



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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## November, 2009 Newsletter ... visit our web site at [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca)

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our school community for contributing so much to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We nearly tripled our donations this year, with an enthusiasm and dedication led by our **Students' Council**, fostered by our football teams, supported by our home-room classes, and born of an understanding of the injustices too many people in our community face as they struggle to feed their families. **Holy Cross** came second in the city behind **QECVI**, but most importantly, we contributed to the **Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph's** efforts to feed the hungry in our own local community through the **Partners In Mission Food Bank**.

Kudos to our **Green Team** for continuing to promote awareness and stewardship surrounding environmental issues. In particular, they organized our whole entire school into a picture of "**HC 350**" on the playing field behind the school. 350 is an international grassroots campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis - the solutions that science and justice demand. Thanks to the **Green Team** for increasing our awareness of the activities surrounding **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**, the **International Day of Action for Climate Change**.

Thanks to the coaches, managers, community volunteers, and students for always making us proud to see the Green and Silver on the courts and fields. The **Students' Council** roused our school spirit with a wonderful **Pep Rally**. The **Third Annual Friday Night Lights Bill McLeod Memorial Catholic Cup** event was truly remarkable, a testament to our fierce Crusader pride as well as to undaunting support from the community at large, many of whom go without acknowledgement. We are grateful for all that everyone does to support **Holy Cross** athletics and all of our endeavours. The football teams gave us reason to cheer; it was a very special start to the Thanksgiving weekend, on a drizzly Friday night at **Tindall Field**. To view the schedules and standings go to [www.coach@gametimes.ca](http://www.coach@gametimes.ca). Much appreciation goes to the athletes, coaches and volunteers who helped to raise funds for **breast cancer research** at the **PH Classic**. We were also very proud of the bronze medal finish at **OFSAA** by our **Golf Team**, comprised of **Eric Macrow, Alex Hambly, Kyle Benford, and Jay Fabbro**, and **Coach Mike McAllister**. The **girls' field hockey team** also had an impressive season, ousting **Frontenac** from the quarter finals in a spirited win. Congratulations and good luck to members of the **HC Cross-Country team** as they prepare for **Cross-Country EOSSAA**, as well as to all of our teams working towards their seasons' ends.

Congratulations to the fifteen students from last year's graduating class who won the **Province's Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarships: Stuart Conway, Cassandra Cornelius, Jenna Desjardins, Jennifer Hay, Tiffany Heyman, Joanne Leake, Brittany Lollar, Janita Murphy, Lorne Murphy, Abbie Poitras, Joshua Prinsen, Addie Seguin, Graham Slaughter, Katharine Tessier, and Kate Wagar**. On **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, we issued our **Early Semester Report Cards** to students. This was an early indicator of each student's achievement in the first six weeks of this semester. The first half of the semester will end on **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** and then on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**, the **mid-semester Report Cards** will be distributed in Period One classes. This Report Card provides extensive reporting in each subject including: a percentage grade; course median; absences/ lates;

learning skills and personal comments on the individual student's strengths, weaknesses and next steps. There is ample time left in the semester for students to improve their marks and do well in each course. If a student's mark is below 50%, this indicates the need to examine the work to date. A discussion with the teacher will help you plan for maintaining the achievement level or ways to improve the student's mark. Teachers may refer some students whose progress is faltering to **Mr. Mike McAllister** or **Mrs. Kim Hulton**, our **Student Success teachers**, for what we call "**credit rescue**", an attempt to regain academic footing.

As the Holy Cross school community, we welcome your input on how we are doing. Please feel free to contact a teacher, counsellor or administrator during school hours. Check our website regularly for important updates on information. Our students, your children, are the centre of our work and their educational and personal accomplishments fulfill our mission.

Paul A. Walsh, [walshp@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:walshp@alcdsb.on.ca)

### THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

October 29 – November 5.....	Mid-Semester Test Period
Sunday, November 1 .....	All Saints' Day
Monday, November 2 .....	All Souls' Day
	Online University Application Workshops, 11:15 and 2:35
November 2 – 6.....	National Media Education Week
Tues, Nov. 3.....	College Application Online Workshops, 11:15 & 2:35
Wednesday, November 4.....	Honour Roll Celebration (Period One)
	"Take Our Kids to Work" Grade Nine Day
Thurs, Nov. 5.....	University & College Info. Night, Lecture Theatre
November 5 – 11.....	Veterans' Week
Sunday, November 8.....	KASSAA Football Championships
Monday, Nov. 9.....	Term Two Courses (Civics & Careers) Begin
Nov. 10 & 12.....	Online College Application Workshops, 11:15 & 2:35
Wednesday, November 11.....	Remembrance Day Liturgies
Thurs, Nov 12.....	SLC Robotics Engineering Demonstration, P. 3
Saturday, Nov. 14.....	KASSAA Girls' Basketball Championships
	KASSAA Boys' Volleyball Championships
Monday, November 16.....	P. A. Day #3 – no classes
November 16 – 18.....	CICS Toronto Street Retreat
Tuesday, November 17.....	Winter Sports Team Try-outs Begin
Thursday, November 19.....	Midterm Report Cards Issued
	Queen's On-Line to Success Info Night, Faculty of Ed, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, November 20.....	Dance
Saturday, November 21.....	Kingston Santa Claus Parade
Mon, Nov. 23.....	Matinee Performance of West Side Story, noon
Tues, Nov. 24.....	Morning Performance, West Side Story, 8:45 a.m..
Wed, Nov. 25.....	Opening Night, West Side Story, 7 p.m. curtain
	Buy Nothing Day
Thurs, Nov. 26.....	Full Disclosure Day (for senior marks)
	ALCDSB Student Senate Day #2
	West Side Story, 7 p.m. curtain
Friday, November 27.....	West Side Story, 7 p.m. curtain
	Aboriginal Festival Day, Copps Coliseum, Hamilton
	Tentative Non-Uniform Day
Sat., Nov. 28.....	West Side Story Closing Night 7 p.m. curtain
Sunday, November 29.....	First Sunday of Advent
Monday, Nov. 30.....	Catholic School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
	CICS Advent Food Drive Begins
	Grade 11 Post-Secondary Info Assemblies

## HOLY CROSS PASTORAL SERVICES

As Catholics we believe in the **Communion of Saints** and that we can pray for loved ones who have died. During this month of November, we traditionally remember and pray for deceased friends and family members. We invite students, staff and visitors to our school to remember their loved ones by writing their names in the **Book of Remembrance** which will be kept in the Chapel throughout this month; these people will be remembered in our daily prayers and at our School Masses. We will also be remembering all those who died in the Great Wars of the past century or who gave their lives while serving on peacekeeping missions at our **Remembrance Day Liturgies** in the Cafeteria on **Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**RETREATS:** Our Grade 10 home form classes attended the **Sexuality: Mind, Body & Spirit Retreats** during the week of **October 13-16<sup>th</sup>**. These full-day retreats focused on ways all of us can develop a healthier attitude towards our sexuality. Thank you to our students for attending and to our Grade 10 teachers and other staff whose hard work and sacrifice made these retreats possible. We are now looking forward to our **Toronto Street Retreat** which will take place from **November 16-18<sup>th</sup>**. Permission forms are available in my office.

**CICS' CORNER:** Congratulations to those students and staff who attended the **International Day of Climate Change** in **Ottawa** on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. You helped bring this important issue to the attention of our government. Let us continue to do all we can to reduce our carbon emissions and save the planet. Thanks to all our students and staff for their wonderful contributions to our **Thanksgiving Food Drive** which earned us second place in the **K-ROCK High School Competition**, but even more importantly helped fill the **Food Bank's** shelves for Thanksgiving.

Please pray for **Mr. Rick Thompson**, a member of our Caretaking Staff, who is seriously ill at this time. May God's love and peace shine upon everyone in our school community and upon all our deceased loved ones during this month of November.

**Chris Forster, Pastoral Services**

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was great to have so many committed parents, especially those of our Grade Nine and Ten students, join our first two Council meetings. The next meeting of the Holy Cross Catholic School Council will be held on **Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** in the Library at 7:00 pm. All interested community members are invited to attend.

## ECO-CORNER

The **Holy Cross Green Team** focus for this fall is 350. Scientists have identified 350 parts per million as a safe upper limit for CO<sup>2</sup> in our atmosphere. Currently levels are around 390 ppm and getting back under 350 means a lot of changes need to occur and soon. The time for acting on this is critical; in **December** of this year, world leaders will meet in **Copenhagen, Denmark** to develop a new global treaty for cutting emissions. It is the belief of many that the current draft for this treaty does not do enough to reduce carbon emissions to a safe level. The organizers of **350.org** have made it their mission to inform and educate individuals and political leaders on the importance of 350ppm and the short-time frame we have to achieve it. The hope is that we will see these ideas reflected in the new treaty. The **HC Green Team** has worked to increase school awareness of '350'. On **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** the entire Holy Cross student population and their teachers gathered on the school field to form the message "**HC 350**". A photo and video of the event was captured by **Mr. Esford** and **CommTech students**, as well as the local media. We hope this was a meaningful message to our community and the 350 initiative, and will serve as a reminder to all of us that it is time to do what you can to cut carbon emissions. Simple actions can fight this complex problem, everyone can play a role: shut down computers when not in use, walk or ride your bike, use energy efficient light bulbs, pack a waste-free lunch and, if you would like to be a part of the **Green Team**, come to our next meeting: **Tuesdays at lunch in Room 243**.

## HOLY CROSS STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**October** at **Holy Cross** was a busy and rewarding month. Along with **CICS**, the **Students' Council Executive** organized the **K-ROCK Thanksgiving food drive**. This year was our best year yet - having every class participate we almost tripled the amount of food we raised last year. Our total poundage was over 12,000lbs which led us to second place. Our prize is a free DJ service by **DJ Chico and the Man**. Great work, **Crusaders!** **Pep Rally** was also a big success with the band playing and the improv team hosting. All teams and crusaders were pumped up and ready to cheer on the football teams to a rainy victory. **Tindall Field** that night was a wave of green and silver to support the boys' football teams in their wins. Thank you to all of the junior students who were committed and courageous enough to put their names forward to be **Junior Reps**. Our **Junior Reps** for this year are **Charlotte Allen** and **Bhavik Vyas**. **Hallowe'en treat bags** will be sold as candy grams and delivered on **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**. The second movie night at **Holy Cross** will be on **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. The feature flick is **The Lost Boys**. With the **Christmas Hamper Collection** and the production of **West Side Story, November** looks to be another busy month!

**Kaitlyn Barbosa, Communications Officer**

## STUDENT ABSENCES AND THE PROVISION OF WORK

Ideally, students and teachers will be present throughout the school year. However, in reality, absences will occur from time to time. When teachers are absent, they often modify their lesson plans for the day and then make some adjustments upon their return. When students are absent, they need to follow a similar path. Students who are absent for legitimate reasons, such as illness or a school-approved excursion, should speak with their teachers at the earliest possible time and seek to find a way to get the lesson, and to either complete an assignment or a test as appropriate. In some cases, adjustments may need to occur (for example, a demonstration lesson will likely not be re-taught for individual students). Students who miss classes for legitimate reasons should not be penalized academically for these absences; however, it is up to them, in conjunction with their teachers, to get back on track as quickly as is possible. Many teachers have a web page from which students can access information; in other cases, students can check with peers to get a quick overview of what was covered. Students are reminded that doctor's notes are necessary for missing final exams. Family vacations should not occur during exam periods. When students are *going to be away for more three or more days* (in cases of illness, suspension, or some special event), they or their parents are encouraged to contact the student's guidance counsellor. The guidance counsellor will put out a notice to teachers and, within a school day, work should be available at day's end for pick-up at **Student Services**.

## WEST SIDE STORY

The **Holy Cross Arts Department** is excited to present the musical sensation **West Side Story**. It combines a memorable musical score with exciting dance choreography in a modern retelling of **Shakespeare's** great love story, **Romeo and Juliet**. In what promises to be one of our most energetic productions ever, the musical will showcase the talents of over one hundred **Holy Cross** student actors, dancers, musicians and crew.

**West Side Story** is set in **New York's** gang-ridden streets in the 1950's. **Tony** and **Maria** are two star-crossed lovers torn between loyalty to their rival gangs, and their intense love for one another. The play examines the contemporary problems that ethnic groups face as targets of discrimination, and the power of love to transcend the hatred and violence that racial intolerance breeds.

Performance dates are **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** until **Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the **Holy Cross Cafetorium**. Tickets are \$10.00 for students, and \$12.00 for adults.

Tickets are available at the door or in the front foyer of the school between 11:15 and 12:00 from **November 12<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>**.

There is assigned seating this year, so buy your tickets early to get the best seats!

## H1N1 UPDATE

This flu season has presented families and schools with some very real challenges. The Kingston area is being described as a "hot spot" for the **H1N1 flu virus** and we have had some families informing us that their son or daughter is suffering from the flu. While we certainly appreciate the difficulties of keeping children at home, we are advising staff and students to remain at home while ill, until 48 hours of being fever-free without the aid of medication. We are also asking all staff and students to be vigilant in terms of hand-washing, coughing into their sleeves, and other preventative measures. At press time, our absence continues to hover just above ten per cent on average. We are working in conjunction with the public health unit to maintain a safe environment. Some families have reported H1N1 presence. Please see [www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca) in case for updates and advice. Staff and students will need to work together to ensure that the learning agenda continues in these difficult times.

## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

This fall **Holy Cross** introduced an **SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) in Information and Communications Technology**. The **SHSM** is part of the **Ontario Ministry of Education's Student Success** strategy initiative, which focuses on expanding quality learning opportunities and supporting success for all students. The **SHSM** has five components for students to study: a bundle of related courses (Com Tech, Computers, Audio, Design, Yearbook, Web Design), industry certification (i.e. First Aid), Co-op Education (work placement), college & university reach ahead experiences (i.e. tours), and the Ontario Skills Passport (online activity). A requirement of the **SHSM** program is partnerships with businesses, colleges and universities. Some **Holy Cross SHSM** partners include: **Cogeco Community Television, Kingston This Week Newspaper, CKWS Television, Chum Radio**, etc... Some **Holy Cross SHSM** college/university partners include: **Loyalist College, St. Lawrence College, Queen's University & Ryerson University**. Students who hope to pursue postsecondary school studies and a career in media production should participate in the **Holy Cross SHSM** program. Students are able to focus on an area of interest, explore and refine career goals, refine skills, establish professional relationships and networks, and improve their prospects. Interested students should see **Mrs. Ana Cantarutti** (Student Services Department Head) or **Mr. John Esford** (Technological Education Department Head).

## COFFEE HOUSE

This fall's **Coffee House** will take place on **Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the **Holy Cross Cafetorium**, starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00. Any students interested in performing or helping out with this event, please see **Miss Culleton** in **Room 134**. Sign-ups will be taken on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## THINK CRITICALLY, ACT ETHICALLY

The third annual **National Media Education Week** takes place **November 2 – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Once again, **Media Awareness Network** and the **Canadian Teachers' Federation** have partnered for the week to promote media education and encourage media literacy activities throughout Canada. The theme for 2009 is **Media Literacy in the Digital Age**, emphasizing the multiple literacy skills needed by today's youth for accessing, evaluating, repurposing, creating and distributing media content to successfully navigate their digital media world. How do they evaluate and make sense of online information? Do they know how to protect their privacy online, stay safe using social networks and be good digital citizens?

## HOLY CROSS UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all those who generously supported this year's **United Way Campaign**. Together we have made a difference for the needy within our community. Thanks also to our United Way organizing committee, comprised of **Katherine Kritsch, June Hanna, Debbie Myers** and **Cathy Henderson**.

## COUNSELLORS' CORNER

### Honour Roll Ceremony

A ceremony honouring last year's Honour Roll students will take place during Period One on **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Our guest speaker will be **Holy Cross Alumnus, Andrew McIntyre**.

### Post Secondary Information

Workshops for on-line application to **OUAC** (Universities) were conducted on **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** and another will be conducted on **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Workshops for on-line applications to **OCAS** (College) will be held **Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15. Students are encouraged to check our up-to-date post-secondary information at the **Holy Cross Website** ([www.hctoday.ca](http://www.hctoday.ca) and click: "Academic" – "Post-Secondary Info").

### This Month

November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bishop's University (Quebec) 2:30
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	"Take Our Kids to Work Day" for grade 9 students McGill University 11:15 University of Toronto 2:30
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	College Fair at St. Lawrence College 8:30 – 10:30 Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia 2:30 Parent Post secondary information night 7:00
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Huron University-College 2:30
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia 2:30
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Brock University 2:30
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	University of Ontario Institute of Technology 11:15 University of Guelph-Humber 2:30
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Redeemer Christian University 2:30

### Volunteer Opportunities

Students are reminded to check the Information Board outside Student Services for volunteer opportunities.

### Parent-Student Maplewood Portal Access

Students will be able to access the **Parent-Student Maplewood Portal Access** on the **Holy Cross Website** at <http://hcss.alcidsb.on.ca>. Student passwords will be distributed in homeroom classes in November. Once logged on to this site, students will be required to change their password and then they will be able to view their credit history, timetable, personal information, etc. Students will be able to enter their course choices on this site in **February** for the 2010-2011 school year. In order for parents to access their child's information, they must access their son/daughter's password.

## POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER 2009

Due to the continued success of the Poinsettia Fundraiser, the **Bridges to Community 18-21 Program** will once again be taking orders for these beautiful, high quality plants. Students started taking orders on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** with delivery taking place **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you would like to place an order or would like more information, please contact **Mrs. J. Courneya** at **(613)384-1919 ext. 2258**.

On **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, the **Bridges to Community Program** hosted a **PINK bake sale** in support of **Breast Cancer Research**. Thank you to all those who supported our sale. We are proud to donate **\$300** to the **PH Classic** and their drive to raise funds and awareness to this very worthy cause.

## CRUSADER TUCK SHOP

The Tuck Shop has received new arrivals of hoodies, ball caps and track pants just in time for the Christmas rush. *The Tuck Shop is open at lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays*. For family members that want to purchase items outside of these hours, you can contact **Kelly Davison @ 623-384-1919 ext 2201**.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

**Grad Photos** and grad retakes were taken in September and October. Students have received their proofs and order forms. Grad orders which were submitted by the October due date will be distributed one week before the Christmas break. Grad Photo orders

are still being accepted. Please bring your orders to **Mr. Prior** during the break between periods 1 or 2. Orders placed at this time, however, will not arrive until after Christmas. **School Photos** and School Photo Retakes were taken in September, and orders have been distributed to students who ordered packages. Retakes were taken on **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Retake orders will be distributed in mid-November. For those who were unable to get to the retake date, **Lifetouch** has set up a studio date at their **Kingston** studio located at **1784 Bath Rd**, across from **Frontenac Secondary**. The phone number to book an appointment is **1-866-969-0489**.

**LATE BUSES**

Two late bus runs have begun, each **Monday** and **Wednesday**, travelling from **Holy Cross** to **Napanee** or to **Yarker / Moscow (Hwy. 2 up Camden East Road)**. These buses (or taxis) will only run if numbers warrant. Alternatively, if students from the **Amherstview** area are interested in transportation on these days, please see **Ms. Daniel** or **Mrs. Boyle** in the Main Office. **As these buses run on a needs-basis, please contact the Main Office if you are interested in making use of this service, ahead of 11:15 each Monday and Wednesday.**

**TEXTBOOKS**

Each student should now have all in-stock required textbooks for every class. As noted in other newsletters, students must take good care of each book and return all items (by barcode) which are signed out when exams end. A reminder also that students should write their name and the date in each book to avoid classroom mix-ups. In late semester, a letter will be issued to each student detailing titles and barcodes signed out.

**ATHLETICS**

As the Fall Sports season nears an end, the winter sport season begins in November and Holy Cross is again expected to field extremely competitive teams in Wrestling, Swimming, Curling, Cheerleading, Badminton, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Volleyball, and Girls' and Boys' Hockey. This winter, over 170 student athletes from Holy Cross will attempt to compete in these championships. Approximately 50 staff coaches and 16 volunteers will provide these opportunities throughout the year. The websites: **KASSAA-www.kassaa.ca** and **OFSAA-www.ofsaa.on.ca** are excellent resources for schedules, league rules and any general information regarding high school sports. Information regarding teams can be obtained through a number of sources, including school announcements, posters, our school's athletic web site - **http://hcss.alcddb.on.ca/athletics/home.html**, local newspapers and the **KASSAA web site - www.kassaa.ca**. If you have any questions concerning a team, please contact the coach listed or ask your home room teacher for assistance.

Sport	Coach	Starting Date	Cost
Badminton	Mr. Roberts/Mr. Gervais	January	\$65.00
Jr. Boys' Basketball	Mr. Garant	November	\$175.00
Sr. Boys' Basketball	Mr. Dzierniejko	Mid November	\$300.00
Cheerleading	Ms. Carr	November	TBA
Curling	Ms. Doucet	November	TBA
Boys' Hockey	Mr. Clarke	November	\$250.00
Girls' Hockey	Mrs. Nichol/Mr. Gillis	November 7	\$300.00
Jr. Girls' Volleyball	Mr. O'Brien	Mid November	\$120.00
Sr. Girls' Volleyball	Mr. Sicoli	Mid November	\$160.00
Wrestling	TBA	Late November	TBA
Swimming	Mrs. Coombs	November 11	\$100.00

**SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE DEPARTMENT**

We wish to thank all Parents and Guardians for your participation in the IEP process for semester one. We are collating the returned IEP Contact Forms and will respond to any of your comments. The Special Education Teachers are **Grade 9, A-K Mrs. Poels; Grade 9, L-Z Mrs. Hulse; Grade 10-Mrs. Poels, Grade 11-Mrs. Hulse; Grade 12-Ms. Gavan Knox**. We welcome **Mr. Sicoli** who teaches period one of Learning Strategies. **Grade 12 -students:** Prepare Post-Secondary Transition Portfolio

whether going into the workplace, apprenticeship, college or university. See **Ms. Gavan Knox** in **Room 117**.

**Grade 11,12 senior students with a Learning Disability** are invited to an information evening for the **On-Line to Success** course at **Queen's Faculty of Education** on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 pm**. For further information, please contact **Ms. Gavan Knox** at **613 384-1919, ext. 3426**.

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS	
1.....	World AIDS Day
2.....	Coffee House, Cafetorium, 6:30 p.m.
1-3.....	Improv Try-outs, 2:45 – 4:00 p.m., Rm. 246
3.....	Grade Level Reconciliations all day in the Library
6.....	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
7.....	Nat'l Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women
.....	Advent / Christmas Collection Continues
.....	Archdiocesan Feast Day, Mass at St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.
11.....	International Human Rights Day
.....	Crusaders Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
11 & 12.....	Holy Cross Senior Boys' Basketball Tournament
14.....	The Olympic Flame Arrives in Kingston
15.....	Crusaders Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
.....	Rec. Completion Date: University & College Applications
16.....	Crusaders Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
17.....	Advent School Masses
.....	Katharine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.
.....	End of Advent Food Drive/Collection
18.....	Final Instructional Day before the Christmas Break
.....	Tentative Non-Uniform Day
19 – January 4 .....	Christmas Holidays

**PIANO/KEYBOARD PLAYERS WANTED**

**St. Paul the Apostle Parish** in **Kingston** is in need of piano/keyboard players at several of their weekend parish Masses. We have available the **CBW III** and the **Spirit & Song (Volume I)** songbooks which offer a wide variety of traditional and contemporary liturgical music. Our parish pays a stipend for musicians/choir leaders and financially supports ongoing formation for all our music ministry members. **If you are interested in being involved in one of our weekend choirs as a piano/keyboard player, please contact Maura in the parish office (389-8222).**



**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

This month marks the beginning of distributing the HC newsletter almost exclusively via email. We believe that this new practice will reduce paper consumption significantly and will allow community members timely access to our monthly newsletters. (Pictures also show much more clearly than after having been photocopied.) We will continue to have some hard copies available for sharing and posting in homeroom classes, as well as available for visitors to the Main Office and Student Services.

*If you are not receiving this newsletter electronically, but would like to, please update your email information with our **Student Services Department** at **613 384-2023** or email **hcssnews@alcddb.on.ca**.*

