

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

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Grade 8 Parent/Student Information Night

Grade 8 students and parents are invited to attend our Grade 8 Information Night on Thursday February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium. This is a great opportunity for students who are considering Holy Cross for Grade 9. The Grade 9 program will be presented and students and parents can later tour the school.

Early Dismissal Days

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board in conjunction with the Limestone District School Board will be having early dismissal for all students, elementary and secondary on Tuesday February 26th. The Ministry of Education has instructed District School Boards to conduct in-service sessions for teachers on secondary school reform.

Secondary students will be dismissed at 11:30 and buses will depart at 11:40.

Spring Uniform Sales

The **optional** Spring uniform will go on sale for grade 9 students Monday February 25th through March 1st. Grade 10 to OAC students will be able to purchase items March 4th through 8th. A memo outlining the details of the sale will go home to all grade 9 students. The price for golf shirts will be \$20 and shorts will be \$30. **Please note, all students (grades 9-OAC) will be wearing the crested shorts.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY IS COMING

If you are 16 - 35 years of age and interested in the faith experience of a lifetime, then you should consider joining Pope John Paul II and thousands of other young people in Toronto this summer - July 18 - 28. Call Mr. Forster at Holy Cross or your local parish office for further info. On March 4th our school will welcome the World Youth Day Cross on its journey through our diocese with a special celebration in our gym. As we begin this new semester, I pray that God will bless our students, staff and families with many experiences of God's love. May each of us continue to be "...salt for the earth, and a light for the world."

February Non-Uniform Days

The non-uniform days for the month of February will be Thursday February 21st and Friday February 22nd. Friday February 8th will be Green and Silver Day. Uniforms or green and silver only please!!

February Events

Please see the reverse for February's calendar.

Semester One Report Cards

Semester One Final Report Cards will be issued on Monday February 11th.

School Council News

Our next meeting is Monday February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

Staff Changes.....

Mr. Ed Shea, Guidance Counsellor, will be leaving us for retirement. Retirement means that Mr. Shea will continue his chaplain's duties at Hotel Dieu and we may even see him filling in from time to time in Student Services. We wish him health and happiness.

Ms. Faith Bland (Special Education) will be joining us in second semester. Mr. Al Laird, our Head Caretaker, recently transferred to another school in the Board. Mr. Rick O'Sullivan has been appointed as Head Caretaker. We also welcome Mr. Ron O'Sullivan to our caretaking staff, formerly from Regiopolis-Notre Dame. Katherine Kritsch has joined our staff as Learning Resource Technician. Roger Fraser has joined our Special Education Department as an Educational Assistant.

Pastoral Care Report

Tuesday February 12th will be Pancake Day. Students may purchase pancakes in the morning through their homerooms. Mass will be held on Wednesday February 13th for Ash Wednesday.

Literacy Test to be held February 14th and 15th

Parents and students are reminded that the Literacy Test will take place for Grade 10 students from 8:30 to 11:00 on the mornings of Thursday February 14th and Friday February 15th. All appointments outside school should be cancelled for these dates. The next rewrite will be scheduled for a testing date in the spring. Students should review the materials that were distributed to them in the fall, and should visit the Ministry website for sample questions and suggestions at www.edu.gov.on.ca.

Look for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

The Memorial

Holy Cross and RND boys' basketball teams will play in "The Memorial" in Queen's Gym on Sunday February 10th. All proceeds will be supporting cancer research. During the week of February 4th-8th, Holy Cross will offer a variety of activities at lunch in the gym to bring attention to cancer research.