



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The flowers are out and the sun warms us as we grow ever more certain that summer is drawing near. Our senior students are now measuring their final Holy Cross experiences and our juniors share in the enthusiasm of their peers. We call upon our students to balance their spirits with the responsibilities of caring Christian citizens. The walk to and from the Loeb Plaza is indeed more pleasant in this season; do not mar it by poor behaviour such as tossing garbage on the ground, or disrespecting our neighbours. Act in ways that do us, and more importantly, yourselves proud whether on or off school property.

Our sports seasons are winding down, with a number of successes and highlights. Congratulations to the **Golf Team**, the **Senior Girls Soccer Team** and **Junior Boys Soccer Team** for capturing KASSA and EOSSA titles. Congratulations also to the many track and field successes, especially to those competitors who will begin the month of June competing at East Regionals for the rights to move on to OFSAA. Good luck at OFSAA, qualifiers!

The Holy Cross awards season has begun, with an evening filled with the resulting joys of dreams fulfilled at the **Genesis Awards Evening**. The performances were fantastic and it is always a pleasure to see students and staff rewarded for their talents and hard work. Next up was the **Athletic Awards Evening**, where again individual and group achievements were celebrated with aplomb.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of our student body and staff who dedicate themselves to the Crusader spirit that is the hallmark of this school. Thank you in particular to our outgoing **Student Council Executive** – it has been a great year, with much of the credit going to you. I know that the incoming Council will follow your lead.

Good luck to all students preparing for their culminating projects and final exams. Please buckle down and focus on achieving the best results possible. To all students and staff, may you have a safe, joyful summer, filled with many blessings.

Paul A. Walsh

PASTORAL UPDATE

On behalf of C.I.C.S., a big thank you to all who have signed our "Darfur: Sudan" Petition. We hope many more people will take an interest in the tragic situation occurring there. And thanks to the students, staff and parents of Holy Cross who helped

with the **Partners In Mission Food Blitz** on **May 16th**. We especially thank the students, staff and parents from **Our Lady of Lourdes** and **Mount Carmel** elementary schools who came out in such big numbers to help us to load over 48,000 pounds of food into the truck at **Loeb's**. **Investors Financial Group** as usual provided a tent to protect us from the rain and Loeb's graciously allowed us to use their store and equipment for sorting and recycling. Congratulations to all for their donations and their help in making this year's Food Blitz such a great success. On **May 2nd** we welcomed Holy Cross Grad ('90), **Fr. Tom MacDonald** to our school community as he celebrated our May School Mass with us and preached about his own personal call to the priesthood. His heartfelt sharing was truly an inspiration to all our young people as they discern their call in life – some we hope to the priesthood or religious life. Our **Graduates' Retreat** took place on **Friday, May 11th** at **Rideau Acres** as students and staff joined us to reflect and pray together and to look back at our years together here at Holy Cross. And we are looking forward to celebrating our last School Mass of the year on **June 7th**. At this Mass, we will recognize our Graduating Students and celebrate their contributions to our school community during their years with us. We have recently interviewed and selected the twelve students who will be part of the Holy Cross **Jamaica Mission Trip** in March '08. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare themselves for this challenging experience and as they begin to plan their fundraising campaign.

Please keep the sick in your prayers as well, especially **Sr. McCallum, S.P.**, a recently retired member of our teaching staff who is very ill at this time. And, blessings on all our students, staff and families as we look forward now to the last days of classes and to final exams.

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

June 1	OFSAA Lacrosse Qualifier at HCSS
June 3-6	OFSAA Sr. Girls Soccer, Chatham
June 4-5	OFSAA Golf, Ancaster
June 7 ...	Last School Mass (Commissioning Mass for Grads)
June 7 ...	Bridges Over 18 Production of <i>Peter Pan</i> , 12:45, Cafeteria
June 7-9	OFSAA Track & Field, Ottawa
June 12	Final Instructional day for Grade 11 and 12's
June 13-19	Grade 11 and 12 Examinations
June 14-15	EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment
June 15	Bridges Under 18 Variety Show in Lecture Theatre
June 18	Final Instruction day for Grade 9 and 10's
June 19-25	Grade 9 and 10 Examinations
June 27	Examination and Report Card Pick Up (am)
June 28	Graduation for Holy Cross Class of 2006
June 29	PA Day #6

2006-2007 HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

The 2007 **Holy Cross Crusade Yearbook** was distributed on **May 28th, 2007**. Those who have not yet picked up their copy may do so during periods 1, 2, or 3 in room 129. For those who have not purchased a yearbook, there are a few additional copies available for sale at **\$40.00**. Please see **Mr. Prior** in **Room 129** to purchase your copy. Thanks to **Mr. Prior's Period 1, 2 and 3 Grade 10 and 11 classes** and to the **yearbook staff** who coordinated the distribution process.

2006-2007 HOLY CROSS DVD YEAR DISC

The DVD Year Disc **will be distributed during exam return day on Wednesday, June 27th**. Graduates will be able to pick up their copies the evening of the graduation ceremonies.

JUNE 2007 EXAMINATION PERIOD

Classes for Senior student courses will conclude on the morning of **Tuesday, June 12th**. The examination period for these courses will begin on the afternoon of **Tuesday June 12th** and will be completed on **Tuesday, June 19th**. The last day of regular classes for Grades 9 and 10 courses will be **Monday, June 18th**. The examination schedule for these courses runs from **Tuesday, June 19th** until **Monday, June 25th**.

Morning examinations begin at **8:30 a.m.** while afternoon examinations start at **12:00 p.m.** Students should be in their assigned exam room 15 minutes prior to the start time. Students will be required to wear uniforms during the June examination period.

EXAMINATION PICKUP DAY

Students may pick up their June examinations and semester II report cards the morning of **Wednesday, June 27th** from **9:00 to 11:00 am**. Examinations may be picked up from subject teachers in their classrooms. **Report cards will be mailed home on Thursday, July 5th, 2007.**

ANNUAL UNIFORM SALE

Halpern's will be holding their Holy Cross school uniform sale on **Thursday, August 2nd** from **3:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Holy Cross Cafeteria. It is advisable to purchase the uniform on this date to ensure that everyone is in full uniform on the first day of school. Uniforms may also be purchased at **Newman's Men's Wear** on Princess Street.

PRE-OWNED & PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED UNIFORM SALE

Is your youngest child getting set to graduate from Holy Cross? Have you grown several centimeters in the past year? If you no longer have any use for your (or your child's) uniform and are interested in donating it to the school, please bring the uniform to **Ms. Daniel** in the main office.

Holy Cross Catholic School Council will be offering parents and students an opportunity to buy previously enjoyed uniforms for reasonable prices on **Thursday, July 26th, 2007**. Any monies raised from this sale will go to support the learning experience (including uniforms and extracurriculars) for students and families in need. The sale will be held in the Holy Cross Foyer between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL NEWS

Summer is here Holy Cross, and that means the school year is quickly coming to an end! Thank you to all of the candidates who participated in the Town Hall Assembly. All of the speeches were very well done, and made for a tough decision for the student body. Congratulations to the new Students' Council:

Ashley Mayhew, Brock Poirier, Meg Ball, Tom Hill, Emily Holmes, Ryan Desveaux, and Chris Ho. The Sports/Rock and Roll Dance in May was a success, thanks to all who attended. On behalf of the Students' Council, we would like to thank you for all of your support and suggestions this school year. It has been an amazing experience for us, and we could not have accomplished all of the great events without your help. Also very special thanks to **Mr. Daniel Roberts**, the Students' Council advisor for all of his patience and guidance through the school year. The Students' Council would not be where they are without his brilliant contributions.

We wish all of the student body good luck on their exams, and have a safe, wonderful summer!

TEXTBOOK AND LIBRARY BOOK RETURN

This is a reminder that students must return their Holy Cross books by the end of the day of their last exam. Students are responsible for the return of their own books (The actual barcodes issued to them at the beginning of the semester). Students are not to leave books in a classroom or with a teacher. This year, the last day of final exams is **Monday, June 25th**. All student textbooks and library books must be **returned by 3:00 pm of this day**. After this date, the deposit cheques will be cashed for overdue books. Library and Textbook staff will be unavailable until the start of the next school year. During the summer, the school will be staffed with summer school personnel who are not able to process Holy Cross books. Because of the hectic textbook distribution schedule at the start of the new school year, overdue textbooks that are returned late will not be processed until late September. Once the deposit cheques have been cashed, refunds will not be available until mid October.

ASSOCIATE TEACHER AWARD

Congratulations to **Mr. Frank Halligan** who was awarded one of five **2006-2007 Associate Teacher Awards** for his outstanding contributions to the **Faculty of Education at Queen's** and to his Teacher Candidates. These awards are presented each year by the Practicum Office at Queen's University to recognize Associate Teachers whose programs and mentoring are exemplary, and whose commitment has resulted in excellent practicum placements for the Teacher Candidates.

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY "HOLLYWOOD" FIELD TRIP, MARCH BREAK 2008

The Holy Cross **Technological Education Department** is excited to confirm the Communications Technology field trip to Hollywood during the 2008 March Break. Students are asked to watch for posters and listen to announcements concerning meetings. An information evening meeting for parents will take place in the near future.

Some of the educational events will include: Universal Studios, Disney Land, and Actor's audition / makeup / acting workshops. To participate on the trip, students should be enrolled in a 2007-2008 senior Communications Technology course. Interested students should contact **Mr. John Esford** ASAP.

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 2007 GRADUATION

This year's graduation ceremony will be held on **Thursday, June 28th, 2007** in our gymnasium **beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The **\$30.00 graduation fee**, which covers the gown rental fee, graduation cap, and the class gift, should be brought to student services no later than **June 8th, 2007**. Invitations will be issued the week of June 6th directly to graduates' home addresses. Each gradu-

ate will receive **four tickets** which must be presented by their family and guests at the door on the **evening of June 28th**. All graduates are reminded to notify Student Services once they have accepted admission to a college or university and if they have received any scholarships or bursaries.

A **photo CD**, containing several hundred images from the graduation ceremonies will be available for purchase for **\$10.00**. The CD will include the **large group photograph**, most **graduates receiving their diplomas**, and all **award winners**. Order your copy at the photo desk in the foyer at the graduation ceremonies.

Congratulations to the following graduates, chosen by their peers for the roles as listed:

Simon Finn..... Valedictorian
Laura Taylor..... Salutatorian
Becky Stewart..... 2007 Class Rep
Brad Crawford..... 2007 Class Rep

GRADE 9 EQAO MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT

This month students who are currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Applied or Academic math courses will take the **province wide standardized Grade 9 Math test**. This mandatory assessment of mathematics will involve multiple choice, short answer and extended response questions. This assessment will be administered over two of the students' regular mathematics classes. Dates for this test at Holy Cross are **June 14 & 15th**.

LITERACY TEST RESULTS

EQAO has released the provincial results of this year's literacy test. Individual results will be available on **June 13th**. If you have any questions about your son or daughter's results, contact **Mr. Sean Roberts or Miss Terri Daniel**.

GENESIS AWARDS BANQUET 2007

The Genesis Awards Ceremony celebrates student achievement in Drama, Music, Visual Art, audio video production and photography. This year's event featured the Student Gallery showing works from many of our students and portfolios of graduating artists. The evening's performance featured the Holy Cross Jazz Band, Grade Nine Band, several musicians, as well as high-lights from video class works, Cabaret and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The ceremony recognized key members of our greater community – **Yvonne Branco and her staff from the Mane Obsession, and also Deborah Fowler** - with the Genesis Award for Community Spirit for their generous involvement in Holy Cross productions. The evening recognized many new and rising artists as well as our major award winners as follows:

Domino Theatre Award..... **Cassie Berry**
 Drama Club Award..... **Melissa Davis**
 Art Club Award..... **Emma Mantle**
 Music Award..... **Ellen Conway**
 Roadie Award..... **Michelle Palmer**
 Special Achievement Award..... **Mike Lukaszuk**
 Visual Arts Award..... **Laura Palma**
 Dramatic Arts Award..... **Simon Finn**
 Audio / Visual Production Award..... **Kristina Daoust**
 Photography..... **Stephanie Buck**

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer school will operate here at **Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School** this summer beginning on **July 3rd** and concluding on **July 27th**. Summer school is operated by the two Boards of Education in the Kingston Area: Limestone and our own Al-

gonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Further information regarding Summer school is available in Student Services.

Students may choose to take courses to improve on a mark already achieved or enroll in a new credit course. Summer school applications are available now in Student Services. **Students must see their counsellor to obtain this information and not just pick it up.**

COUNSELLORS' CORNER

Graduate Information

The completion of forty (40) hours of Community involvement is required as a key component of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours are to be completed and submitted to Student Services. If you still have not done your community involvement you need to see Student Services ASAP.

Graduating students who applied for admission to an Ontario university who did not receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings at other Ontario universities through the OUAC. Go to www.ouac.on.ca.

To be considered students must have completed 6 4U or 4M courses including the prerequisites needed for entry to specific programs.

OYAP Program

Information on Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs (Level 1 Apprenticeship) is available in Student Services Programs including: Automotive Services Technician, Carpenter, Cook/Chef, Construction Craft Work, Early Childhood Education, and Hairstylist. Please see your guidance counselor.

Volunteer Opportunities for Spring/Summer:

Spring and summer bring many opportunities to volunteer within the community! For more information on these and other **volunteer** and **employment** opportunities, please visit www.hctoday.ca under "Student Services".

The Fallow Deer Reserve needs your help to relocate "rescued" Fallow Deer to their new home in June 2007 by doing various hands-on and administrative tasks.

Students considering a career in health care or who like to help others are invited to complete an application to fill one of 20 volunteer spots this summer at Hotel Dieu, KGH, St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Providence Manor.

Organizers of the **VOLVO Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships** (Thursday, July 12th to Saturday, July 21st) and **CORK** (numerous events starting August 9- 26th, with a fall regatta on September 28-30th) are in need of volunteers for a variety of positions at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour.

Student timetables for the **2007-2008** school year were issued on **May 31st**. Students are to contact Student Services to deal with any necessary changes. Student Services will have timetable problems/changes resolved by the end of exams. Students in Grades 9-11 are required to take 8 credits each year. **Grade 12 students who have earned 24 credits may reduce their course load, taking a "spare" in either or both semesters.**

MUSICNOTES

In April, members of the Holy Cross bands enjoyed the sights and sounds of the Big Apple and performed in some schools in Harlem. The trip was an unqualified success. On **Thursday, May 24th**, the Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble and the Grade Nine Beginning Band performed at the Genesis Awards, the Arts Department annual awards and recognition evening. Congratulations to all nominees and award winners and to our graduating musicians. On **Friday, May 25th**, the **Holy Cross Grade Nine Band** participated in the **Trills and Thrills Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland**. After a phenomenal performance which earned the Band a 90 %, the musicians spent the rest of the day in the Park. Congratulations, Grade Nine Band.

KINGSTON SUMMER MUSIC

Get professional instruction on your band instrument from Kingston Symphony members, Queen's University music instructors and local music teachers at **Kingston Summer Music 2007**. The program will run from **July 9th – July 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at **Regiopolis - Notre Dame**. The cost of the program is \$90.00. **For information please call 549-2225.**

HOLY CROSS ATHLETIC LETTER

"In pursuit of excellence" best describes the following Holy Cross athletes as they competed for the Crusaders over the past four years: **Ashley Murphy, Justin Tulloch, Kevin Hogan, Sarah Splinter, Jermaine Edwards, Heather Donohue, and Joanne Boyle**. All are recipients of the Holy Cross Letter. These individuals were hard working, conscientious and determined student athletes who committed themselves to over 300 hours of practice and 120 highly competitive games. In addition, these seven Crusaders had countless hours of camaraderie with their Crusader teammates. Their focus, their commitment and shared passion for their individual competitions portrays them as positive athletic leaders within the Holy Cross community. May each of you take your Crusader spirit and work ethic into your future academic and athletic endeavours.

Congratulations to all the following athletes for their commitment and leadership to the Holy Cross Community. The following individuals were recognized at the **2007 Athletic Banquet on May 29th, 2007:**

ATHLETIC AWARDS

- Grade 9 Athletic Recognition..... **Aaron Gazendam**
- JR Male Athlete..... **Greg Faulkner**
- JR Female Athlete..... **Stephanie Hulse**
- JR Leadership Award..... **Jessica Bannon**
- SR Leadership Award..... **Kevin Hogan & Chris Ho**
- B'nai Brith Award..... **Emily Mahoney & David Halligan**
- SR Male Athlete..... **Jermaine Edwards**
- SR Female Athlete..... **Joanne Boyle**
- Athletic Council Award..... **Mr. Mike O'Brien**
- Outstanding Achievement Award. **Chas Murphy, Andrew Klenke, Phillip Arnold, Laura Martindale, Jamie Arniel, Jenn Brule, Simon Reyers, & Sean Ho.**

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL KIDSCAMP

Date: July 30 – August 3; **Camp Hours:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; **Fee:** \$155.00; **Location:** Holy Cross C.S.S. The camp is open to boys & girls ages 8 – 14 yrs, and will include a camp T-Shirt, guest coaches, awards & prizes, daily skill instruction and games. Instructors **Kelly Dixon** and **Alfie DeMelo** have over 20 years combined coaching experience at both the high school and provincial level. Registration forms can be picked up at the school or downloaded from the school website... don't delay this camp fills up quickly!

TENNIS TEAM

Congratulations to the members of the Holy Cross Tennis Team for another great season. Fourteen members of the team competed at KASSA, two earning the right to represent us at EOSSA. Inbo Song and Mike Dillon competed valiantly. Your coaches thank all team members for representing us well.

HOLY CROSS NON-SMOKING POLICY 2007 - 2008

Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 are prohibited from smoking or from being in possession of tobacco or tobacco products at Holy Cross beginning this September. Only Grade 12 students will be allowed in the smoking area, with a goal of eliminating the smoking section by 2008 - 2009.

LOCKER CLEAN-UP AND CLEAN-OUT PROCEDURES

Students must clear and clean their lockers of personal belongings by the day of their final examination - by **Tuesday, June 19th** for senior students and by **Monday, June 25th** for junior students. In the last week of June, locks will be seized and lockers will be cleared of all contents, with items being donated. Writing on any part of the locker is considered defacement of school property. Remove all writing, tape, shelves, etc., and leave lockers in at least as good a condition as when they were issued. **Students should recycle paper products and school supplies may be placed in the appropriate containers for redistribution and use by those in need.**

JULY 2007	
July 1.....	Canada Day – Happy 140th Birthday CANADA!
July 3 - 27.....	Summer School at Holy Cross

Final Exam Schedule JUNE 2007						
SENIORS						
Grade	A.M. / P.M.	Wednesday, June 13	Thursday, June 14	Friday, June 15	Monday, June 18	Tuesday, June 19
Grade 12	a.m. 8:30	HZT4U	CGR4E/M CHI4U SCH4C SCH4U BAT4M	BOH4M CHY4U HHS4M MGA4U	ETS4U SBI4U	PSE4U CIA4U ADA4M/O
	p.m. 12:00	MCB4U	MAP4C MDM4U	CLN4U FSF4U SPH4U	HRE4M	
Grade 11	a.m. 8:30	HRT3M	SCH3U	CGG3O SPH3U	HSP3M	
	p.m. 12:00	MBF3C MCR3U MCF3M	CHA3U	CHW3M CLU3E CLU3M	BAF3M SBI3C SBI3U	
Grade 11 and 12 English exams will occur on the final day of classes, Tuesday, June 12 th , 2007. Please refer to Supervision Schedule for locations.						
Final Exam Schedule JUNE 2007						
JUNIORS						
Grade	A.M. / P.M.	Tuesday, June 19	Wednesday, June 20	Thursday, June 21	Friday, June 22	Monday, June 25
Grade 10	a.m. 8:30			FSF2D FSF2P	BBI2O	HRE2O
	p.m. 12:00	ENG2D ENG2P	MDM2D MFM2P	SNC2D SNC2P	CHC2D CHC2P	
Grade 9	a.m. 8:30	MPM1D MFM1P	ENG1D ENG1P	CGC1D CGC1P	SNC1D SNC1P	HRE1O
	p.m. 12:00			FSF1D FSF1P		