



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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TO OUR READERS

At Holy Cross, we are continuously proud of and awed by the many gifts and contributions of our students, staff and community members. Five of our students were recently profiled as Cool Kids in the Kingston Whig Standard. Congratulations to **Shari King, Stephanie Hulse, Andrew Slaughter, Holly Ottenhof, and Simon Reyers**. More information about their achievements can be found at <http://www.thewhig.com/SearchCat.aspx?cid=4947&cname=Cool+Kids>. We know that we have over 1300 "cool kids" and are always glad to help them celebrate their achievements.

A big thank you to all those who made the **2008 Graduation Ceremony** such a memorable celebration, especially **Mr. Sean Roberts**, our incomparable M.C. and of course all the **graduates, their families and friends**, and the **staff of Holy Cross**. We ask God to continue to bless our graduates and all those who have left our school community - to keep them safe on the road that now lies ahead of them. And, of course, we pray for a safe and relaxing summer for all our students and staff. May God bring all of us back safely in September. Our Pastoral Theme for next year is: "**God asks us to care for His creation.**" May this theme become more than just words for us though; may we demonstrate through our actions and our words deep care for one another and for all of our earthly gifts.

Paul A. Walsh

PASTORAL UPDATE

One event you will be hearing more about in the coming months is an exciting **Jamaica Night Celebration** which will be held here at Holy Cross on **October 21st**. This event is a follow-up to our three **Mission Trips to Kingston, Jamaica**, and we are very excited as we look forward to welcoming twelve members of the **St. Patrick's Foundation All Stars Performing Arts Band** from Kingston, Jamaica to our school. This gala evening will highlight Jamaican music, dance and drama with members of the Band as well as many of our own talented students performing on the Holy Cross stage. While in Kingston, the band will be visiting our school, as well as local parishes, hospitals and other groups and communities who have been part of the ongoing **Kingston2Kingston** connection which has been established with this amazing group of young people and the St. Patrick's Foundation that sponsors them. We are planning a carwash in August (Date and Venue TBA) and other fundraising events to help cover the costs of the trip as well as to donate to a fund to help build a **Performing Arts Complex in Seaview Gardens**, the home base for the Band. So, mark **Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in your calendars and join us for an amazing evening of '**Jamaican**' entertainment. May God bless all our students, staff and families over the summer months. Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE FOR 2008-2009

The following fees will apply to all Holy Cross students for the 2008-2009 school year.

GRADE 9 STUDENTS:

Parents of students in Grade 9 are asked to write one cheque for **\$85.00 payable to Holy Cross Students' Council**. Included in this fee are the following: **Holy Cross Agenda, Students' Council ID Card, School Lock** for lockers, **Grade 9 French Cahier, Holy Cross T-Shirt, two Twoonie for Non-Uni Days** in support of Cancer Research, and a **copy of the Award Winning Holy Cross Yearbook**.

GRADE 10-12 STUDENTS:

For students in **Grades 10-12 the fee is \$66.00** reflecting the lack of need of a French Cahier and school lock.

GRADE 12 GRADUATING STUDENTS:

For **Grade 12 students who plan to graduate this year, the fee is \$101.00**, which includes the 2009 Graduation Fee.

Students are to pay this fee, by cheque **payable to Holy Cross**, when they pick up their textbooks. For parents with more than one child at Holy Cross, a reduction of \$4.00 per additional child is available.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer school will operate at **Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School** this summer beginning on **July 1st** and concluding on **July 25th**. 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 is available in Student Services or on the Board website at <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/summerschool08>. **Students may select 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.

THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

July 1.....	Canada Day
July 1 - 25.....	Summer School at Regiopolis-Notre Dame
July 22.....	Halpern's Uniform Sale, Holy Cross Cafetorium, 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.
July 21 - 25.....	Basketball Camp at HC
July 31.....	Previously Owned Uniform Sale, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

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. The **pre-owned uniform sale** will take place in the Main Foyer of Holy Cross on **Thursday, July 31st**, from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

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.

TRILLS AND THRILLS

Congratulations to the **Holy Cross Grade 9 Concert Band** made up of 70 students who received a rating of "**Superior**" (that's 90% and up) from both of the judges at the **Trills & Thrills Music Festival** in **Toronto!!** Once again, you have made Holy Cross extremely proud. Also, thank you to ALL of the parents/guardians of the grade 9 music students and Holy Cross teachers and administration for your support during this very busy semester.

Sincerely,

Mrs.D.McCombs and Mr.D.Orser

2007 - 2008 HOLY CROSS DVD YEAR DISC

The Holy Cross DVD Year Disc has evolved this year. HC students did not pay for the Year Disc as part of their start of year comprehensive student fee and therefore will not be receiving one.

New this year, the DVD Year Disc will contain only Com Tech student class projects. **Holy Cross Communications Technology students** paid a student materials fee which includes the DVD. The 2007 - 2008 DVD Year Disc will be distributed to HC Com Tech students in September at HC. Grade 12 Graduates will receive their copy by mail addressed to their current parent / guardian address on record at Holy Cross. If students have any questions, they may contact **Mr. John Esford**.

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL KIDS CAMP

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 packages can be picked up at the school or downloaded from hctoday.ca. Don't delay – this camp fills up quickly!

ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP (OYAP)

It is being forecast that "*Ontario could face a shortfall of 190,000 skilled trade workers in 2020, rising to 364,000 by 2025, and 564,000 by 2030*" (*Conference Board of Canada, Statistics Canada, 2007*).

Many **ALCDSB** students have investigated career options in skilled trade areas this year. As a result, **Cooperative Education teachers** and **OYAP Coordinators** in the Board have had their busiest year ever with respect to assisting students investigate and pursue opportunities in skilled trade placements and pathways.

This year:

· 182 employers welcomed 269 ALCDSB students into their work sites for cooperative education placements in skilled trade areas. A sincere "Thank You" to all!

· 17 grade 12 OYAP students attended **St. Lawrence College, Loyalist College, and Local 183 Training Centre**. This was made possible by the **Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities** who provided the students with free college tuition for this first level of (Theory) apprenticeship training in **Automotive, Carpentry, Early Childhood Education, Cook/Chef, Hairstyling, and Construction Craft Worker Programs**. In addition, the **Student Success** initiative in the Board assisted with transportation costs to attend these accelerated college level programs. With the involvement of many educational partners, students have now received a significant "Jump Start" to their careers as they are: graduating with a grade 12 diploma from their home school; signed as a registered apprentice in the province of Ontario; Level 1 of their apprenticeship program complete; hours from their cooperative education experience applied toward their apprenticeship program; and a link to an employer in a career area they have chosen to pursue.

· 41 ALCDSB students in total have been formally registered as apprentices in the province of Ontario in the areas of **Automotive, Carpentry, Cook/Chef, Early Childhood Education, Electrician, Hairstylist, Plumbing, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Welder, Arborist, Baker, and Construction Craft Worker**. This number represents a 100% increase over 2006-07 enrolment, and early indications are that 2008-09 will see a significant increase in enrolment as well.

On a personal note, **Jim Johnston** and **Paul Denison (OYAP Coordinators)** would like to thank students, parents, school personnel, and everyone involved who participated and assisted us with OYAP this year. In particular, a sincere thank you to the students for the level of commitment they made, and their cooperative education teachers who are such a vital link to parents and the community. It was a great year!

BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY PROGRAM ROCKS!

On **June 3rd, 2008**, the **Bridges to Community** students presented an amazing look at music through the decades in their performance of "**Flashbacks**" in the Holy Cross cafeteria. The entire production was created and choreographed by Bridges to Community staff and students who worked diligently to prepare for this performance. Students entertained their enthusiastic audience with renditions of musical celebrities dating from **Elvis Presley** to the **Black Eyed Peas**. A good time was had by all!

ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

Students, parents and other interested parties can now have an **electronic version of the Holy Cross Monthly Newsletter** made available to them at the beginning of each month. Immediately find out what is happening at our great school and help us to reduce the amount of paper we use. **This service is convenient for you and your family and good for the environment! Note that we will take every precaution to protect the privacy of your e-mail address and we will never share it with any other party.**

Sign up today by following the steps found on our school website, www.hctoday.ca.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCE

Fall Call Back - Queen's On-Line to Success meeting for senior students with Learning Disabilities who have completed modules 1-3, **Thursday, September 25th, 2008** (12:00-3:00 Lunch Included).

Information Night: Queen's On-Line to Success for senior students with Learning Disabilities, Parents and students welcome. **Thursday, November 6th, 2008** (7-8:00.) See Spec. Ed. for details.

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 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** It will also be open in the evening of **Tuesday, August 26th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** **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.

CLASS OF 2008 GRADUATION

On **Wednesday, June 25th**, a most memorable and special night was held in celebration of the **Holy Cross Class of 2008**. 295 students received their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The Holy Cross Graduation Photo CD will be mailed directly out to each graduate who attended the ceremonies. Expect to receive your copy by **July 20th**.

Special thanks to emcee extraordinaire, **Sean Roberts**, who carefully prepared the evening's menu. Speeches were handled with grace and gentle humour by **Salutatorian David Halligan** and **Valedictorian Sheila Edwards**. We wish all of our graduates success in all of their endeavours.

Awards for Excellence presented at the 2008 Convocation

The Holy Cross Yearbook Award	..... Ashley Mayhew, Janita Murphy
The RMC Club of Canada Award	..... Josh Prinsen
The School Council Award	..... Lorne Murphy
The Brown's Fine Food Service Award	..... Rob Gencarelli
The Knights of Columbus Award (St. Paul the Apostle Parish)	..... Elizabeth Bourassa, Chas Murphy
The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) Scholarships (Algonquin and Lakeshore Unit)	..... Morgan MacKay, Kristy Love
The Kingston Community Credit Union Award	..... David Halligan
The Backholm Family Award of Recognition	..... Chris Ho
The Holy Cross Technical Award	..... Alex Johnson
The Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award	..... Aaron Sylvester
The Holy Cross Associate Teachers' Subject Award	..... James McLean, Rebecca Asselin, Michael Cox
The Holy Cross Apaulo Award for Excellence in Audio and Video Production	..... Danica Vidotto
The Holy Cross HCTV Award for Excellence in Audio and Video Production	..... Julia Emmerton
The Scarpazza Homes Achievement Award	..... Eric Medeiros
The Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Staff Association Awards	..... Meghan Ball
The Katharine Splinter Memorial Award	..... Alessa Greenwood-DaSilva
The St. Lawrence Governor's Entrance Scholarship	..... Darren Gaffney
The Kingston-Frontenac Rotary Club Award	..... Chris Ho
The Catarqui Optimist Club of Greater Kingsto	..... Kelsey Carlin-Adam
The Nick Reed Memorial Visual Arts Award	..... David Halligan, Maddy Koshowski
The Greg Hulse Award	..... James McLean
The Halpern Theatre Award	..... Brianna Roberts
The Joseph H. Duffey Award	..... Katrina Thompson
The Carole A. Weir Award	..... Mikaila DeSousa
The Catholic Student Award	..... David Halligan
The Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Award for Excellence	..... Dan Cachaço, Lauren Carter, Tom Doyle, Aly Edwards, Chris Ho, Scott M ^c Lean, Holly Tousignant, Asia Zolnierczyk
The Peter Milliken Leadership Award	..... Ashley Mayhew
The Principal's International Student Recognition Award	..... Xiao (Daran) Xiao
The Charles C. Jefferies Engineering Award	..... Chris Vermeersch
The Corporation of the Seven Wardens Kipling Bursary	..... Rob Taylor
The Margaret Purcell Student Bursary	..... Jessica Scriver
The Crusaders in Community Service Spirit Award	..... Meghan Daoust
The Archdiocese of Kingston Award	..... Meghan Daoust, Kristy Love
The Director of Education Award for Achievement	..... Meghan Daoust
The Stewart Lovell Francis Award	..... Ramey Ghabros, Xiao (Daran) Xiao
The Wilkinson & Company LLP Scholarship	..... Haydi Wong
The Holy Cross Citizenship Award	..... Darren Gaffney, Kaitlin Chandrarajan
The Holy Cross Medal of Merit	..... Katrina Thompson
The Dacon Bursary	..... Chris Vermeersch, Daran Xiao
The Stanley A. Sobol Memorial Scholarships	..... Rob Gencarelli, Ramey Ghabros, Rob Taylor, Haydi Wong
The Governor General's Bronze Medal	..... Rob Gencarelli

2007-2008 Ontario Secondary School Diploma Recipients

William Adamson	Angela De Matos	Jordan Hulton	Ashley Menard	Alana Shea
Catherine Alarie	Nicholas Dennee	Chloe Hume	Mathew Metauro	Kayla Shephard
Nicholas Allard	Mikaila De Sousa	Miranda Hunt	Nicole Minnema	Paul Sheridan
Edwin Amarante	Zachary Desousa	Alicia Hunter	Travis Mitchell	Cheryl Simpson
Crystal Anderson	Ryan Desveaux	Branden Impens	Mandie Moncrieffe	In Bo Song
Sarah Archambault	Michael A Dillon	Richard Irvine	Jeremy Moreau	Emilie Stelpstra
Stephanie Arruda	Cody Dinelle	Lynne Janiec	Jessalyn Morin	Caitlin Stewart
Brad Ashurst	Patrick J Donovan	Colin Jennings	Brianne Murphy	Matthew Sweet
Rebecca Asselin	Grayson Dorey	Alexander Johnson	Caelie Murphy	Aaron Sylvestre
Jessica AuCoin	Aiden Dorosz	Maeve Jones	Chas Murphy	Wojtek Szymula
Jesse Aylesworth	Chantelle Dowling	Tara Jordison	Janita Murphy	Joshua Tackaberry
Meghan Ball	Tom Doyle	Hailey Kearns	Lorne Murphy	Nolan Taylor
Jonathan Barbosa	Benjamin Dunn	Eric Kelly	Rachel Murphy	Robert Taylor
Michael Barlow	Mick Dunphy	Nick Kelly	Woody Murphy	Katrina Thompson
Kayla Basely	Bryn Dykins	Joseph Kenny	Jonathan Myrie	Holly Tousignant
Andrew Beattie	Aly Edwards	Jeffrey Keyes	Chris Nadeau	Joshua Townsend
Brad Beaubiah	Sheila Edwards	Stacey Kimmett	Keith Nantau	Christopher Tugwood
Adam Beaudette	Meaghan Egan	Allison King	Craig Neely	Kyle Turnbull
Cole Becker	Julia Emmerton	Allie Klenke	Nathan Neeteson	Michael Tymchuk
Shane Beehler	Stephen Evans	Derek Knaack	Andrew Nelson	Ashlie Tymciw
Christina Bergeron	Alex Ferreira	Gabriel Knowlton	Macey Nielissen	Chris Van Laren
Kelsey Berry	Brianna Fisher	Maddy Koshowski	Myles Oomen	Troy VanZuylen
Matthew Binkley	Ryan Fitzpatrick	Sherrie Labrie	Mark Ottenhof	Caitlin Veno
Sacha Blackman	Clare Forster	Megan Lackie	Shelby Owen	Christopher Vermeersch
Joshua Blair	John Forster	Jason LaCroix	Benjamin Palmer	Danica Vidotto
Brandon Blaski	Joshua Fournier	Gabby LaFortune	Michelle Palmer	Kristian Vincent
Eric Bolton	Bradley Fraser	Philip Lane	David Paquette	Brian Vo
Collin Bouchard	Darren Gaffney	Daniel Laurendeau	Daniel Pearson	Tyler Wallace
Elizabeth Bourassa	Daniel Garrah	Joshua Leavitt	Brittanie Pereira	Christa Walsh
Darryn Brewer	Brittney Garrison	Frank Leclerc	Brendan Perry	Alicia Warner
Julian Brisebois	Layney Gauthier	Lucy Lee	Jesse Petersen	Martina Wassef
Cassy Brooks	Sarah Gauthier	Sarah Lewis	Sarah Phillips	Kaitlyn Watson
Taylor Brown	Robert Gencarelli	John Lewis	Joshua Pickett	Spencer Watson
Jennifer Brulé	Ramey Ghabros	Michael Lewis	Elizabeth F. Pickles	Eighren Weima Majury
Elaine Bucken	Lindsay Gibson	Stephanie Light	Brock Poirier	Gillian Whalen
Geoffrey Burke	Stephen Gike	Josh Lollar	Alyce Polito	Nichole Wiemann
Scott Cabral	Jacob Gill	Julie Lotfallah	Josh Prinsen	Samantha Wilson
Daniel Cachaco	Nick Goodchild	Kristy Love	Serena Pugh	Filip Wisniak
Megan Cahill	Jessie Gower	Laura Love	James Ransom	Emily Wittish-Holtz
Michael Callaghan	Andy Graham	Joshua Lyng	Ashley Raposo	Paige Wolfreys
Kelsey Carlin-Adam	Joseph Graham	Randy Macauley	Justin Raposo	Haydi Wong
Ryan Caron	Daniel Grant	Julie MacGarvey	Jordan Reed	Luke Wong
Jordan Carquez	Jeremy Green	Morgan MacKay	Alex Reid	Ann Wu
Lauren Carter	Melissa Green	Douglas MacKenzie	Brittnee Revell	Daran Xiao
Airaa Castillo	Alessa Greenwood-DaSilva	Ian Madden	Simon Reyers	Sophie Yi
Griffin Chambers	Kyle Griese	Caity Mahoney	Brianna Roberts	Angel Yu
Kaitlin Chandrarajan	Edward Gui	Emily Mahoney	Katie Roberts	Charles Yuen
Ryan Chapman	David Halligan	Jan Makula	Christopher Robson	Andrew Zandarin
Cindy Chen	Michael Hart	Samantha Marino	Kyle Rose	Crystal Zhu
Andrew Complak	Jennifer Hay	Olivia Marquez	Bryan Rowley	Susan Zhu
Nicole Cornell	Robert Hayes	Andrew Martin	Richard Rowley	Asia Zolnierczyk
Charlotte Corsi-Johnson	Taylor Hegarty	Christopher Matias	Shauna-Lynne Rundle	
Mackenzie Costron	Lindsay Hetherington-Stinson	Shelly Mattice	Kaitlyn Running	
Christopher Cogle	Tiffany Heyman	Ivan Matvijenko	Charline St. George	
Michael Courneya	Meg Hicks	Alyssa Mayer	Stephen St. Pierre	
Christopher Cox	Jessica Higgs	Ashley Mayhew	Stephanie Samms	
Michael Cox	Thomas Hill	Ryan McCaugherty	Samantha Sands	
Vanessa Crocco	Ashley Hiller	Daniel McConnell	Brenda Sapitula	
Bobbi-Jo Cronk	Christopher Ho	Steven McKinley	Kaitlin Scott	
Tyler Daines	Katelynn Hodges	James McLean	Zoe Scott	
Meghan Daoust	Emily Holmes	Scott McLean	Jessica Scriver	
Danielle Davies	Heather Houston	Eric Medeiros	Joey Seeley	
Peterson Dela Fuente	Robert Hu	Nicholas Melo	Zach Shaver	