



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTON

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## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS

On behalf of our staff, we would like to extend a special warm welcome to our new students and their parents for whom the beginning of this school year will most definitely mark a new chapter. For the incoming **Holy Cross Class of 2015**, this is a time of personal transition that our staff will make every effort to make as smooth as possible.

We welcome back all of our students, their parents and our staff who will be returning to familiar halls, yet facing the same excitement and anticipation that marks the beginning of the new school year for all of us, here at **Holy Cross**. The beginning of the school year is always a time of excitement and expectation, a time for renewing and making friendships and a time for setting new goals. It is also a time when new challenges and opportunities open the door to new perspectives on the world around us.

Our mission is "**To Live in Christ; To Love as Christ.**" In this school year, we pledge to model the values of Jesus Christ as we work together towards academic and extracurricular excellence and the development of concerned and compassionate citizens. We wish you every success in your studies, and more importantly true fulfilment, as you embark to achieve your personal goals.

Paul A. Walsh, Principal

## UPDATE FROM PASTORAL SERVICES

Our **Holy Cross School Community** is built upon the Word of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We seek to provide opportunities for staff and students to come to know Christ and to grow in their faith. Our theme for the coming year, "To live in Christ, to love as Christ", is taken from our School Mission Statement. It reminds us that we must always seek to live in God's love and to share that love with others. It is my heartfelt wish and prayer that each of our students will experience God's love in the coming year. Let us always remember to take time to pray for our needs and to give thanks to God for all our blessings. God Bless.

Chris Forster, Coordinator of Pastoral Services

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It is my deepest prayer and hope that our young people will have a yearning for Christ to be the centre of their lives. We are surrounded by the many attractions of a changing world. We need a solid foundation as a starting point in our lives. Here at Holy Cross we emphasize the Catholic traditions so that the students will deepen their knowledge of God and build

a personal relationship with Jesus. Through the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist, we will be able to accomplish this prayerful hope.

In Christ, Father René Labelle, Chaplain

## BIKE RIDE FOR JAMAICA

One of our **2012 K2K Jamaica Mission Trip** members, **Nick Cotman**, is planning to bike from **Kingston to Ottawa** the weekend of **August 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>** (weather permitting) to raise money for **Riverton City Basic School** and the **Performing Arts Band**, two of the **St. Patrick's Foundation** projects that we volunteer at in **Kingston, Jamaica**. Please consider donating to this worthy cause either before or after the actual bike ride. **Nick** is hoping to raise \$1000.00 with his bike ride which would be a fantastic contribution to our school's fundraising efforts for the projects. You can give by cheque (made out to "**Holy Cross**" with "Bike Ride for Jamaica" on the memo line) or cash. Just drop them off to the **Main Office**. Tax receipts will be issued upon request. Let's all support **Nick** by giving generously to his "**Bike Ride for Jamaica**".

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL 2011 - 2012

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at **Holy Cross**. We traditionally begin our year with many activities to welcome back all students and staff. We encourage everyone in the **Holy Cross** community to join in a spirit of renewal and commitment to Crusader Pride! Whether you are returning or new, we welcome you and hope that you have an exciting and rewarding year at Holy Cross. If you have a problem or a concern regarding the activities of the **Students' Council**, please feel free to contact any of the members, or stop by our office in **Room 232**, at the top of the stairs.

The **Students' Council** represents the interests of everyone enrolled in our school and as such, supports the many student activities that occur on a daily basis. This of course, involves a substantial financial commitment and monies raised come from fund-raising activities and the sale of compulsory student identification cards. These cards identify you as a member of the **Holy Cross Community** and are compulsory for all students. They are also required for admittance to school dances, as well as participation in school teams and clubs. With your help, the upcoming school year will be a rewarding one, both academically, socially and spiritually. We look forward to seeing you in September.

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The **HC Catholic School Council** forms an advisory body that provides ideas and opinions to assist the Principal and, where appropriate, the Board in their decision-making on

educational issues. The advice is based on the general views of the school community and in the best interest of Holy Cross students. The first meeting of the school year will take place on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30** in the school library. Membership of the Council reflects the diversity of the community and includes parents/guardians of students enrolled at the school, students, teachers, non-teaching staff, a parish representative, a community representative and the principal. The constitution of the council requires the election of the parent/guardian representatives to take place in September. **Interested parents or guardians who wish to let their name stand for election to the Catholic School Council are asked to contact Paul Walsh, Principal, before September 15<sup>th</sup> at 613-384-1919 ext. 3411.**

#### **GRADE 9 DAY – TUESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>**

**We look forward to meeting our newest Crusaders on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.** This day has been set aside for **Grade 9 Students** to pick up their Semester One textbooks, get their locker and lock and agenda. In addition there will be displays of extra-curricular activities in the Main Foyer for our newest Crusaders to learn more about the extra-curricular life at HC. Grade 9 students will also be able to tour the school with the assistance of upper year students who will help them locate their classrooms in advance of the first day of school. Grade 9 students should also make appointments for Tuesday with their guidance counselors if they need to make changes to their timetable by contacting the **Student Services Department** at **613-384-2023**.

This day will run from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. **In order to prevent long line ups, we ask that the students follow the schedule below:**

Students with last names beginning with  
**A to F should come from 9:00 to 10:00 am**  
**G to L should come from 10:00 to 11:00 am**  
**M to R should come from 11:00 to 12:00 pm**  
**S to Z should come from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.**

Grade 9 students need to bring:

- **their student activity fee cheque of \$75.00 payable to the Holy Cross Students' Council.** Included in this fee are the following: **Holy Cross Agenda, Students' Council ID Card, School Lock for lockers, Holy Cross Spirit T-Shirt, three Twonie – No Uni Days to support cancer research and/or The ALCDSB Catholic Education Foundation, and a personalized, Award Winning 2011- 2012 Holy Cross Yearbook.**

For parents with more than one child at Holy Cross, a reduction of \$4.00 per additional child is available

- **their \$100.00 textbook deposit cheque payable to Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School should be post dated to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.** This cheque will not be cashed if the student's books are returned in good condition at the end of each semester. The name of each student should be clearly printed in the left hand corner of the cheque. There are options to opt out of some portions of this fee or to have the school, through used uniform sales, cover the fee. Please contact the **Main Office** for more information.

#### **HOLY CROSS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR AUGUST 2011**

The in-school uniform shop will be open in August (in the library) on the following dates:

August 22 – 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

August 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

August 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

September 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The uniform shop will be open on the first day of school (Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

#### **CHOOSING HOLY CROSS**

The choice to come to Holy Cross is a conscious decision to enter into a community that is Christ-centred and devoted to providing students with a Catholic education. This is what distinguishes our school from the neighbouring public high schools. When you accept the invitation to attend this school, you are entering into a covenant with the members of our school and greater Catholic community. A part of that covenant is to be open to the teachings of Christ, to participate as actively as possible in the faith life of our community and to dedicate oneself to the service of others. We accomplish our mission in a number of ways: religious education classes; our teachers incorporate Catholic teaching into the daily curriculum; we pray at school regularly; our students and staff actively participate in charity work; and **our staff and students regularly attend Mass and other liturgies.** It is not possible to opt out of any of these activities and we will not give permission to students to be absent or to not participate. **If you have made the choice to attend Holy Cross, then you must understand and be accepting of our mission and our expectations for you in this regard.** No one is required to attend a Catholic school, therefore having made the decision to do so, you must be prepared to meet the obligations that accompany that decision.

#### **STUDENT TIMETABLES**

Grade Nine incoming student schedules will be available on **Tuesday, August 30, 2011** at the **Grade Nine Day**. For all other grades, students are to access their up-to-date timetables via the **Student Access to Maplewood** on the school website (another way we are reducing paper consumption at **Holy Cross**). There may be some changes which have occurred since the June run of timetables. Counselors will be available from **Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** for students who need to discuss timetable changes. Please note that September 1<sup>st</sup> is a staff meeting day for all staff, so while counselors will be in the building, they may not be available for walk-in appointments. Students who wish to make timetable changes should phone for appointments through **Student Services at 613-384-2023** as soon as possible.

**Students who have a timetable and have decided not to return to Holy Cross for this September are asked to notify Student Services as soon as possible.** Early notification to **Holy Cross** by students who are not returning allows the school the opportunity to plan more effectively to meet the needs of all students.

## 2011-2012 CRUSADER STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

### **Grade 10-12 Students**

For students in **Grades 10-12 the fee is \$68.00** reflecting the lack of need of a school lock. This fee is to be paid when you pick up your textbooks. The value of the items purchased individually is much greater than the actual comprehensive fee. By ordering in bulk, **Holy Cross** is able to pass on savings to the community. With all students purchasing a Student Card, the **Students' Council** will be able to support the extra-curricular activities that make **Holy Cross** such a great place to be. The Student Card also entitles our students to many discounts at local stores. The Crusader Activity Fee is mandatory for all students. Students may opt out of receiving the **Holy Cross** yearbook by completing and signing the **opting out form** at the time they pick up their textbooks.

### **Graduating Students**

In an attempt to minimize the amount of times students are asked to bring in monies, graduating student activity fees this year will also include the \$35.00 Graduation fee, bringing the total to **\$103.00 for any students planning to graduate in June 2012.**

For parents with more than one child at **Holy Cross**, a reduction of \$4.00 per additional child is available.

### **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 **Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** It will also be open in the evening of **Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** **Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, 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.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Please review the Code of Conduct and discuss it with your son(s)/daughter(s). It may be found on the **HCToday** website as well as the **HC Agenda** provided to every student. The **Holy Cross Code of Conduct** may also be viewed at [www.alcbsb.on.ca/~hcsc](http://www.alcbsb.on.ca/~hcsc). It is our expectation that parents/guard-

ians and students will read this document and use it to guide their actions. If you should have any questions, please direct them to a member of the administration team.

### **NON-SMOKING POLICY 2011 - 2012**

**It is the policy of our School Board that smoking is not allowed on their property and it is a distinct expectation that all will respect this policy.** We recognize that the decision to smoke is an individual one, but we sincerely hope that in light of mounting evidence with regard to the risk to our health that anyone thinking about beginning or ending "the habit" will give it serious thought. Smoking on the property will result in fines by the Health Unit's Tobacco Enforcement Officer who regularly patrols the area. **Students who are gathered in groups off-property will be asked to move along**, in part to eliminate smoking and in part to help maintain a neighbourhood that is litter-free and allows our neighbours and their children to feel confident as they travel by our property. The school and the KFLA Health Unit will offer smoking cessation program early in the school year. **Students will face suspension and a system of progressive discipline for failure to comply with the school's expectation.**

### **OFF-SCHOOL CONDUCT**

Holy Cross has the duty, as well as the authority to discipline a student for behaviour at any time and in any location while the student is under the school's supervision. **Students are 'under supervision of the school' from the moment they enter the bus to attend school or leave their home for school until the time they descend the bus on their way home or arrive at home at the end of the school day.** The Principal's authority reaches beyond the classroom or school campus to include the vicinity of the school or where there is a connection or nexus to the school. A student may be suspended or expelled for conduct which occurs away from **Holy Cross** but has a connection to the school community.

### **ATHLETICS**

Please see our Code of Conduct for our Athletic Eligibility policy. A contract must be signed by the student, parent/guardian and coach prior to any student athlete being eligible to participate on an extracurricular team. This contract will clearly define the expectations we have regarding the role of student athlete, parent and coach and will explain the process by which concerns of parents or players can be addressed in a suitable and appropriate manner. It is imperative that parents, in particular, understand that their behaviour can result in players being declared ineligible to play and that student athletes must exhibit, at all times, the qualities of sportsman-ship and commitment, both on and off the field.

### **HOLY CROSS UNIFORM POLICY**

**Students are to wear the Holy Cross uniform** at all times during the school day, including the lunch hour and during spare periods. Some students wear clothes other than their uniform in the morning, on the bus, at lunch, and before leaving the school in the afternoon. Although no doubt unintentional, to do so works at cross purposes with the intent of the uniform policy. In addition there are not enough areas available for students to change, thus precipitating a situa-



tion where students are changing in the hall. This is not an appropriate situation and is not permitted. The problem would largely be resolved if students would wear their uniform to school and we strongly encourage this. **Students should arrive at school in their uniform or use change rooms and washrooms for changing into their uniform on arrival.**

The uniform provides many advantages to our students, including safety, pride, and equal status. All of our students are dressed identically so that our staff can easily identify any person who does not belong in our building. Our students who wear their uniform proudly definitely experience feelings of belonging to a larger group. Our uniform allows our students to be on equal footing, as family income is not transparent. Our students are more easily able to concentrate on their classroom activities as various attire is not an obstacle for learning.

**The fall/winter uniform** is in effect from September to June. Acceptable fall/winter items are listed below:

**Girls:** solid grey Holy Cross dress pants, kilt (hemmed to 2 inches above the knee), white button-down collared or French cut blouses with monogram, **plain black leotards or tights (must not be leggings which don't have feet)**, black dress shoes;

**Boys:** solid grey Holy Cross dress pants, school tie, white button-down collared shirt with monogram, black dress shoes;

**Unisex:** school crested vest / pull-over. Undershirts or T-shirts which are worn under uniform shirts are to be entirely white.

**The spring uniform** is in effect for May and June only. Acceptable spring uniform items include green school crested golf shirt, tan knee length school crested walking shorts (with no alterations or rolling allowed), deck shoes, running shoes, sandals with strap. The items from the spring uniform are not to be mixed with the items from the winter uniform at any time. The spring uniform may be purchased at **Holy Cross** in April of 2012.

Students must present themselves in good repair at all times during the school day. Ball caps, hoodies and offensive clothing are not permitted in the school at any time; if found, they will be seized and reissued at the end of the semester. Appropriate attire for shop, gym, drama, and art will be determined by the teacher and worn for that period only. Students are not to accessorize their uniform; for example, excessive jewelry, studded arm bands, necklaces and/or belts, large decorative bows or belt buckles, or bandanas are not to be worn. This list is not comprehensive. One warning will be issued to students who are not in compliance with these rules and on second offense the items will be confiscated for the term. Students who choose to be out of uniform or who dress unsuitably, will receive one warning after which they will read the **Holy Cross** uniform policy. On second offense students will serve a lunch-hour detention and their parents will be notified. On third offense students will be sent home to change. Persistent violations of the uniform policy will be interpreted as an unwillingness to comply with the policy of the school. This progressive system of intervention will be incorporated to deal with students who do not comply with

the uniform policy. Students who habitually work against the spirit of the uniform policy will be suspended. Students who display an unwillingness to co-operate with school authorities will not remain at **Holy Cross**.

### **NON-UNIFORM DAY DRESS CODE**

In selected months, a non-uniform day will usually take place on the last Thursday or Friday of the month to allow time for dry cleaning. These days are contingent upon students being in proper attire and demonstrating respect for our school community throughout the month. Non-uniform days are not scheduled during December, March, May or June. Attire for non-uniform days will be modest. Immodest, revealing clothing and/or clothing with inappropriate design/language promoting drugs/alcohol/sex will not be permitted.

### **ATTENDANCE AT HOLY CROSS**

At **Holy Cross**, we are very concerned that all students realize their full potential. Our direct expectation is that students attend all of their classes in uniform and complete work that is assigned. We will make every effort to keep parents aware of any problems with respect to attendance as it relates to their child. Parents can expect contact by the Attendance Secretary and/or Administration to verify student absences. Teachers will contact parents about learning issues related to attendance. **At Holy Cross we are very concerned with ensuring that no student is unsuccessful as a result of irregular attendance.** In order to accomplish this goal, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Attendance will be taken during each class. All student absences will be checked. **If you know that your child is going to be away, please call the Attendance Office at 613-384-1355.** Otherwise, the Attendance Secretary or Administration will be contacting you at your home or your place of business. If no call has been received from the parent, the student must bring a note the next day explaining their absence. If they fail or forget to do so, the student may be assigned Study Hall time.

2. All students who are absent from school or any class during the day who cannot satisfactorily account for their absence (normally by bringing a note signed by their parent, guardian or a doctor's certificate) will be required to make up missed time by attending Study Hall during the first half of lunch.

3. If a student misses a study hall session to which they have been assigned without a satisfactory excuse, they meet with an administrator. Subsequent failure to attend study hall or ongoing problems of irregular attendance will be dealt with in a progressively more serious manner, which will most likely include suspension after consultation with parents/guardians.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

All students are expected to be on time for period one and each subject class. Punctuality demonstrates consideration and respect for others. If you are late you interrupt the classroom learning environment, inconvenience the teacher and class causing unnecessary additional work for all. Sometimes

lateness is unavoidable and may be excused. However, students who are repeatedly late will be subject to the discipline policy of the school. Study Halls (lunch period detentions) or suspension from the school may occur.

### **YOUTH WORKER SERVICES**

**Ms. Terrie Hoey**, our Youth Worker, is available to address the social, emotional and behavioural needs of the students, their families and the school community. The needs are identified by the students, administration, parents, outside service agencies and staff.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Bus routes and times are usually available at the school after **August 30<sup>th</sup>** and will be posted on the lower windows immediately to the left of the Main Entrance so they can be viewed from outside the building. If you require transportation information, please call **Tri-County Transportation at 613-354-1981 ext 352**. Please note that the school does not create schedules or approve transportation requests. It always takes some time to normalize bus routes at the beginning of a school year. Students are advised to arrive at their pick up location a little early for the first few days. In the event that you are at the stop at the correct time and the bus does not arrive, please contact the school so that other arrangements can be made.

### **LOCKERS / PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Lockers will be assigned in alphabetical order for this school year. The student's locker number appears on their time table. As lockers are the property of the school, in no way are they to be defaced or damaged in any way. **Students are not to write on any part of the locker. Students may use only approved Masterlock padlocks with keyed backs sold through Holy Cross.** Lockers may be searched by school administration when necessary. Personal property posted in a locker must be in good taste. Material deemed to be inappropriate by staff members will be removed. Students will be responsible for damage to lockers where due care could have prevented it. Students will not share lockers with other students and should not share locker combinations with anyone. Student lockers are vulnerable to break-in and theft if lockers and combinations are shared. To ensure that a lock is secure, the owner should spin the dial and tug on the lock. Large sums of money and other valuables such as MP3 players, gameboys, etc. should never be kept in lockers. These items should be left at home. Theft from a locker or any other area should be reported to the Main Office where students will be asked to complete a report. **Under no circumstance will Holy Cross or the Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB assume any financial responsibility for items that go missing from lockers or any other location in the school.**

### **CELL PHONE POLICY**

The use of cell phones should primarily be used in emergency situations and should not interfere with student learning and individual privacy. According to the **Safe Schools Act**, photographs can not be taken without consent of the individual being photographed. Cell phones may not be used and **must** be powered off (not on silent or vibrate) while a student is in

the classroom or during school-sponsored activities during the regular instructional day, such as school Masses, exams, or student assemblies. Students may use their cell phones **only** in the cafeteria and the student commons before and after school hours and during the lunch hour and student spares. A cell phone that disrupts class or a student assembly will be taken by the teacher, given to the administration and returned at the end of the day. A second violation will result in the phone being taken for the day and returned to the parent the next day. Additional disruptions may result in suspension.

### **MP3 PLAYERS / OTHER ELECTRONIC GADGETS**

MP3 players are not to be used in class, unless the student's IEP indicates a need for **and** the teacher deems it to be an appropriate time for its use. If students are noncompliant, the student may be sent to the office with the device. If confiscation of the device becomes necessary, administration will store in a central, secure location, until parents are able to retrieve the device. Students are advised that they are not to access the school's network through their personal devices. **Students are also advised that the changerooms are not a good location to leave valuables. Holy Cross cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.**

### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE – A GOOD BUY!**

Parents are encouraged to purchase the low-cost Student Accident Insurance that will be sent home with students in early September especially if students are involved in Physical Education courses or extra-curricular athletics. Policies can include life and disability insurance components, as well as out-of-province benefits. Parents are advised:

- \* The school board does not provide accident insurance for students
  - \* Accidental dental injuries may result from participation in sports or other activities
  - \* Repair of dental injuries may cost thousands of dollars, and may require extensive future dental work - student accident insurance provides coverage for the costs related to accidental dental injuries - now, and in the future
  - \* This low-cost-programme can provide protection 24-hours per day on an annual basis - even in the summer
- If your son/daughter does not provide you with the application form, you may pick it up in the Main Office.

### **IS YOUR SON / DAUGHTER 18 YEARS OLD?**

Schools are obliged to conform to "The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1989)" which means the school cannot share with parents/guardians any aspect of the student's activity at the school including marks, attendance, etc. without the written consent of the student. We at Holy Cross believe that parents do want to be involved in their children's education. Parents should encourage students to provide this written consent to the school on the forms provided in Student Services.

### **WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?**

The following phone numbers will allow you to contact us between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily:

**Main Office 613-384-1919;**  
**Attendance Office 613-384-1355;**  
**Student Services 613-384-2023;**  
**Fax 613-384-8665.**

After hours, messages can be left on our call answer service and our fax lines are accessible 24 hours a day. Personal telephone messages cannot be relayed to students during class time except in the case of an emergency. Reminders such as medical appointments, car keys, employment, etc. should be communicated at home. Students are not allowed to use the office phones for personal calls except in the case of illness. Three pay phones are available.

**STUDENT PARKING AND TRAFFIC**

Student parking is only available in the west parking lot adjacent to the gymnasiums. Parking is not permitted anywhere on the property except in designated areas. Fire routes and bus zones must be kept clear of vehicles at all times. **Handicapped parking** is available in the south parking lot, adjacent to the south entrance. Only those vehicles with appropriate stickers are permitted there. Parking in these areas will result in fines and/or towing of vehicles at the owner's expense. Vehicles parking on school property are not to be used as gathering points for students. Students are not permitted to remain in parked vehicles. Vehicles are not to be used for "joyriding" on school property at any time. Actions of this kind jeopardize the safety of students, staff and visitors to our property. Failure to comply with the above provisions will result in the suspension of parking privileges. Vehicles left overnight on the school property without the approval of administration will be towed at the owner's expense.

**SCHOOL PICTURES AND GRADUATION PHOTOS**

Graduating students are asked to sign up for their grad photos during the first week of September in Room 129. **Grad photos and grad interviews will be taken in the evenings so that they do not interfere with instructional time.** School photos will be taken in early September. Students will be required to pay for their photo package on the day that the photos are taken.

**POST-SECONDARY PLANNING- SEPTEMBER**

The following dates and time lines regarding college and university information sessions are to assist our senior students in their post secondary planning. Information sessions at 11:15 and 2:35 are available to our grade 11 and 12 students. Presentations during the school day are open only to grade 12 students, and they must sign up several days in advance in order for their attendance to be recorded. Presentations are usually in the lecture theatre, unless otherwise announced.

September 13, 2011	York University, 2:30
September 14, 2011	Overview of university appl. process 11:15 & 2:35
September 16, 2011	Ryerson University 11:15
September 20, 2011	McMaster University, 11:15
September 21, 2011	Scholarship Meeting, 11:15
September 21, 2011	University of Toronto, 2:30
September 22, 2011	Uni of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), 2:30
September 27, 2011	Trent University, 11:15
September 27, 2011	Carleton University, 2:30
September 27, 2011	Parent Post-Secondary Information Night, 7:00
September 28, 2011	Wilfrid Laurier University, 11:15
September 29, 2011	St. Lawrence College, 11:15
September 29, 2011	Study & Go Abroad Fair, Ottawa Convention Centre

The college application is submitted online to the Ontario Colleges Application Service (OCAS). The application fee is \$95 for five college program choices. Not more than three choices may be made at one college.

The university application is submitted online to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC). The application fee is \$120 for three university program choices. An additional \$40 will be charged for each university program choice beyond the initial three. Students are required to have 6 grade 12 courses at the U or U/C (M code) level to be eligible for university programs.

Check the Holy Cross website at <http://hcss.alcdsb.on.ca/hctoday> for current information.

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

Classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. All students are to be in full uniform, and are to bring their most recent timetable and report to their first period class by 8:25 a.m. Locations of Period 1 classes will be posted on the columns in the main foyer. In the event of a change in your timetable between now and **September 6<sup>th</sup>**, please use the most recent timetable or better yet, check the **Maplewood Portal** for students.

**Students who do not have a scheduled Period 1 class are to report to Student Services by 8:15 am to obtain their timetable.**

SEPTEMBER AT HOLY CROSS	
Tuesday, August 30.....	Grade 9 Day
August 30 – September 1.....	Textbook Pick-up Days
August 31.....	Textbook Pick-up Evening 6 – 8 p.m.
Sept 1.....	Opening Staff Mass and Meeting (9:00 a.m.)
Monday, September 5.....	Labour Day (no classes)
Tuesday, September 6.....	First Day of School
	Try-outs for Fall Sports Teams Begin
Sept 6 - 9.....	Sign up for Grad Photos in Room 129
Thursday, September 8.....	Large Group Photos in Foyer
	Semester One Grade Assemblies
	Jamaica Mission Trip Parent Meeting
Friday, Sept 9.....	Grade 9 Orientation Morning and BBQ
Monday, Sept 12.....	2010-2011 Honour Roll Posted
	<i>Phantom of the Opera</i> Auditions begin
Tuesday, Sept 13.....	Picture Day -Smile! Payment required
Wed, Sept 14.....	Opening School Mass
	"Triumph of the Cross"
	Absentee Photo Day (afternoon)
Friday, Sept 16..	Last Day for Sem One Timetable Changes
Sunday, September 18.....	Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 23.....	ALCDSB P.A. Day #1 (no classes)
Friday, September 30.....	Tentative Non-Uniform Day

