

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

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for they shall be comforted”**

Final Examinations and Report Cards

Students will be issued their mid-semester report cards on Tuesday November 19th. The exam schedule will be available to students the week of December 9th. Examinations will begin on Thursday January 23rd and conclude on Wednesday January 29th. Parents/guardians must ensure that students are available to write exams on the assigned dates. Students will return to classes on Monday February 3rd.

Take a Student to Work Day

All Grade 9 students will be involved in "Take a Student to Work Day" on Wednesday November 6th. There will be no Grade 9 classes in session as students are expected to be visiting a workplace. If you do not have a location for your child, please contact Mrs. Cantarutti in Student Services and she will arrange an activity for him/her.

Non-Uniform Days

Wednesday and Thursday November 28th and 29th are the non-uniform days for the month of November.

HCTV News

You can still order your copy of the Holy Cross DVD Year Disc for \$10.00 by filling out order sheets available in the main office, room 215, or in the foyer at lunch. Extra copies of last year's CD Rom Year Disc are available for \$5.00 through room 215 or in the foyer at lunch.

HCTV is having a fundraising draw for a night on the town. The grand prize is an Audiovox cell phone, Montana's gift certificate and two Cineplex Odeon tickets, total value of \$175.00. There are also runner up prizes. Tickets can be purchased in November and December in the foyer or room 215 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. The draw will be held on December 20th.

Pastoral Care Update

During November, we will be reflecting on another of the beatitudes. This month's beatitude, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." will be highlighted at our School Liturgy on November 11th as we commemorate Remembrance Day. And, of course, on All Souls' Day on November 2nd when we will be remembering family members and others who have died.

We thank our staff and students for their generous donations to this year's Thanksgiving Food/Juice Drive. Over 1400 items were donated to the Food Bank and Martha's Table. Special mention goes to Mr. Esford's class for collecting the most items and receiving the coveted "Turkey Cup."



Once again, our C.I.C.S. outreach programs include Leaf-Raking for seniors; call Chris Forster if you or someone you know needs some volunteer help. We are also continuing to help out at Martha's Table and at Rosewood Retirement Home.

School Council News

Our next meeting is Wednesday November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

Professional Development Day

Holy Cross staff will be participating in professional development on Friday November 22nd. There will be no classes scheduled.

Arts Department on the Road

Junior Drama and Visual Arts students will travel to Toronto on Wednesday November 13th and attend Second City Mainstage, ROM, and a performance of *Mamma Mia*.

Senior Drama and Visual Arts students will travel to Toronto on Friday November 29th to attend a workshop at Second City, tour the ROM, visit the Masterpieces from the Hermitage exhibit at the AGO and attend a performance of *Mamma Mia*.

A Pop Art Festival will take place on Wednesday November 27th and will feature student work in drama, photography, music, video and visual art. A viewing of student work will begin at 7:00 p.m. A cabaret performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. The theme for the evening is Pop Art, so come as your favorite pop icon. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5.00.

School Dance

The next school dance will be held on Friday November 29th from 7:30-11:00 p.m.

Student Services Update

Workshops for practicing the on-line college and university applications will be conducted this month. University application workshops are being held on November 4th and 5th. College application workshops are November 12th and 13th. Sign-up is in Student Services.

The Annual Honour Roll Breakfast will be held November 6th at 8:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria for invited students. This year's guest speaker is Christopher Knight, a Holy Cross graduate.

November Calendar

Please see the reverse for November's calendar of events. Visit our website at www.alcdsb.on.ca/~hcsc/ for up-to-the-minute news.