

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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The Holy Cross newsletter is issued on the first school day of each month.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The season of Advent helps to prepare us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming. This is a season of joyful expectation and preparation. Advent is a season of beginnings which is in contrast to the end of our calendar year. Advent's prayerful pondering is jarred by shopping and holiday preparation. Our season of joy then becomes a season of stress. Nevertheless, Advent is a time of expectant hope where we look forward to the future and remember the past in order to focus on the present.

Christmas is a time of giving as we celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever received, the baby Jesus, God's one and only Son. As always, CICS sponsors the Advent Food Collection to assist those most in need. I encourage all to give generously to assist those who are in need. May the true spirit of the season and Christmas touch each of you and your families.

I wish to acknowledge and offer congratulations on behalf of the Holy Cross Community to **Mr. Mike O'Brien** who received the **OFSAA Leadership in School Sport Award** at the OFSAA AAA yolleyball banquet at the Ambassador Hotel on November 24. I was delighted to have been in attandence for the presentation of the award to one of our staff who has made a difference in the lives of so many.

As we prepare this newsletter, the cafeteria has been transformed from an eatery to a shockingly modern midsummer night's dream. Congratulations to cast, crew and our incredible arts department team for their accomplishments. "The course of true love never did run smooth" but it is truly a marvel how smoothly productions run under the guidance of our arts teachers, parent volunteers and with the talents of our arts students.

Students are expected to be in full school uniform every day, except for a scheduled monthly out of uniform day. While it is the desire of teachers and administration to support students in regular daily attendance, those who are not in complete uniform at school should expect a progression of consequences, from review of uniform policy, to study hall, to being sent home. Therefore, students who are out of uniform must report to a Vice Principal upon arrival at school. The school will have a limited supply of clean uniform pieces for emergency situations. The school will also work with families who require financial assistance. However, parents and students should realize that persistent and habitual neglect of the school's uniform dress code is a breach of the Code of Behaviour and will result in a formal suspension. The Principal/Vice Principals are the final arbitrators of uniform issues.

For Males: solid grey dress pants, school tie, white buttondown collared shirt with the HC monogram, <u>black leather</u> '<u>polishable</u>' <u>dress shoes</u>. Boys should make sure that their shirts are fully tucked in and that only white undershirts or tshirts are worn under their dress shirt. <u>Ties should be worn</u> <u>no lower than the second button</u>. Black running shoes are unacceptable.

For Females: solid grey dress pants, kilt (hemmed to no more than two inches above the knee), white button-down collared or French-cut blouses with monogram, green, white or grey knee socks or leotards, black dress shoes. Girls should ensure that their uniform reflects the modesty and decorum appropriate to our Catholic High school. Blouses are buttoned up, kilts are at an appropriate length, any shirts worn under the blouse are white, and that dress shoes are indeed black leather 'polishable' dress shoes and not crocs, ballet slippers or sandals.

# **December 2006 at Holy Cross**

Fri. Dec. 01 vvorid AIDS Day
Sun. Dec 03 First Sunday of Advent
Week of Dec. 04 Human Rights Week
Mon. Dec. 04 to Wed. Dec 06 Grad Photo Distribution Rm 129
Mon. Dec. 04 to Thurs. Dec 07 Improv Tryouts in Rm 246
Mon. Dec. 04 to Thurs. Dec 21 CICS Advent Food Drive
Wed. Dec. 06Ntl. Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women
Wed. Dec. 06 Comm Tech Trip to Toronto
Thurs. Dec 07 Grade Level Reconciliation-Library All Day
Thurs. Dec 07 Crusader Bands at Mother Teresa (1:00)
Fri. Dec. 08 Feast of Immaculate Conception Eucharistic Celebration at SMC
Sun. Dec. 10 International Human Rights Day
Sat. Dec. 09 Bill McLeod Wrestling Tournament at RND
Mon. Dec. 11 Crusaders Girls' Hockey Tournament in Napanee
Mon. & Tues. Dec. 11 & 12 International Days
Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 14 & 15 Crusader Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 14 & 15 Bridges to Community Craft Sale 10:30to12:30
Fri. Dec. 15 Rec. Date for completion of University and College applications
Fri. Dec. 15School Council Fundraiser Dance
Tues. & Wed., Dec. 19 & 20 Crusader Bands Foyer Performance (lunch) Thurs. Dec. 21 Advent Community Liturgy
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Thurs. Dec. 21Christmas Concert at 7:00 in the gymnasium
Frid. Dec. 22
Fri. Dec. 22 Last Instructional day for 2006
Thurs. Dec. 21
Sun. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Mon. Dec. 25 Christmas Day

School-crested vests, fleeces and pull-overs are acceptable for males and females. Ball caps and offensive clothing are not permitted in the school at any time and may be seized and reissued at the semester's end. Students are not to accessorize their uniform. Please review the uniform policy in the HC agenda for further details.

The image of our school stems directly from the appearance and conduct of our students. It is required, therefore, that every student be smartly dressed in full school uniform, not only in school, but also on the way to and from school.

#### **PASTORAL NEWS**

Christmas decorations are quickly going up and the Advent Candles will soon be lit as we now enter into another Advent Season. Here at Holy Cross, students and staff will have an opportunity to celebrate **Reconciliation** on **Thursday, December 7**<sup>th</sup> and to gather for our **School Mass** on **Thursday, December 21**<sup>st</sup>. We encourage everyone to take time to listen to God's voice in these days leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Congratulations to members of Student's Council and C.I.C.S. who were part of our annual **Street Retreat in Toronto from November 15 – 17**th. The students worked with the homeless on the streets of Toronto for a couple of days and volunteered at **St. Francis Table**, a restaurant established by the Franciscans in West Toronto to help feed the poor in that area. All agreed this was an eye-opening experience of what it is like to be homeless and poor on the streets of our largest city.

Many of our students and staff will remember Erin & Garry from the *Free the Children* organization who visited our school in October and who challenged us to make a difference in the world by helping others. C.I.C.S. and Student Council have been waiting for an opportunity to do just that. And so they have decided to dedicate our Advent Collection this year to help build a school through this amazing organization. Founded by Craig Kielburger, *Free the Children* is still run by and for young people. So, this Advent we will work together with them and with our sister school here in Kingston, Regiopolis-Notre Dame to raise the \$6,000.00 needed to build a school in Sri Lanka, one of the third world countries in which Craig's organization is active. The collection ends at our school Mass on Thursday, December 21st. Together, "Brick-by-Brick" we will build it.

We recently welcomed **Richard** and **Remco**, two young visitors from Taizé, France to our school. They are traveling across Canada to promote a **Taizé conference for young adults** (17 – 35 years of age) which will be taking place in **Montreal**, **April 27-29 2007**. They spoke to various religion classes about their faith journeys and the about the ecumenical community to which they belong which is devoted to the poor and to bringing together youth from various faith traditions. If you would like more information about the Taizé community or about the upcoming Youth Conference in Montreal go to their website at: www.taizemontreal2007.ca.

We congratulate our **Can Crusaders** who are helping **Habitat for Humanity** through a highly successful pop can recycling program at our school. Their efforts are helping to reduce our waste and build a home for an underprivileged family in our community.

Let us continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, especially **Archbishop Meagher** who has asked for our prayers. May he, and all those who are ill at this time, find healing and strength in God. And, finally I pray that God may bless each member of our Holy Cross community with a **Holy and Blessed Advent Season**.

#### DOWNTOWN KINGSTON SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Congratulations to all staff and students who participated in the Santa Claus Parade; a well-constructed float allowed Holy Cross to win the **School Award**. Holy Cross Students' Tech Council built a float for the 2006 Downtown Kingston Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The HC Students' Tech Council is an extracurricular club comprised of Holy Cross Technological Education students who desire to enrich their technological knowledge producing community based projects. The students have been busy designing and building a float with the theme of "The Crusader Who Stole Christmas". A special design challenge, the parade is a night-time event involving creative and festive lighting. This venture was in partnership with Holy Cross Students' Council.

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TORONTO FIELD TRIP On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Holy Cross Communications Technology students will be traveling to Toronto to explore potential post-secondary school studies and film & television career opportunities. Students will tour Ryerson University's campus and the facilities of the Radio and Television Arts program. Students will then be members of the live studio audience during Much Music's "Much On Demand" show from 5 to 6 p.m. on cable channel 26. Students will then travel to the CBC Broadcast Centre to view the video recording of an episode of the "Royal Canadian Air Farce" which will air on that Friday.

#### **POINSETTIA SALE**

Thank you to all members of the ALCDSB community who supported the Holy Cross "**Bridges to Community**" poinsettia fundraising sale. Your valuable support is greatly appreciated.

#### **TUCK SHOP**

Come and check out our new Crusader items just in time for Christmas shopping. Parents/families wanting to make "secret" purchases should contact **Bridges to Community Staff** at **613-384-1919 extension 2258**.

#### **BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY CRAFT SALE**

Please join us for the Holy Cross "Bridges to Community" craft sale. Students have been working diligently to prepare craft items for this sale which will take place on **December 14 and 15**th in the **Holy Cross foyer** from **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** 

## SCHOOL WEBSITE PUBLICATION POLICY

The purpose of our school website, **HCTODAY.CA** is to provide students, parents, staff and other members of the community with up-to-date information about Holy Cross. Photographs and videos of students involved in school activities are an integral part of our web site and we will strive to display as many photographs and videos as possible. This being said, we take the responsibility of protecting the privacy of our students and staff very seriously.

Photographs and videos taken at large, widely attended events such as sporting activities, plays, school assemblies, award celebrations and masses will appear on the school website. In the event students are identified, only first names and the initial of the surname will be used. Full surnames or other personal information will not be included on our web site in these cases.

Often, students in our school are presented with awards or other forms of recognition and it may be appropriate to publish the full names and other appropriate information along with photographs. In such cases, additional permission from the student and the parents (if the student is under 18 years of age) will be requested.

Photographs of individual or small groups of students involved in non-public activities such as working in the classroom or conferencing with a teacher will not be published on our web site without additional permission from the student and the parents (if the student is under 18 years of age). Again, except in very special situations, only first names and the initial of the surname will be used to identify students.

If you have any comments or concerns about this policy, please contact **Principal Paul Walsh at 613-384-1919 x 3411**.

#### INFORMATION FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION

Parents of students on an IEP, who have not yet returned a signed consultation form, which was mailed to them with the draft IEP in October, are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Are you going to university or college? Do you have a learning disability? Queen's University and Trent University, in collaboration with our school board and two neighbouring school boards, are offering a program called **On-Line to Success**, which will teach you more about your own learning disability, self-advocacy skills, adaptive technology, and learning strategies for college and university. Interested students and parents should contact the Special Education Resource Department for more information, or e-mail **Marie McCarron** at <a href="mailto:mccarrom@post.queensu.ca">mccarrom@post.queensu.ca</a>. There will be a **Parent Information Night** on **Thursday**, **December 7**th at **MacArthur College**, **6:30 p.m.** 

#### STUDENT'S COUNCIL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Student Council has been working hard to celebrate the Advent season. This year, daily activities will take place at lunch in the cafeteria. Homerooms are encouraged to take part and compete in the friendly activities. As a part of the joint RND/HC Fundraiser for 'Free The Children', Holy Cross will be hosting an additional 'video dance' on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>. The dress is 'smart casual' and the cost is 10\$ with all proceeds going to the Craig Kielburger foundation. It is our hope that combined with RND, our homeroom 'buy a brick' campaign and the dances will raise sufficient funds to build a school in Sri Lanka. Show your true Crusader spirit and help with our shared fundraising goal!

#### Monday December 18, 2006

Door Decorating Contest – Homeroom classes Judging Tuesday December 19, 2006

#### Tuesday December 19, 2006

Junior Christmas Wrapping Contest at lunch in the cafeteria! Each homeroom is to select a student to compete. Submit the name to Student Council by Thursday December 14, 2006 At lunch time, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be performing in the foyer.

# Wednesday December 20th, 2006

Senior Christmas Gift Wrapping Contest

Each homeroom is to select a student to compete. Submit the name to Student Council by Thursday December 14, 2006 Browns' Christmas Turkey Dinner in the cafeteria! At lunch time, the Jazz Ensemble will be performing in the foyer.

# Thursday December 21, 2006

Christmas Movie will be played at lunch in the cafeteria! **Katherine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert** in the gym at 7:00pm. All school bands and the choir will be performing. Tickets are **\$5.00 for students** and **\$8.00 for adults**.

#### **Candy Grams:**

Cost will be \$1.00 each

Duration: Sales Monday December 11 – Friday December 15

in front of the Caf!

Delivery from Santa: December 20th

#### HONOUR ROLL BREAKFAST

Holy Cross held their annual **Honour Roll Celebration** on **Thursday, November 9**<sup>th</sup>, **2006**. The guest speaker was **Ryan Quinlan Keech**, Commissioner of Municipal Affairs AMS-Queen's University and Holy Cross Graduate, Class of 2003.

Grade 9, 10 and 11 students who achieved Honour Roll status for the 2005-2006 school year were recognized for their academic achievement. Grade 12 students were recognized during the graduation ceremonies in June.

#### **GRADE 11**

Hector Abullarade Gamez, Kaitlynn Baki, Dana Barr, Sara Bhromsuwan, Samantha Bilow, Christopher Bothamley, Alyssa Botnick, Joanne Boyle, Matthew Brady, Sebastian Braganza, Evan Branton, Amber Brent, Rebecca Brown, Stephanie Buck, Marissa Callahan, Brittany Carroll, Aiden Castillo, George Cave, Heejae Chung, Brittney Conroy, Ellen Conway, Emma Cotman, Bradley Crawford, Melissa Davis, Eleisha Deline, Emily Desjardins, Lacey DeSousa, Tiffany Desousa, Heather Donohue, Heidi Evans, Alana Feeley, Christopher Ferris, Ricardo Figueiredo, Linda Forster, Carolyn Fox, Lesley Golding, Patrick Healey, Kevin Hogan, Corey Howard, Brennan Hoy, Emily Hyde, Chelsea Hynes, Brittany Insley, Matthew Irving, Lee Jarus, Won Suk (Jack) Jung, Alicia Kenny, Christopher Kohar, David Kotanko, Yoon Ju (Julia) Lee, Andrew Locke, Michael Lukaszuk, Katelyn MacDonald, Emma Mantle, Ryan Marshall, Laura Martindale, Natalie Maschi, Manoj Mathew, Julianna McDermott, Courtney McFarland, Julie McLeod, Colin McMillan, Joel Medora, Cory Mooney, Scott Mortimer, Ashley Murphy, Jacob Murphy, Ryan Murphy, Emily Noftall, Curtis Ottenhof, Nicole Pacheco, Julia Palada, Laura Palma, Tom Pham-Nguyen, Elizabeth Pickles, Daniel Prezgot, Vilma (Veronica) Rivera, Filipe Rodrigues, Kelsey Ross, Brett Scanlan, Rachel Schock, Lisa Shurrock, Sarah Splinter, Michael Stafford, Rebecca Stewart, Alexander Stuart, Ki Yeon (Katherine) Sung, Paulina Tavares, Michael Tymchuk, Angelika Ushakova, Caterina Van Herpt, Andrew Wallace, Rebecca Whitaker, Nevil Whitty, Casey Wilkinson, Matthew Woo, Michael Young

# Award Winner for best overall average: Rebecca Stewart

#### **GRADE 10**

William Adamson, Catherine Alarie, Matthew Binkley, Sacha Blackman, Jacob Blair, Joshua Blair, Elizabeth Bourassa, Jennifer Brulé, Sydney Bulbrook, Daniel Cachaco, Megan Cahill, Kelsey Carlin-Adam, Griffin Chambers, Kaitlin Chandrarajan, Ryan Chapman, Andrew Complak, Charlotte Corsi-Johnson, Mackenzie Costron, Bobbi-Jo Cronk, Meghan Daoust, Danielle Davies, Mikaila De Sousa, Aiden Dorosz, Thomas Doyle, Mary (Aly) Edwards, Clare Forster, John Forster, Joseph Gallipeau, Daniel Garrah, Brittney Garrison, Layney Gauthier, Sarah Gauthier, Robert Gencarelli, Ramey Ghabros, Lindsay Gibson, Joseph Graham, Daniel Grant, Alessandra Greenwood-DaSilva, Kyle Griese, David Halligan, Robert Hayes, Jessica Higgs, Christopher Ho, Katelynn Hodges, Emily Holmes, Miranda Hunt, Maeve Jones, Nicholas Kelly, Stacey Kimmett, Allison King, Alexandra Klenke, Megan Lackie, Joshua Leavitt, Johnathan Lewis, Julie MacGarvey, Morgan MacKay, Caitlan Mahoney, Emily Mahoney, Samantha Marino, Olivia Marquez, Andrew Martin, Christopher Matias, Ashley Mayhew, Ryan McCaugherty, James McLean, Scott

McLean, Matthew Metauro, Jeremy Moreau, Jessalyn Morin, Janita Murphy, Rachel Murphy, Nathan Neeteson, Andrew Nelson, Macey Nielissen, Mark Ottenhof, Shelby Owen, Benjamin Palmer, Daniel Pearson, Brock Poirier, Joshua Prinsen, Serena Pugh, James Ransom, Jordan Reed, Simon Reyers, Kaitlyn Roberts, Kelly Ross, Kaitlyn Running, Stephanie Samms, Jessica Scriver, In Bo Song, Charline St. George, Robert Taylor, Holly Tousignant, Christopher Vermeersch, Danica Vidotto, Tyler Wallace, Christa Walsh, Alicia Warner, Eighren Weima Majury, Nichole Wiemann, Haydi Wong, Inhye (Sophie) Yi, Joanna (Asia) Zolnierczyk

Award Winner for best overall average: Robert Gencarelli

#### **GRADE 9**

Christina Adams, Amanda Ainslie, Lucas Azeredo Lobo, Jessica Bannon, Kyle Benford, Alysha Benn, Katrina Bennett, Roberto Bernardino, Roger Black, Joshua Blackstock, Laura Brown, Jessica Buchanan, Rebecca Buchanan, Colleen Burliuk, Chantelle Cadeau, Mackenzie Chamberlain, Brandon Chiu, Joshua Clow, Kathleen Complak, Stephanie Conners, Cassandra Cornelius, Sarah Costa, Rachel Craig, Andrew Cunningham, Jenna DeKoster, Jenna Desjardins, Matthew DeSousa, Scott Donovan, Brock Evans, Emily Evans, Jay Fabbro, Gregory Faulkner, Sarah Fiander, Jessica Findlay, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Cathaleen Flynn, Laura Fox, George Fraser, Lee Ann Fridgen, Stefie Georgiou, Keenan Gracey, Natasha Greenwood-DaSilva, Melissa Greyling, Jordan Griffith, Jacob Harpell, Alexander Hart, David Heroux, Michelle Hogan, Thomas Holland, Jeffrey Howes, Stephanie Hulse, Matthew Hulton, Laura Jaques, Kelly Keates, Yoonhee Kim, Jennifer King, Shari King, Catherine (Kasia) Knap, Soomin Ku, Eric Lattimore, Joanna Leake, Cody Lee, Elizabeth Lightbody, Brittany Lollar, Daniel Lowcay, Jena Mackie, Jessica Mallen, Emily Marshall, Stephen Marshall, Neil Martin, Jordan Mayer, John McCombs, Robert McDermott, Christopher McKinnon, Madisson Miller, Rachel Miller, Cassandra Mooney, Amanda Mullin, Robert Munroe, Brett Murphy, Shelby Murphy, Jessi Murphy-Wood, John Murray-Ashie, Christopher Neilson, Van Anh Nguyen, Austen Nizman, Matthew Oliveira, Holly Ottenhof, Michael Palma, Nikolaus Pankow, Mathew Parfett, Rileigh Perin, Danielle Perry, Megan Peterson, Bradley Philip, Jessica Pickett, Abigail Poitras, Karin Pryal, Elaina Raponi, Amanda Robson, Gregory Rochefort, Ashley Rosa, Trevor Rutherford, Katrina Schiller, Addie Seguin, Riley Shkimba, Heidi Shulist, Katelyn Siu, Graham Slaughter, James Smart, Andre Sousa, Kayla Springer, Jonathan Sullivan, Katharine Tessier, Michael Teves, Kylie Valentino, Marissa Valentino, Deidre van Herpt, Sarah Villemaire, Kate Wagar, Jessica Walker, Jacqueline Wall, Evan Wallace, Dylan West-Sadler, Dylan Whitaker, Aaron White, Sara Wilson, Monica Zolnierczyk Award Winner for best overall average: Yoonhee Kim

# QUEEN ELIZABETH II AIMING FOR THE TOP SCHOLARSHIPS

Holy Cross is proud to announce that sixteen of our graduates from 2005-2006 were awarded the Province's Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarships: Joshua Ashurst, Teresa Forster, Danielle Fraser, Laura Hamstra, Jessica Heikamp, Kera James, Kayla Kenney, Richard Kohar, Jaclyn O'Hearn, Stephanie Pacheco, Bethany Schock, Drew Stavinga, Sarah Taylor, Chris Walsh, Rebecca Wehner, and Stephanie Whitaker. These scholarships reward students who graduate with top marks at their high school and who plan to continue their studies at a college or university. Recipients who maintain an 80 per cent average will have their scholarships renewable annually.

#### **CRUSADER ATHLETICS**

"The Winter Season has begun. Up to date information on schedules can be found on the KASSAA website <a href="http://www.kassaa.ca/">http://www.kassaa.ca/</a>. Additional sporting information can be found on our athletics web page - <a href="http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/">http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/</a>~hcssa/.

Special sporting events upcoming at Holy Cross include: The Holy Cross Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament - December 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> and Archbishop Spence's Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament - January 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. Basketball's annual cancer fund raiser will take place in the first week of February.

The Athletic Department would like to acknowledge two special Crusaders: Grey Cup Champion **Brent Johnson**, **HC'96** became the first player in CFL history to win the outstanding Defensive Player of the year and the Top Canadian Player in the same year, and long-time volleyball coach **Mike O'Brien** 

received special recognition from OFSAA for his 39 years of coaching excellence."

#### COACH O'BRIEN OFSAA SCHOOL SPORT AWARD RECIPIENT

Longtime teacher and coach **Mike O'Brien** was honoured by his peers at the Ambassador Hotel last week. We are proud of his Leadership in School Sport Award and are so pleased for him. Following are excerpts from the speech prepared by Ernestown coach and volleyball guru **Dale Huddleston**.

"Mike O'Brien has been a teacher/ coach for the past 39 years in both the elementary and secondary school systems. Mike has always been eager to get involved with student-athletes and has coached gymnastics, soccer, track & field and volleyball. At Holy Cross, Mike has been the mainstay of the volleyball program. Without Mike at his school we feel that the volleyball program would not be as successful as it is and may not be running at all. Mike has stepped up on more than one occasion to coach both the junior and senior teams within the same season. He has always coached both the boys' volleyball teams in the fall and the girls' volleyball teams in the winter. On several occasions, Mike has taken it upon himself to organize and run the volleyball all-star games for KASSAA in both the boys and girls divisions. For the past ten years Mike has taken time out of his own summer vacations to assist in the Queen's Volleyball Camp and the Training Center Volleyball Camp free of charge. Each season that Mike coaches he always hosts a volleyball tournament that is well run, organized, on time and ensures that the athletes have a great time.

Where Mike stands out as a worthy recipient over others is in his interaction with his players. Mike has always stressed fair play and dedication and is a wonderful role model. As long-time coach and past Leadership in Education winner Dale Huddleston points out, Mike is a true gentleman and his teams exemplify true student/athletes who embody OFSAA's values of education through school sport".

#### **HC COUNSELLOR'S CORNER**

#### College/University Applications

Post secondary application workshops and information sessions have concluded. Although the **deadline for applications to OUAC (University) is January 10<sup>th</sup> and <b>OCAS (College) is February 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Holy Cross recommended date is **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. All PIN numbers for University applicants have arrived, and students should have stopped by Student Services to pick up theirs.

#### Course Changes for Semester Two

Students intending to make changes in their Semester Two timetable are asked to do so by **December 22**<sup>nd</sup>.

# Looking for a Job or Volunteer Hours...

Students are reminded to regularly check the postings on the Job & Volunteer Board located outside Student Services.

# EQAO GRADE NINE ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

In January 2007, Holy Cross students who are currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Applied or Academic course will join others in a provincewide standardized **Grade Nine Math Test**. This mandatory assessment will involve multiple choice questions, short answer and extended responses. This test, which is one component of the Secondary School Reform initiative, will be administered over two of the students' regular mathematics classes. Dates for the testing at Holy Cross will be determined. Additional information can be obtained from teachers in the Mathematics Department.