



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Please join me in expressing gratitude and appreciation for a job well done to this year's outgoing **2007-2008 Students' Council Executive** composed of: **Ashley Mayhew, Brock Poirier, Meaghan Ball, Tom Hill, Ryan Desveaux, Emily Holmes, Chris Ho, Jessica Pemberton, Jarrett Costron, and Mr. Mike Zanette, Staff Advisor.**

On behalf of the Holy Cross community I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to this year's Students' Council for working so tirelessly in organizing, co-ordinating and being involved so intimately in the life of our school. The Students' Council continues to be a source of great pride here at HC. Thank you and best wishes!

Congratulations and best wishes to next year's Students' Council Executive. The **2008-2009 HC Students' Council Executive** is composed of: **Stephanie Hulse, Head Girl; Michael Teves, Head Boy; Riley Perrin, Senior Girl; Alex Barr, Senior Boy; Neil Martin, Treasurer; Ali O'Hearn, Secretary; Neil Martin, Communications Officer and Mr. Mike Zanette, Staff Advisor.**

Congratulations to all the following athletes for their commitment and leadership to the Holy Cross Community. The following individuals were recognized at the **2008 Athletic Banquet on Wednesday, May 28th, 2008.**

In pursuit of excellence best describes the following seven Holy Cross athletes as they competed for the Crusaders over the past four years: **Meg Ball, Jennifer Brulé, David Halligan, Chris Ho, Andrew Martin, Brock Poirier and Kate Running.** All are recipients of the **Holy Cross Letter.** These seven individuals are hard working, conscientious and determined student athletes who committed themselves to practices and 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.

2008 Major Athletic Award Recipients

- Grade 9 Athletic Recognition** **Connor Skimba**
- Junior Male Athlete** **Aaron Gazdian**
- Junior Female Athlete** **Brianna Lapierre**
- Junior Leadership Award** **Luke Ball**
- Senior Leadership Award** **Chris Ho**
- B'nai Brith Award** **Riley Skimba and Greg Faulkner**
- Senior Male Athlete** **Brock Poirier and Dave Halligan**
- Senior Female Athlete** **Stephanie Hulse**
- Athletic Council Award** **El Basins**

- Outstanding Achievement Awards**
- Stephanie Hulse, OFSAA 3 000 Silver Medalist 2007**
 - HC Golf Team Simon Reyers, Jay Fabro, Ryan Desveaux and Kyle Benford, OFSAA Golf Silver Medalists 2007**
 - Brooke Blaskie Gold Medalist Trampoline 2008**

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 our **Crusaders in Community Service (C.I.C.S.)** a big thank you to all those who helped out with the **Partners In Mission Food Blitz** on **May 14th.** 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 our Holy Cross team to load over 60,000 pounds of food onto the truck at **Loeb's.** Congratulations to all for their donations and their help in making this year's **Food Blitz** such a great success.

Our **Graduates' Retreat** took place on **Friday, May 23rd** 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 celebrated our last School Mass of the year on **May 29th.** At this Mass, we recognized our Graduating Students and celebrated their contributions to our school community during their years with us.

We recently gave a presentation to our School Board about our March break **Jamaica Service Learning Trip.** Please keep **October 21st** free as we will be welcoming members of the **St. Patrick's All-Stars Performing Arts Band** to Holy Cross that day for a **Gala Arts Evening** of music, dance and drama Jamaican style. This event is part of our ongoing relationship with the **Archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica** and with **St. Patrick's Foundation** which hosts our Mission Group visits.

Please keep the people of **China** and **Burma** in your prayers as they continue to recover from the recent earthquake and cyclone. Our school raised over \$1100.00 for the Catholic Church in Burma which is working hard to get much needed supplies to the people most affected. And let us pray also for our students as they prepare now for final assignments and exams.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

May 30 - June 1..... Rowing CSSRA Championships, St. Catherine's

June 3 Transition Planning Session at Holy Cross 8-9 pm

June 4..... Grade 12 Vocal Concert

June 6 Final Instructional day for Grade 11 and 12's

June 9-16 Grade 11 and 12 Examinations

June 11-12 BQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment

June 13 Final Instructional day for Grade 9 and 10's

June 16 - 20 Grade 9 and 10 Examinations

June 17-20 Senior Course Reconciliation Days

June 18 Community Mass at St. Paul's- Food Crisis, 7 pm

June 21 CD Release Party "Upper Deck Blues"

June 23-24 Junior Course Reconciliation Days

June 25 Graduation for Holy Cross Class of 2008

Graduation Mass for Grads and Families at noon, St. Paul the Apostle Church

June 26 Examination Return (9-11 a.m.)

June 27 **Friday #6**

JULY 2008

July 1..... **Grade Day**

July 2 - 25 Summer School at Regiopolis-Notre Dame CHS

HOLY CROSS NON-SMOKING POLICY 2008 - 2009

Holy Cross students in **all grades** are prohibited from smoking or being in possession of tobacco or tobacco products at **Holy Cross this September**. The school and the **KFLA Health Unit** will also be offering the **Quit 4 Life** smoking cessation classes in **2008-09**. Students who choose to break this rule will face suspension and a system of progressive discipline for failure to comply with the school's expectation.

GRADE TWELVE GALA VOCAL CONCERT

The **Grade XII Vocal Class** will perform their culminating concert on **Wednesday, June 4th, 2008**, from **7:30 to 9:00 pm** in the cafetorium. Tickets are **\$5.00** and will be sold at the door. Come out and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment.

GRADE NINE EQAO ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS

This month students who are currently enrolled in a **Grade 9 Applied or Academic mathematics** courses will take the province wide standardized Grade 9 Math test. This mandatory assessment of mathematics will involve multiple choice and extended response questions. This assessment will be administered over two of the students' regular mathematics classes. The dates for this test at Holy Cross are **Wednesday June, 11th** and **Thursday, June 12th**. A student's performance on this EQAO assessment is worth 10% of his or her final mark.

ARTS NOTES

The **Genesis Awards Ceremony** celebrates student achievement in the Arts: Drama; Guitar; Instrumental Music; Vocal Music; Visual Art; Audio-Video Production and Creative Photography. The theme for this year's Genesis Awards was **"Green"**. As the night unfolded, we witnessed the many ways in which art provides new beginnings and regeneration. Over the course of the evening it was readily apparent that our students and graduating artists will continue to create anew for the rest of their lives. This year's event once again featured the **Student Gallery** showing works from many of our Visual Art students and portfolios of graduating artists. **Maeve Jones, Alessa Greenwood-DaSilva, Danica Vidotto, and Jennifer Hay** performed their duties as **Mistresses of Ceremonies** with style and grace. The evening's performance featured the **Holy Cross Jazz Band, Grade Nine Band, Vocal Class**, as well as highlights from **video and photography class works, Cabaret, and Urinetown -The Musical**. The ceremony recognized key members of our greater community - **Mr. Sean Flynn, Mr. Rick Thompson, and Mr. Joe Vidal** - with the **Genesis Award for Community Spirit** for their generous involvement in and contributions to the **Holy Cross Arts Department**. The evening recognized many new and rising artists as well as the major award winners including the following:

Domino Theatre Award.....	Loire Murphy
Visual Arts Award.....	David Halligan
Drama Club Award.....	Sheila Edwards
Special Achievement Award.....	Rob Taylor
Art Club Award.....	Rebecca Asselin
Dramatic Arts Award.....	Brianna Roberts
Music Award.....	Adam Baudette
Audio / Visual Production Award.....	Danielle Davies
Photography.....	Juliana Harte
Vocal Music.....	Mike Cox

MUSIC NOTES

On **Thursday, May 22nd**, 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 30th**, the **Holy Cross Grade Nine Band** participated in the **Thrills and Thrills Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland**. After their impressive debut at the **Genesis Awards Evening**, we certainly expect that they will live up to, or perhaps even exceed our high expectations of them.

TECH NEWS

All community members are encouraged to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter, sent to you automatically. Currently, we have fifty subscribers and eventually, this could be of significant value to our eco-schools initiatives in reducing paper. Anyone interested in subscribing to the HC newsletter online, please visit our school website, hctoday.ca.

Holy Cross Class of 2008 June Reminders

Teachers of senior courses are asked to review and remind potential graduates of the following significant dates.

Monday June 16th	Final Course documentation deadline
Wednesday June 25th	
12:00 ..	Graduation Mass for the graduates, family, friends and Holy Cross Staff at St. Paul the Apostle
5:30	Gown Fitting in the Library with Ms Dowsley and Committee
6:15	Holy Cross Class of 2008 portrait will be taken in the Main Foyer
6:35	Graduates will line up alphabetically for the Procession of the Graduates
6:55	Graduate Processional begins to move to the gymnasium
7:00	Graduation Ceremony begins
9:00	Reception in the Cafeteria for the Graduates, Family, Guests, and Holy Cross Staff

A list of students who are potential graduates of Holy Cross and eligible to receive their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and take part in the June 2008 graduation ceremony was published in the May 2008 Newsletter. The completion of thirty (30) credits (including compulsories), forty (40) hours of Community involvement, and the successful completion of the literacy test, are the key components of the diploma requirements. The community involvement hours (40) were to be completed and submitted to Student Services by **Friday, May 16th, 2008**. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all requirements (including night school courses 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 **Monday, June 16th, 2008**. Students are encouraged to contact their counselor regarding any questions concerning graduation.

Congratulations to the following graduates, chosen by their peers as class representatives: **Valedictorian, Sheila Edwards; Salutatorian, David Halligan; and 2008 Class Representatives Ashley Mayhew and Robert Taylor.**

Holy Cross Class of 2008 Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class will be held on **Wednesday, June 25th** beginning with the **Graduation Mass at St. Paul the Apostle at 12:00 p.m.** followed by the **Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.** here at the school.

Each graduate has received four tickets which are required by their family and guests at the door on the evening of **June 25th**. 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.

This year each graduate who has paid their **Crusader Student Activity Fee** will receive a photo CD, containing images from the graduation ceremonies. The CD will include the large group photograph, many graduates receiving their diplomas, and award winners.

13th ANNUAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN COMPETITION

Several Holy Cross students enrolled in **Mr. Fil Scarpazza's** Design and Technology courses placed in the Canadian National High School Design Competition. **Omar Ballantyne** received an honourable mention in the **Graphic Design Junior Category (Logo)**; **Megan Cross** placed 3rd in the **Graphic Design Junior Category (Logo)**; **Jason Arseneault** placed second in the **Graphic Design Junior Category (Logo)**; and **Steve Sullivan** placed 1st in the **Graphic Design Junior category (Logo)**.

Steve Sullivan's winning logo was selected as the **overall winner for the Logo Design Competition beating out the Senior Category winner**. Steve's design will be used on all materials going out for the **14th Annual National Design Competition**. Our students winning work will be on display for the month of **June** at the **Design Exchange in Toronto** and at www.dx.org on the web.

2008 ROTARY TALENT SHOWCASE

Congratulations to **Madison Miller** for her photograph **"The Prayer"**, which took first place honours and the \$400.00 top prize in the Photography category of the **2008 Kingston Rotary Talent Showcase**. This is the second year in a row that a Holy Cross student has won this prestigious award.

2008 HOLY CROSS YEARBOOK

The 2008 Holy Cross Crusade was distributed on **May 26th**, 2008. Thanks to both Mr. Prior's Period 1 and 2 classes and the yearbook staff who coordinated the distribution process. Some students have not yet picked up their personalized copies. If you have not yet picked up your pre-purchased copy (included in your September student fee), please see **Mr. Prior in Room 129 during periods 1 or 2, or during the lunch hour**. If you have a friend that you know is no longer at Holy Cross, you may also pick up their copy for them. We regret that there are no additional copies available.

Locker Clean-up and Clean-Out Procedures

Senior students must clear and clean their locker of personal belongings on the day of their final examination or at the latest before the end of the day on **Monday, June 16th**. Junior students must clear and clean their locker of personal belongings on the day of their final examination or at the latest before the end of the day on **Friday, June 20th**. In the last week of June, locks will be seized and lockers will be cleared of all contents with items being donated.

Writing on locker doors or any part of the locker is considered defacement of school property. Any writing, tape, posters, shelves or mirrors must be removed by the student from the locker by the dates posted. Students are asked to leave their locker in a better condition than they found it. Students should place notepaper and unwanted notebooks in the recycling bins and school supplies may be placed in the appropriate containers for re-distribution and use by those in need.

June Textbook Returns: Textbooks issued by Holy Cross are the property of the school and are on loan to a student on a semester basis only. Happily, the vast majority of students are responsible users of their textbooks. Nonetheless, at this time of year it is well to remind all users of school policy. Books are costly to replace/repair and are sometimes unavailable for purchase. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to care for their books and to return all items in good condition. Mix-ups can occur in classrooms, and a student may inadvertently have another person's textbook in his/her possession. Students are responsible for returning the textbooks assigned to them. Please search your house, car, locker, etc. for any textbooks which may not have been returned. The school needs these missing copies.

HC textbooks are due back on the day of the individual student's final exam. Students are to personally return the textbooks they were issued to the Textbook Room or to the Library, to ensure that their account is cleared. Textbooks left in the classroom or exam room remain the student's responsibility.

The \$100. deposit cheques will be cashed for unreturned or damaged books beginning **June 27th**. After that date no information or refunds will be available until school starts in September. If there are any questions about textbooks, please call Mr. Mario Cortis or Miss Mary Pryal at extension 3413, before June 22.

August Textbook Pick-Up: Students will be able to pick up their next year's first semester textbooks as of the last week in August. The textbook room will be open on **Monday, August 25th to Thursday, August 28th from 9am to 3pm**. It will also be open in the evening of **Tuesday, August 26th from 6pm to 9pm**. **Monday, August 25th** is reserved as a "grade 9 only" day. Only the new grade 9 students will be served on that day. Other students can pick up their books on any of the other days.

In order to get textbooks each student's account of the previous year must be clear. Student must have their green textbook card to be validated. (New grade 9 students will be given their cards at textbook pick-up time.) A separate textbook deposit cheque must be submitted. This cheque is to be made out to Holy Cross Secondary School, in the amount of \$100, postdated to **March 1st, 2009**, and should have the student's full name printed at the top left of the cheque.

Please be advised that any textbook account problems that have not been resolved from the previous semester will not be able to be addressed during the busy textbook pick-up days. Replacement green textbook cards are \$5.00 and cannot be issued the same day. In order to avoid delays please ensure that all textbooks are returned on time and that lost textbook cards are replaced before the end of June.

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. - Last call - **Wednesday June 4th**.

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 include: Automotive Services Technician, Carpenter, Cook/Chef, and Construction Craft Work. 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".

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**.

Admission Information Service - Qualified Ontario secondary school students applying for admission to an Ontario university who do not receive an offer of admission can inquire about possible openings at other Ontario universities through the OUAC www.ouac.on.ca

Carleton University - Enriched Support Program

The ESP is a full-time program that helps students qualify for university admission while earning first-year university credits. ESP students take three first-year university courses, receive academic support in weekly workshops and are guaranteed admission to a degree if they earn the required average (C+ for most programs) in their ESP year. Applications are due by June 15. Check the site carleton.ca/esp

Student timetables for the 2008-2009 school year will be issued this week. Students are asked to connect with Student Services as soon as possible to deal with any necessary changes. It is the intent of Student Services to have timetable problems/changes resolved by the end of exams. Students who intend to switch from applied courses (English/Science) in Grade 9 to academic in Grade 10 are reminded that completion of a "crossover material" package is strongly recommended (switching from applied to academic Math involves summer school). Please see your counsellor for details. Senior students are required to complete a "half credit" transfer course (Summer School) in order to switch from applied to university/college (English/Math/Science).

Summer School Information

Summer School will operate at **Regiopoliis-Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School** this summer beginning on **July 2nd** and concluding on **July 25th**. Summer school is operated by the two Boards of Education in the Kingston Area: Limestone and our own Algonquin and 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 counselor to obtain this information.**

COURSE RECONCILIATION DAYS

Course reconciliation days are established in order to provide students with an opportunity to complete independent study assignments, culminating assessments and to complete any credit rescue work that needs to be submitted in order to provide evidence that the course expectations have been achieved.

In addition, students are encouraged to meet with their teachers to review their strengths, any areas requiring improvement, and the corresponding next steps. This day is a regular instructional day which is designed to assist students by providing them with the time to meet individually with their teachers to discuss their progress over the course of the semester. We hope that this opportunity will provide students with additional information in order to assist them with course and/or program selection for next year.

Course Reconciliation Day begins at 8:30 and concludes at 2:30.

SENIOR COURSE RECONCILIATION DAYS

Course Reconciliation Day Period One Tuesday, June 17th
 Course Reconciliation Day Period Two Wednesday, June 18th
 Course Reconciliation Day Period Three Thursday, June 19th
 Course Reconciliation Day Period Four Friday, June 20th

JUNIOR COURSE RECONCILIATION DAYS

Course Reconciliation Day Periods One and Two Monday, June 23rd
 Course Reconciliation Day Periods Three and Four Tuesday, June 24th
Examination Return Day (a.m. only) Thursday, June 26th

Final JUNIOR Exam Schedule JUNE 2008

Grade	A.M./P.M.	Day 1 Monday, June 16	Day 2 Tuesday, June 17	Day 3 Wednesday, June 18	Day 4 Thursday, June 19	Day 5 Friday, June 20
Grade 10	a.m. 8:30		BBI20	FSF2D FSF2P		HRE2O
	p.m. 12:00	MPM2D MFM2P	ENG2D ENG2P	CHC2D CHC2P	SNC2D SNC2P	
Grade 9	a.m. 8:30	SNC1D SNC1P	CGC1D CGC1P	MFM1P MPM1D	ENG1D ENG1P	HRE1O
	p.m. 12:00			FSF1D FSF1P		

Final SENIOR Exam Schedule JUNE 2008

Grade	A.M. / P.M.	Day 1 Monday, June 9	Day 2 Tuesday, June 10	Day 3 Wednesday, June 11	Day 4 Thursday, June 12	Day 5 Friday, June 13	Day 6 Monday, June 16
Grade 12	a.m. 8:30	ENG4C ENG4E ENG4U	ETS4U FSF4U MAP4C MDM4U	CHI4U SCH4C SCH4U	BOH4M SPH4U	LVV4U PSE4U	MHF4U
	p.m. 12:00	BAT4M	CGR4E/M CHY4U MCV4U	HHS4M	HRE4M HZZ4U	CLN4U SBI4U	CGW4U
Grade 11	a.m. 8:30	ICS3M	CHW3M CLU3M	SCH3U	HRT3M	BAF3M CGG3O	HSP3M
	p.m. 12:00	ENG3C ENG3E ENG3U	MBF3C MCR3U	CHA3U FSF3U	SPH3U	SBI3C SBI3U	MCF3M

ANNUAL UNIFORM SALE

Halpern's will be holding their Holy Cross school uniform sale on **Tuesday, July 22nd 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 31st, 2008**. 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 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. The **Sports Dance** in May was a success, thanks to all who attended. We were pleased that the student body rose to the challenge of behaving like responsible young Crusaders. 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. Mike Zanette**, 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!

The following were elected to **Student Executive Council 2008/09:**

- Stephanie Hulse**..... Head Girl
- Michael Tees**..... Head Boy
- Ali O'Han**..... Secretary
- Neil Martin**..... Treasurer
- Laura Brown**..... Communications Advisor
- Raleigh Perin**..... Senior Girl
- Alex Barr**..... Senior Boy

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL KIDS CAMP

Camp Details and Highlights
Date: July 21 - 25 **Camp Hours:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fee: \$155.00 **Location:** Holy Cross C.S.S.
 Open to Boys & Girls Ages 8 -14 yrs
 Camp T-Shirt Guest Coaches
 Awards & Prizes Daily skill instruction and games

Instructors **Kelly Dixon** and **Alfie DeMelo** have over 22 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!



Junior Boys Soccer: 2008 KASSAA and EOSSAA Champions