

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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We join with Catholics and people around the world in welcoming **Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany** as our newly elected Pope. He will be known as **Pope Benedict XVI**. We pray God to bless him and the Church which he has now been called to shepherd.

This year Catholic Education Week is celebrated from May 1-7 in the province of Ontario where over 1,000,000 students attend our Catholic schools. The theme of the week, "Being the Body of Christ", reminds us that our Catholic schools offer an education based on the beliefs of the Catholic tradition. It also emphasizes that Catholic education, makes a distinctive contribution, not only to our students, but to the whole of society. There are many events taking place that will help us to reflect on this theme including our School Mass on Wednesday, May 4th and the School Board Mass in Belleville on Thursday, May 5th at 10:30 a.m.

We are also looking forward to our **Graduates' Retreat on Friday, May 6**th and to the **Grade 11 Retreat on May 20**th. As with all retreats, these days provide an opportunity for us as students and staff to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Students can sign up through the Pastoral Service office.

Fr. Tom Rosica, C.S.B. will be giving a retreat on "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" on **Thursday May 12th from 7-9 p.m.** at the Providence Spirituality Centre here in Kingston. Fr. Rosica has been a TV commentator throughout the events surrounding the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of our new pope. He is also a popular and gifted retreat speaker. Call 542-8826 to register for this exciting event.

The 20th ANNUAL PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BLITZ will take place on Wednesday May 18. Each spring Holy Cross students and staff canvass in our local area for the Partners in Mission Food Bank. Last year approximately 30,000 cans and packages were collected by Holy Cross students and staff on the night of the blitz. By the end of the campaign, over 120,000 items were processed for the Food Bank. For a fun, worthwhile and memorable time, please join in for the 20th Annual Partners in Mission Food Blitz, Wednesday May 18. Become part of the many volunteers from Holy Cross who join with the community to assist in this project.

We wish everyone a very joyful **Pentecost**. And may God continue to bless the sick and those who care for them.

GENESIS AWARDS

The Genesis Awards is a celebration of student Achievement in the Arts. The awards program begins at **7:00 p.m. on May 26**th, with artistic highlights from 2004 /05. New this Year: The **Student's Gallery** will present the work of our Visual Artists, beginning at 12 noon. Tickets are \$5.00, available at noon on April 24-26 in the foyer, and at the door.

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

May 1National Cheerleading Competition -Mississauga May1-7
7:00 in rm 136 May 4 Catholic Education Week Mass at Holy Cross May 5SIN Physics Contest May 5 ALCDSB Catholic Education Mass at St. Michael's. Belleville
St. Michael's, Belleville May 6
May 26

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Being a mother has never been an easy role (that's an understatement) and in today's world, the demands are great. Mother are like angels on earth; they stand beside us with keen observations, wisdom and encouragement that nurtures each one of us. Mother's Day is a time for warm thoughts and fond memories, for expressing the feelings and words that often go unspoken, for letting those special people in our lives know that they are loved and appreciated. This spring, Mother's Day in celebrated on Sunday May 8th. May God bless all mothers with the peace and happiness they so richly deserve.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL NEWS

At the **Town Hall** assembly on Wednesday, **April 27**th, the student body heard not only from the candidates, but also from their campaign managers. Video technology assisted a number of candidates in presenting their platforms, Holy Cross Spirit and ideas for next year. Napolean Dynamite visited Holy Cross to encourage the students to throw their

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support before the candidate of their choice. At the end of the assemby, appreciation was extended to the outgoing executive for their committment to Holy Cross and sense of service that they demonstrated throughout the year. Congratulations and thank-you to: Head Boy- John Halligan; Head Girl-Alex Iori; Secretary- Rebecca Holmes; Communication Advisor- Katherine Van Vlack; Senior Boy- Matt Hulse; Senior Girl- Sarah Taylor; Junior Representatives Kaitlyn Chandrarajan and Morgan MacKay, and Staff Advisors Mr. Ihor Dejneha and Mr. Brendan Shane.

After a spirited campaign week and an impressive Town Hall assembly, Students' Council elections for the 2005-2006 Exectutive were held on April 29th, with the following students being elected: Head Boy- Matt Hulse; Head Girl- Rebecca Holmes; Secretary- Kaitlyn Lackie; Communication Advisor- Lauren Moore; Treasurer- Katherine Van Vlack; Senior Boy- Mike Veryser; Senior Girl- Steph Whitaker. Congratulations to all candidates who ran in the 2005-2006 Students' Council Executive election. Your school spirit, sincerity and sense of responsibility were very evident.

On **Friday, May 6**th the Students' Council will be **selling carnations** on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. The cost will be **\$1.00** a **stem** so buy yours for Mother's Day. The <u>final school dance</u> of the year will be on **Friday May 27**th. The Doors open at 7:00 p.m., close at 9:00 p.m. with the dance ending at 11:00 p.m. Come and support your Students' Council !!

REGIOPOLIS - NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

A celebration of the contributions of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame and the Jesuits of Upper Canada to Regiopolis - Notre Dame Catholic High School is planned for Saturday, May 21st, 2005, with Archbishop Anthony Meagher presiding. Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Dedication of Gymnasiums to the Congregation of Notre - Dame and The Jesuits of Upper Canada from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Social from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Alumni and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. For further details, please contact Pat Murphy RND'83 at 545-1902 or rndcelebrate@cogeco.ca

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION AT HOLY CROSS

On the mornings of **Wednesday, May 25**th and **Thursday, May 26**th, our future Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to visit Holy Cross. The **class of 2009** will given school tours, classroom visits, and will participate in a question and answer session with current Crusaders. We extend our appreciation to members of the Students' Council who will assist in the orientation program.

ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

The 2004-2005 Athletic Banquet and Awards Presentation will be held on the evening of **Tuesday June 7**. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. They go on sale June 1st in the main lobby. The banquet begins at 5:00, followed by the guest speaker at 6:00. Awards presentations begin at 6:30. Students are to dress in casual business style which may include shirts and ties for the gentlemen, and dresses for the women. No jeans please.

JUNE EXAMINATION PERIOD

Classes for <u>Senior student courses</u> will conclude on **Friday June 10**. The examination period for these courses will begin on **Monday June 13** and will be completed on **Friday June 17**. The last day of regular classes for <u>grades 9 and 10</u>

courses will be **Friday June 17**. The examination schedule for these courses runs from **Monday June 20** until **Friday, June 24**. Morning examinations begin at **8:45 a.m**. while afternoon examinations start at **12:15 p.m**.

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Summer school will operate at Holy Cross this summer beginning on **July 5** and concludes on **July 29**. Summer school is operated by the two Boards of Education in the Kingston Area: Limestone and our own Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Further information regarding Summer school in available in Student Services. **Students may select to take courses to improve on a mark already achieved or enroll in a new credit course.**

MATH CONTEST

The Holy Cross 2005 Fermat (Grade 11) Contest team placed first in Zone 67 (Belleville and Kingston) region. This is only the second time that Holy Cross has placed first in the math contest and represents an outstanding achievement for our students, school and teachers. Congratulations to the members of the HC Fermat team: Maretta Adams, Lucas Beyak, Xu (Claire) Cheng, Greg Corcoran, Cameron Flude, Tammy Georgiou, Edwin Giguere, Richard Kohar, Youngil Kim, Roberto Lee, Jennifer Taylor, Janelle Taylor, Sarah Turkeli, and Chris Walsh. Claire Cheng placed first in the region, and has been identified an outstanding achiever in the 2005 University of Waterloo Canadian Mathematics Contest; she has been invited to attend the Annual Waterloo Mathematics Contest Forum from June 12th-18th.

CHEMISTRY CONTEST

The University of Waterloo Grade 11 Avogadro Chemistry Contest will be written on Thursday, May 19th and the Grade 12 Chem contest will be written on May 11th. Interested participants should see Mr. Gervais, Mr. Jarrell or Mr. Vaitekunas for details.

ANTI-BULLYING HOTLINE AWARENESS PRESENTATION:

Tuesday, May 10 - Grade 9's Period 4; Wednesday, May 11 Grade 10's Period 4. Mr. Kevin Hulton, the Conflict Resolution Co-Ordinator & Representative of the Anti-Bullying Hotline of our School Board will address both the Junior grades to highlight key issues and behaviours asociated with bullying. A short video and overview of the Hotline Service will be shared.

HOLY CROSS CHEERLEADING

Best wishes to the Holy Cross Cheerleading Team who participated in the **Canadian National Championships** from **April 29 - May 1** at the Hershey Centre in **Mississauga**.

HOLY CROSS PHOTOGRAPHY

Graduation Composites are available for students to pick up in room 129. A few extra copies were ordered, and are available for \$15.00.

HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

This year's yearbook publication is expected to arrive to the school on May 30th. They will be distributed on May 31st. A few extra copies are available at a cost of \$50.00 each. These will be sold on a first come first served basis only.

SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

We are very pleased with the responsible way that students are dealing with textbooks. Our new personalized labels, distributed in February 2005, have given a much-increased visibility to each student's books.

Textbooks for this semester are due back no later than the day of each student's last exam. As always, it is best for the student to return items personally to the Textbook Room or Library, rather than leaving items in the exam room.

We expect textbook return to run very smoothly this June. This will be very important, in that Summer School will be on the premises immediately and signing out several thousand of these same books.

Each student will receive, in early June, a personalized report of the titles signed out to him or her. This is distributed in homeroom. It is a task of only a few minutes to double check the barcodes and titles for accuracy.

There is, unfortunately, a small (less than 10%) percentage of problems which arise at the end of each semester. Please do not allow your son or daughter to be counted in this group. If books are not returned, or are damaged, we will be cashing \$100.00 deposit cheques starting June 29.

If you have any questions about textbooks, please call 384 1919 Extension 3413, Mr. Cortis or Mrs. Shea.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council sponsored an evening presentation on April 26th with **Dr. Wendy Craig**, who spoke on "Communicating with your Teen". Dr. Craig provided many worthwhile ideas and suggestions to all in attendance on the challenges and best practices in communicating with, and listening to your teens.

The **final meeting** of the school council will be **Tuesday, May 24**th at 7p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.

CRUSADERS' BASKETBALL KIDS' CAMP 2005

Who: boys and girls ages 8-14 Where: Holy Cross Time: 9am-3pm Date: July 18th-22nd Camp Highlights: * camp t-shirt and basketball * daily skill instruction and games * guest speakers * individual evaluations * awards and prizes * crusader challenges Fee: \$130.00

Mail or drop off cheques and registration forms to: Kelly Dixon / Alfie De Melo, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, 1085 Woodbine Road, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4V2 Telephone: (613) 384-1919 Make cheques payable to: Holy Cross Varsity Girls Basketball

HOLY CROSS CRUSADER BANDS

The Holy Cross Crusader Bands completed a successful 5-day trip to New York City from April 20-24. While in New York, the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble performed for the students and faculty of Public School #57 in Manhattan and performed a 1-hour program at the United Nations. In addition to these outstanding performances, the 100 students and 10 staff also attended a New York Knicks game, enjoyed performances at Julliard and Jazz at the Lincoln Center and on the last night saw the new and highly entertaining Broadway musical, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, starring John Lithgow. The following are the year-end performances by the Crusader Bands:

Thursday, May 12 Jazz Ensemble CD Recording Session at Summit Sound, Westport, Ontario.

Holy Cross is proud to have it's first grade 9 band trip! Fifty-

seven grade 9 music students will be attending the **Trills & Thrills Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland** on Friday, **May 20**th. We will depart Holy Cross at 7:30a.m. and return at 10:30p.m. All the best to our grade 9"s!

Thursday, May 26. The Grade 10 Band and the Jazz Ensemble will perform at the Arts' Department Genesis Awards.

Wednesday, June 29. The Jazz Ensemble will participate in the Holy Cross Graduation Ceremony.

OYAP FIELD TRIP.

On April 12th, a group of Holy Cross Students and Teachers headed west to Cobourg and Belleville to get a closer look at opportunities for careers in the trades. In Cobourg they visited the Life Long Learning Centre where OYAP students are working hard to receive their Construction Craft Worker (level 1) certificate. This is part of an apprenticeship program which will ultimately lead to them becoming a licensed apprentice in this new trade. The students were working back hoes, paving, doing cement work etc. From there we headed to Loyalist College in Belleville to learn more about the Automotive Service Technician program offered, touring the actual site where the students work and the rest of Loyalist College. Two students from Holy Cross, Natasha Shaw and Adam McIntosh are now participating in the level 1 course and are at the top of the class. All in all it was a very enjoyable and informative day. Hopefully this trip will encourage students to consider the trades.

ONE-TONNE POSTER CHALLENGE

Over **70** Holy Cross grade **9** and **10** art students participated in the **One-Tonne poster challenge**. Our school participation in the City of Kingston awareness campaign once more demonstrated the commitment of our students to a cleaner planet. The talent of the Holy Cross artists was recognized with the **first prize** collected by **Salina Ramsaran** for the 15 year old group. Thanks for your participation.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2005

This year's graduation ceremony will be conducted on **Wednesday June 29**th, **2005**. There will be a meeting of all graduating students on **May 12**th, period 1 in the Cafeteria.

Potential Graduation List. Following is a list of students who, at this point, are **potential** graduates and eligible to take part in the June 2005 graduation ceremony. Students who believe that they have met the requirements for their OSD Certificate for this June's graduation date are asked to ensure that their name is on the list. The completion of: i) thirty (30) secondary school credits (including all sixteen compulsories), ii) forty (40) hours of Community involvement with the required record card submitted, and iii) the successful completion of the literacy test, are the components of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours (40) are to be completed and submitted to Student Services by May 31st, 2005. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all requirements (including night school 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 **June 21st**, **2005** in order to be included in this year's graduation ceremony. Potential graduates who plan to defer graduation until June, 2006, are to complete a Graduation Deferral form in Student Services by **May 13**. Please contact your counsellor if you have any questions or concerns.

Mariana Abullarade, Alyssa Aiello, Amy Ainslie, George Al Koura, Andrew Allan, Samantha Allard, David Archambault, James Arsenault, Kyle Arseneault, Zachary Aylesworth, Giselle Badoe, Hayley Bager, Mallika Bali, Frank Barratt, Christopher Barrett, Clare Barry,

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Alexandria Batson, Justin Baumann, Brian Beauchamp, Curtis Becker, Joseph Beecher, Kyle Benevides, Tom Beninger, Eric Bennett, John-Patrick Bergin, Nadia Bernabei, Michaela Black, Peter Blackman, Patrick Bolger, Peter Boyle, Ashley Braun, Christopher Brideau, Matt Buck, Meaghan Burgess, Sarah Burns, Terri-Lyn Burns, Jessica Carter, Alison Cassidy, Michelle Cassidy, Sean Cavanagh, Emily Cavanaugh, Derek Cha, Jordan Chambers, Kenny Chen, Christopher Chiang, Timothy Corcoran, Stephanie Cortis, Natasha Costa, Michael Coughlin, Leah Cox, Aaryn Crawford, Adam Crawford, Tim Cronk, Leah Cunningham, Ashley Daines, Todd Delaney, Mary-Catherine Denoble, Ashley Deveau, Matthew Dillon, Stephanie Donovan, Jonathan Doupe, Ted Down, Corey Dudgeon, Shawn Duscharme, Dave Erler, Peter Evans, Theresa Evans, Nancy Figueiredo, Luke Finn, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Fleming, Jessica Flowers, Curtis Flude, Bradley Flynn, Jamie Forsythe, Steven Fournier, Heather Fox, Jessica Fredericks, Jonathon Fredricks, Chantal Fridgen, Bethany Gagne, Paul Garrity, Michael Gaudet, Mike Gemmill, Mandy Geris, Jennifer Gerrond, Joshua Gower, Ryan Graham, Brennen Green, Christine Greenidge, Jacqueline Greenwood, Angela Grivich, Lorna Grosman, Daniel Hainse, John Halligan, Laura Hamstra, Sarah Hanna, Andrea Harding, Melanie Hardy, Kyle Hart, Ryan Hearns, Trevor Heer, Brendan Heffernan, Shane Henderson, Brittany Higgs, Megan Hill, Matthias Hochguertel, Danielle Hogan, William Holland, Ian Hopkins, Scott Hopkins, Alex Hume, Shannon Hunter, David Hurley, Tylar Insley, Alexandra Iori, Jennifer Ireland, Jessica Ireland, Emma James, Sarena Jerebic, Christopher Jewett, Cooper Johnston, Emily Johnston, Kevin Johnston, Siobhan Jones, Sabrina Kain, Jim Kang, Yohei Kawamura, Ryan Kennedy, Kyle Kerstens, Lauren Kidd, Matt Kidson, Calvin Kim, Lance Kim, Angela King, Annie Kingston, Daniel Knowlton, Matthew Korponay, Matt Kruczkowski, Melissa Kutz, Soon-Young Kwon, Kevin Labrie, Ashley Laird, Robyn Lanciault, Glenn Lane, Tabitha Larmon, Andrew Coog Laur, Boog Long Lair, Jones Long Larmon, Andrew Coog Laur, Boog Long Lair, Boog Long Lair, Boog Long Lair, Boog Lair, Boog Long Lair, Boog Lair Lau, Greg Laur, Rosa Lee, Jaimie-Lee Leroux, Murray Ley, Andy Li, Christopher Lister, Kyle Locke, Sarah Lollar, Melissa Lunn, Li, Christopher Lister, Kyle Locke, Sarah Lohar, Menssa Luhn, Lauren Lynch, Stacey Lynch, Jason Mallen, Lauren Markowski, Manuel Marquez, Noel Marshall, Laura Mason, Joshua Matassa, Ashley McCarthy-Mowbray, Alyssa McCaugherty, Troy McGinn, Adam McIntosh, Ryan McKeown, Jason Melo, Tina Melo, Shannon Mezzetta, Kaitlyn Miller, Catarina Miranda, Colleen Mitchell, Joe Montelongo, Patrick Moore, Rikki Mortensen, Cassandra Murphy, Kathleen Murphy, Sasha Murray, Brendan Mushet, Andrew Nador, Cory Naylor, Joel Newberry, Sonya Nizman, Kevin O'Donnell, Liam O'Dwyer, Ryan Oxley, Nicole Palmer, Jordan Pederson, Michael Pelletier, Michael Pham-Nguyen, Ashley Pitcher, Christa Pitcher, Patrick Poon, Krista Potter, Karlee Prior, Brandon Pritchard, Brock Pritchard, Christian Pryal, Ryan Ransom, Megan Rattie, Jimmy Regan, Tim Richardson, Holly Ritchie, Patricia Rivera, Tianna Robinson, Kevin Roseblade, Thomas Rowley, Chelsea Ruiz, Nathaniel Running, Gail Rutherford, Shivonne St. Pierre, April Savage, Bobby Scanlan, Miranda Scott, Jenny Sephton, Natasha Shaw, Andi Shea, Meghan Shea, Devan Sheahan, Nicole Shillington, Sasha Silva, Andrew Simons, Dylan Simpson, Joshua Simpson, Justin Siu, Colton Smith, Brittany Smith-Ellerbeck, Eleana Sosnowski, Drew Stavinga, Brittany Stewart, Robert Stewart, Jessica Strange, Eric Sudds, Jaclyn Sudds, Laura Szabadka, Adam Taylor, David Tessier, Ellen Thach, Ivy Thompson, Gregory Thrussell, Katherine Thurgood, Margann Tobin, Tom Tolsciuk, Sean Treier, Chris Tringham, Jessica Tugwood, Alex Tulk, Michael Van Asseldonk, Justin Vandekemp, Kristy Vandervelde, Kyle VanZuylen, Jessica Villemaire, Andrew Vo, Jonathan Walker, Trevor Wallace, Amy Walsh, Robert Wang, Kent Wannamaker, Jonathan Way, Corry Webster, Mary-Heather White, Brad Williams, Michele Witteveen, Chelsea Wolf, Alicia Wolfreys, Roc Wu, Meaghan Yohn, Springey Yu, Michael Zaharopoulos, Marylee Zanchelli, June Zhang, Penny Zhao.

Crusader Athletics

Congratulations to badminton players **Kaitlyn Baki** and **Joanne Boyle** for winning a **silver medal** in the junior doubles category at the recent KASSAA tournament at Holy Cross. Well Done!

League schedules have been posted for all KASSAA teams at www.kassaa.ca. All KASSAA game times and locations are posted at this site. The Senior Boys Rugby team will travel to Centennial High School in Guelph on May 6th for the Ontario Rugby Association tournament. Both the Senior Boys, and Girls, rugby teams will see action in Toronto on May 13th and 14th at the Red Hot and Instinct tournaments.

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

SUMMER VOLUNTEER AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Leadership training and Volunteer program at Hotel Dieu Hospital; Summer Youth Program at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital; Volunteer Services at Kingston General Hospital. Application forms are available in Student Services.

CORK/SAIL KINGSTON, an all volunteer organization, has 300-500 volunteers help run several sailing regattas from Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. This year CORK is hosting the Laser 2 World Championship and the J 24 World Qualifier in addition to our usual regattas. 1000 sailors are expected, ranging in age from 8 to 60+ years of age. Students have been volunteering with us for many years. There are both on water and shore positions open. We provide a lunch and soft drinks/water,a t-shirt and pin. There is also several social events that all volunteers can attend. The usual day is from about 8:30 to 4-5 PM depending on the weather and winds. Volunteers should visit the web site at www.cork.org to get volunteer information and registration forms. We are holding two operational meetings, June 11 and July 16, at 1 PM at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour that volunteers are welcome to attend. Or they could drop by the Cork office at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour to get more information. Contact Paul Rushton, Cork/Sail Kingston Volunteer coordinator, 545-1322 or 547-9966 (home) email: data@cork.org.

Youth Opportunities Ontario. There are Lots of summer jobs available through the Government of Ontario's Summer Jobs Program. They can help you find a job or start your own summer business. They will even connect you with employers who want to hire students, or help you get a job with the Ontario government. Their services are free. For more information, visit the Holy Cross Student Services, the web site at www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca or call toll free at 1-888-jobgrow.

Parks Canada. Summer jobs are available for secondary students as Lock Operating Assistants on the Rideau Canal near Kingston (code 32014). Duties include the assistance of Canal staff in the operation of a lock station from mid-June to September. Salary is \$8.74 per hour. Applications must be submitted to:

www.jobs-emplois.gc.ca/menu/home_e.htm by May 19, 2005

Students have received **verification forms** listing courses selected fornext year. Any update to this form should be completed and returned to Student Services. Students are advised to verify prerequisites for courses chosen for next year.

Timetables will be distributed in early June.

A representative from the **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)** will be in the school in May (TBA). Information/application is available at *http://osap.gov.on.ca*.

Grade 7/8 students on IEPs, their parents and staff are invited to the "Grand Opening" of the Special Education Department's Assistive Technology Lab on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 136.

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