B. Green, Olivia T. Greenwood-Vidal, Jared J. Griffith, Evan E. Grypma, Austin Grzenia, Mark A. Guanzon, Priya T. Gupta, Madeline M. Hache, Julia M. Hamm, Danielle T. Harper, Sage L. Hartmann, Christian A. Hayes, Madeline G. Healey, Steven A. Hearn, Ryan F. Heer, Brett J. Herrington, Joshua D. Hill, Donya Hojabr, Chun-Yang Huang, Jonathan J. Humber, Joshua J. Hunter, Andrew J. Hurt, Peter T. Iliescu, Noah A. Jackson, Urla G. Javier, Noah C. Jodoin, Amber E. Johnson, Emma A. Johnson, Sabastian H. Johnson, Logan P. Joyce, Anthony R. Krueger, David A. Kubik, Rachel J. Lackey, Nicholas P. LaFreniere, Devon C. Lajoie-Ryan, Jordan J. Langille, Nicholas J. Lansdown, Amanda M. Lanteigne, Kaitlynn M. Lappan, Devin P. LeBlanc, Madison T. LeBlancg, Jacob T. Lees, Simon G. Lewis, Rachel J. Long, David A. Loricchio, Olivia O. Lynch, Gerry M. Lyons, Rylee P. MacDonald, Selena M. MacKenzie, Emily G. MacPherson, Brooke C. Madigan, Lexa M. Mahoney, Isabelle A. Makula, Sarah E. Mallen, Hayley K. Maloney, Katrina E. Marshall, Thomas R. Martin, Andrew Martins, Jacob B. Mathieson, Celina C. Medeiros, Alexander R. Melo, Jaimison A. Mills, Nicole A. Mojsiuk, Mikayla E. Morley, Brody J. Moulton, Norman P. Munoz, Kelsey S. Murphy, Robert M. Neely, Tyler Nickerson, Courtney D. Norman, Marisa E. Norris, Anthony L. O'Brien, Kirsten L. O'Connor, Mackenzie N. Oliveira, Cody J. Ollivier, Isaac J. Osborne, Benoit Ouellet, Anthony M. Pacheco, Xavier A. Pacheco, Natalie R. Palma, Franklin D.

Parkes, William G. Parkes, Ashley L. Pascoal, Julia C. Pascoal, Caleigh-Marie Patterson-Mahoney, Sebastian A. Pawlak, Kyle E. Penney, Alexis M. Perin, Tristan D. Perry, Angelica N. Peters, Elizabeth D. Pettingill, Dylan J. Pinho, Melodey G. Planetta, Larissa M. Pokotylo, Sydney L. Przontka, Katherine T. Ralph, Nicholas R. Raposo, Eric M. Rebelo, Tori-Lyn J. Riebertz, Santiago T. Rivera, Brandon D. Robbins, William H. Robertson, Ashley D. Roth, Noah J. Rouleau, Dillon W. Ryan, Jamie D. Sammon, Sebastian A. Santucci, Jamie J. Saunders, Liam A. Scale, John N. Scheulderman, Dean D. Scriver, Tessa V. Seguin, Lucas W. Sheridan, Heather N. Siemonsen, Sadera J. Silverson, Rebecca M. Simms, Lindsay E. Simourd, Jesse Skinner, Dawson H. Smith, Holly M. Smith, Skylar S. Smith, Sophia N. Smith, Gregory A. Soudant, Kayla M. St. Jean, Anna B. Stafford, Natalie J. Stanford, Mary A. Stickland, Tyler J. Storrar, Jordan Street-VanKoughnett, William R. Stuart, Sarah J. Szumlanski, Samantha Taillon, Stephany S. Taylor, Sydney Taylor, Kelly D. Thompson, Brittney L. Thomson, Hannah E. Thomson, Brendan M. Toner, Colin R. Tonge, Nicolas Toro, Luciano T. Troiani, Samantha A. Tse, Ashley E. Turcotte, Cameron J. Turner, Mackenzie B. Tye, Angelica M. Valiquette, Micheal J. Valiquette, Julia C. van der Merwe, Cortney A. Vandenberg, Jessiya K. Vandenberg, Coen R. vanZevenbergen, Tristan T. Vieira, Katie A. Vincent, Noah F. Vinet, Sarah A. Voutt, Hunter L. Waddell, Laura M. Walker, Hayden B. Watson, Kaitlyn B. Weatherdon, Jordan A. Webster, Jaime E. Wells, Nathan D. Westman, Genevieve J. Whalen, Brennan D. Wheaton, Evan D. White, Noah A. Whitmore, Jack Wigle, Katarina E. Wilson, Matthew S. Wilson, Aiden T. Wisteard, Connor J. Wolfram, Jaden M. Wood, Alasdair B. Worrall, Christopher J. Wright, Mathieu R. Wright, Ge Yan, Keyana S. Yeatman-Michaud, Jessica S. Yoo, Yineng Zhang, Qiyun Zheng, Wenting Zhou.

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.

Scholarship Opportunities:

- 1. Werk Poole Student Bursary awarded annually to a high-school graduating student, resident of Lennox and Addington, who has been accepted into a Leadership Training Program, Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for an application, the deadline is June 1, 2016.
- 2. **Sean Jackson Scholarship** awarded to a student who show an outstanding commitment to their community. Recipients will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. Download the application at www.meridiancu.ca/scholarship
- 3. St. Paul the Apostle Parish Catholic Women's League Leadership Award is awarded to a graduating student who is an active parishioner of St. Paul the Apostle Parish and who has exemplified Catholic Christian values.
- 4. L & A Stewardship Council Bursary Program awarded to students applying to Environmental Studies or Natural Resources programs at a recognized community college or university. Students must reside in Lennox and Addington County to be eligible. Please see Mrs. Cantarutti for an application.
- 5. Kingston Community Credit Union awarded to a student attending post-secondary demonstrating financial need and community involvement. Deadline date is June 15, 2016; go to OCUF.org for an application.

The Wellness Team, Students' Council, KFLA Public Health and the HC Green Team Invite You To...

Walk, Wheel, or Bus to School on Wednesday, May 18th!

On **Wednesday, May 18th** (and any other day!), walk, wheel, or bus to school for your chance to win a new bike, helmet, and lock. Actively getting to school will: get your body moving which helps improve physical and mental health; decrease emissions around the school, keeping the air clean; decrease congestion at the front of the school making it safer for everyone. If *driving is your only option, consider getting dropped off a block or two away from the school. Don't forget to give yourself an extra 5-10 minutes to get to class on time!*

Together we can help make Holy Cross students and the environment healthier, cleaner, and safer!

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW...

... that French is set to be the world's most commonly spoken language by the year 2050? 750 million people! Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!

"It's Your Job" video contest... the results are in!

This year's province-wide video contest was a huge success for Holy Cross and the Communications Technology program. Out of over 70 entries on the theme of "Speak Up! Speak Out" about workplace safety, Grade 11 student Ryan Murray's video, "When You Gamble With Safety You Bet Your Life" placed third, winning \$2000, \$1000 for Ryan, and \$1000 for the Comm. Tech. program. Thanks Ryan! And well done. Congratulations also to Mr. Esford, Coordinator of Technological Education at Holy Cross, for once again inspiring students to excellence and promoting their efforts at the next level. In the photo below, see Ryan, front and centre, surrounded by his colleagues in grade 11 Comm. Tech. We are also very proud to inform you that the Holy Cross TV/Video Production team of Shannon Dunphy and Angelica **Peters** have gualified to advance to the Ontario Technological Skills Competition in Waterloo, Ontario on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016. Angelica Peters has also won a University of Humber

Guelph Founders' Academic Merit Scholarship and SHSM Entrance Scholarship valued at \$25,500.. Well done Angelica. You will see her below, centre, in the classic 'big cheque' photo.

On Saturday, April 16th these two SHSM students participated in the Skills Qualifier (The EOSSA of Tech) at St. Lawrence College. They competed against 12 teams of two students from a variety of School Boards: Ottawa Public, Ottawa Catholic, Renfrew, Limestone, etc... The top three teams advance to the Provincials.

To advance to the Skills Qualifier the girls won the silver medal at the Limestone Skills Competition (the City Championships). With these two wins under their belt the girls advance to the OFSSA of Tech, the OTSC!

We also have HC SHSM student **Justine Gilholm** competing in the Prepared Speech category. Justine qualified previously.

Crusaders are the best! Woot Woot!!!



Arts News:

Dance Team Brings Home Diamond!

On Wednesday, April 6th, the Holy Cross Dance Team travelled to Toronto to compete in "STRIVE Dance Challenge". The large group performance took home Diamond with a score 95.15% from the judges in their age category. This performance went on to win fourth best large group performance of the entire day! The small group performance also earned Diamond with a score of 95.98%. This is an incredible achievement that went on to win first place overall out of all small groups in the competition. They have also earned \$250 in scholarship money to go towards next year's competition.

Catholic Education Week May 1 – 6, 2016: Opening Doors of Mercy "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." (Matt 5:7)

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week (CEW). This year's celebration is entitled, "Catholic Education: Opening Doors of

Mercy" and will be held during the week of May 1-6, 2016 (www.goodnewsforall.ca). The overall scriptural theme is taken from Matthew's Gospel, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" –Matthew 5:7. We are hopeful that as members of the body of Christ here at Holy Cross, we, too, will feel our hearts embracing mercy in our school community. To help in this effort, we will begin each day with a prayer reflection that will connect us to the theme of mercy. We will also be sending students and staff to the ALCDSB Board Wide CEW Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:30 a.m. And on Thursday, May 5th, Fr. Leo Byrne will preside at our CEW School Mass 9:30 a.m. Let us all pray that God will bless the students and staff of Holy Cross and of Catholic schools across our province during this year's Catholic Education Week. **Chris Forster**, Chaplaincy Team Leader

Catholic Semaine de Education l'éducation Week catholique 2016 Walk 4 Kids Mental Health Proudly Presented By Kingston's ADHD Parent Support Group 2016 marks the second annual Walk 4 Kids Mental Health. We are excited to organize this morning event full of activities, crafts, laughs and fun! We feel children's mental health is important and that one of the biggest things we can do to help is inform and educate. Founder of Kingston's ADHD Parent Support Group, Denise Vanden Engel, puts it best: "I believe it's important to educate people. Education is the most powerful tool to create change. I started this walk for the boy who sits across from me every night at my kitchen table. He's the reason we need to change the conversation around the table, and for every other kid who feels they have no voice. It's not about being 'nutty' or 'crazy', it's about you, me, and the future of our kids. Come out on May 7th to help share the message and participate in a healthy activity. No advance registration is required, just come out and have fun! Meet Ronald McDonald* too! IIIW. Hosted by Kingston's ADHD Parent Support Group www.ADHDSupportGroup.ca Saturday May 7th, 2016 Front Lawn of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 130 Clergy St E Crafts, Food, and Fun - 9:00AM Walk to City Hall - 11:00 AM For more information, go to Walk4KidsMentalHealth.ca. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on event news, sponsors, and information

Join in on the Conversation at this Free Community Event!!!

Kingston Community Conversations about the importance of maintaining Catholic Values in our daily living.

"How do we, as a community, raise our children to be practicing Christians in a secular world?

Starting at 6pm enjoy our Keynote Speaker, Father Raymond J de Souza followed by til liscuss ideas to engage your family in living a healthy, active Catholic life.



6pm Children are invited to attend workshops with Singing, Arts & Craft Activities 8pm There will be a presentation from all the children that participate in the workshop!

"Childcare will be provided for anyone with small children

5:30 Free Pizza, Fruits & Veggies, and Beverages

ALCONOUTH This event is sponsored by;



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FREE Dinner, Seminar and Childcare!!! May 3, 2016 from 5:30-8:30 pm Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

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Looking Forward to June

Wednesday, June 1 – OFSSA competitions continue for spring sports; OFSSA Boys' soccer at Holy Cross Friday, June 3 – First year 40 hour submission deadline Thursday, June 9 – Final School Mass of the Year: honouring our graduates and retirees Friday, June 10 – Student timetables available on-line; First Year 40 Celebration in the Caf Pd. 2; Monday, June 13 – Senior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 1; **Tuesday, June 14** – Vocal Music Concert for Grade 12; Senior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 2; Wednesday, June 15 – Senior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 3: Junior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 1: EQAO Math Assessment Day 1; Adaptive Phys. Ed. Culminating Task Fun Day; Wellness Wednesday #10; Thursday, June 16 – EQAO Math Assessment Day 2; Senior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 4; Junior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 2; Friday, June 17 – Senior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 5; Junior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 3; Monday, June 20 – Senior Culminating Tasks PM only; regular classes in AM; textbook return period begins; Junior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 4: **Tuesday, June 21** - Senior Culminating Tasks PM only; regular classes in AM; Junior Culminating Task and Examination Prep Day 5; Wednesday, June 22 – HC Class of 2016 Final Course Documentation Deadline; Examination Day 1 Thursday, June 23 – Examination Day 2 Friday, June 24 – Examination Day 3; Final marks for Graduating Students due Monday, June 27 – Examination Day 4; Locker clean out and textbook return continues; Tuesday, June 28 – Examination Day 5; final day for locker clean out and textbook return.

Wednesday, June 29 – Grad Mass at 12 noon at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Taylor-Kidd Blvd., gown fitting at 4:30 at Holy Cross; 5:15 Grad Photo, Class of 2016; 6:00 Graduation Ceremony; Thursday, June 30 – Professional Activity Day #7; HC Exam return day and final staff meeting