

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Newsletter, December 2001

Let's Hear It For...

...the Varsity Girls Basketball team who are KASSAA and EOSSAA champions. They will be competing in OFFSAA on Thursday November 28th in Ottawa. The girls are ranked 6th in province. Special thanks to coaches Kelly Dixon and Alf Demelo.

...the Jr. Varsity Boys volleyball team who are KASSAA and EOSSAA champions. Special thanks to Mike O'Brien and Bethany Kelly.

...Scott Waller who was KASSAA and EOSSAA champion for Senior Boys' Cross Country. The Senior Boys' Team won KASSAA.

...Senior Division Award Winners for the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster Contest, Local Level. Our students placed first, second and third in both colour and black and white posters. In the colour category, Katelyn Roseblade placed first, Katherine Daverne placed second and Tiffany Brule placed third. In the black and white category, Alison St. Amand placed first, Kathleen Bolger placed second and Adam Jerebic placed third. Last year, Kathleen's black and white poster won at the provincial level.

In the colour category for the Intermediate division, Alexandra Iori placed first and Jaimie Lee Leroux placed third. In the black and white division, Brendan Reid placed first. First place posters in both divisions will compete at the regional level. Winning posters at that level will compete provincially, and winning posters there will compete at the national level.

Arts News

The Music Department will offer their December Band Concert at 7:00 pm. on Thursday December 20th in the Cafetorium. The Sr. Wind Ensemble, the Junior/Intermediate Concert Band, and the Jazz Ensemble will perform. Don't miss this annual Christmas Event!

The Stage Band will be visiting John XXIII on Wednesday December 5th and Mother Teresa on Wednesday December 12th for concerts.

The Art Club recently painted Christmas scenes on the windows at Loeb's Bayridge grocery store. The artwork was a gesture of our appreciation for their past donations to our school.

Final examinations and Report Cards

Students were issued their report cards on **Monday November 12th**. The exam schedule will be available to students the week of December 10th. Examinations will begin on January 23d and conclude on January 31st. Students will return to classes on **Monday February 4th**.

Final Report Cards will be issued to students on **Monday February 11th**.

International Days

On **Tuesday December 11th** our international students will be hosting a cultural display in our main foyer at lunch. On **Wednesday December 12th** they will also be hosting a cultural Food Fair in the foyer at lunch. All proceeds will be going to the Nepal Service Learning Trip. Parents are welcome.

There will be a Christmas party for international students and their homestay families on **December 14th** at Zorba's from 6-11 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

Pastoral Services Update

The Advent Season has begun once again and with it comes the invitation to look for and celebrate God's presence in our lives. Advent Penitential Services will take place for students on Thursday December 6th. We will be celebrating our next School Mass on **Thursday December 13th**. This year's Advent Food Drive will run until Dec. 17th with donations going to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Campaign. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season may each of us will still find time to experience God's peace in our lives. May the grace of this Christmas season touch and bless each of your lives.

A Message from the Principal Regarding Uniform

We have had a number of complaints from students who have been sent to us about uniform, that others are being allowed to "get away" with uniform violations. We have always said that getting caught speeding and getting caught in improper uniform were a little similar - you may get away with it for a while, but eventually you will get caught, and when that happens you must be prepared to accept the penalty.

As of Monday November 26, however, our enforcement will pick up significantly. All of the administrative team will be making random classroom visits every week throughout the course of the school year.

Students who are not in proper uniform, as detailed in the code of conduct, will be given a letter outlining the problem and how and when it must be rectified. They will have to have administrative approval prior to returning to class.

This policy applies to all, regardless of how much time a student may have left at Holy Cross.

I hope that this action will serve to strengthen the sense among all students that the uniform policy applies to everyone equally.

Grade 9 Math Assessment

All students currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Mathematics course are required by the Ministry of Education to participate in the Grade 9 Math Assessment, which will occur at Holy Cross on January 10th through 16th. Students will write this assessment in their own classes during class time. Students who have an Individual Education Plan will be allowed accommodations.

Students enrolled in Grade 9 Mathematics for second semester will write this assessment in June 2001. Teachers have received sample questions and will receive training on conducting the assessment. A report on student achievement will be sent to parents

College and University Applications

College applications were completed the last week of November. University applications will be completed December 4th. Any student who did not complete an application and is wishing to attend college or university in September should check with Student Services.

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