HOLY CROSS CATHONIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, KINGSTO

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THIS MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

Tuesday, November 1All Saints Day
College Information Program, St. Lawrence, 4-6 p.m.
KASSAA Sr. Football Semi-Final Football Games
Ottawa University 2:30 p.m.
Movember "Clean-shaven" Photos, Room 129
Wednesday, November 2Mid-semester Test Period Begins
All Souls Day
Honour Roll Celebration (Period 1)
Take Our Kids to Work Day (Gr 9 students)
Huron University College, 11:15 a.m.
Thursday, November 3Nipissing University 11:15 a.m.
Friday, November 4Veteran's Week Begins
Sat, November 5OFSAA Cross-Country Championship, Ottawa
KASSAA Sr. Football Championships
Sunday, November 6Daylight Savings Time ends
Tues Nov 8College On-Line Application Workshop, 11:00 a.m.
KASSAA Jr. Football Semi-Finals
Dalhousie University, NS 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 9 Uni. Of Western Ontario 2:30
Mid-semester Test Period Ends
Term 1 Gr 10 Civics/Careers Courses End
Thurs, Nov 10Term 2 Gr 10 Civics/Careers Courses Begin
College Application Workshop 11:00 a.m.
Friday, November 11St. Jerome's Uni, 11:30 a.m.
Remembrance Day, Prayer Reflection at 11:00 a.m.
Sat, November 12KASSAA Jr. Football Championships
Sunday, November 13 KASSAA Boys' Vball Championships
Monday, November 14Crusaders Winter Season Tryouts begin
KASSAA Girls' Basketball Championships
Math Maniacs Workshops, P3 and 4
Mon – Fri, Nov 14 – 18Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week
Mon - Wed, November 14-16
Tuesday, November 15Midterm Marks Due to Office
EOSSAA Jr Girls' Bball Tourn @KC
Guelph University, 2:30 p.m. Movember Midway Point Photos, Room 129
Wed, November 16 Catholic School Council Mtg, 6:30
EOSSAA Sr Girls' Bball Tourn @ Brockville
Ticket sales begin for Phantom of the Opera
Thurs, Nov17 EOSSAA Sr Girls' Bball Tourn @ Brockville
Queen's On-Line to Success Parent Info Session, 6:30 p.m.
Lakehead University, 11:15 a.m.
Redeemer University College, 2:30 p.m.
Friday, November 18Students' Council Dance #2 (tentative)
Saturday, November 19Kingston Santa Claus Parade
National Child Day
Monday, November 21Mid-Semester Report Cards Issued
Tuesday, Nov 22Cdn Int and Senior Mathematics Contests
Winter Season Team Photographs
Wednesday, November 23Brock University, 11:15 a.m.
S1 Marks Due to OCAS
Making the Cut, Carleton University
Winter Season Photographs
Thursday, November 24Potential Non-Uniform Day
KCVI Pre-Season Hockey Tournament
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Thurs – Sat, Nov 24 – 26OFSAA Girls' Basketball at HC
Friday, November 25ALCDSB P.A. Day #3 (no classes)
Sunday, November 27First Sunday of Advent
Mon, Nov 28Afternoon Performance of Phantom of the Opera
CICS Advent Collection Begins
1st Date that Application Data will be sent to colleges
Mon - Wed, Nov 28 - 30P1 Gr 11 Post-Secondary Info Assemblies
Tues, Nov 29Afternoon Performance of Phantom of the Opera
Wed, November 30Opening Night of Phantom of the Opera
Official "Mo" pictures, Room 129

November 30 - December 3.....Phantom of the Opera

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We welcome **Mrs. Madeline Hill Bouvier** to the **Main Office.** Some of you have already met her or heard her voice on the phone. She is joining our secretarial staff and we are very pleased to have her join the **Holy Cross** family. We also congratulate **Ms. Kelly Davison**, who has obtained her teaching certification and is now on the occasional teacher list for our board; we are thankful for her years of service to our community and will certainly miss her presence, especially in the **Bridges to Community** program. We hope she will return to us. We thank **Mr. Joseph Richardson** and welcome back **Mr. Tony Clarke** from paternity leave early in **November**.

We were very proud of our medal bearers in the **Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay** which passed by **Holy Cross** on **Monday**, **October 31st**. Our *difference makers* were **Peter Gates** and **Nick Cotman**, chosen because their actions in and around the school community embody their beliefs of an inclusive world.

Congratulations to our school community for contributing so much to the **K-ROCK Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Our homeroom classes responded with incredible enthusiasm, ingenuity and generosity. The following **HC** home form classes collected the most food for their grade levels: **Ms. Rose** and **Mr. Michalski's** Grade 9's, **Mrs. Grady's** Grade 10's, **Mrs. Mayhew** and **Mr. Vaitekunas'** Grade 11's, and **Mrs. Pawliuk** and **Mr. McCombs'** homerooms for the Grade 12's. **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**. Competition will never overshadow need and we know that the true intent of this drive is to share our resources with those in our community who are in need. We congratulate **QECVI** for bringing in an outstanding amount of nonperishable food items in their annual tradition.

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 **Catholic Cup** event was once again wonderful, albeit a return to afternoon games, a testa¬ment to our fierce Crusader pride as well as to undaunting support from the fan buses and 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. Congratulations to our fall teams whose seasons have ended as well as to all of our teams working towards their seasons' completions.

On the Professional Development Day (Monday, October 24th, 2011), all staff gathered in Belleville for our System Faith Day, where we celebrated Mass and reflected and listened to a wonder-

ful speaker, **Fr. Tony Ricard** of **New Orleans**. He was filled with humourous anecdotes and pertinent messages. In keeping with our mission statement, he reminded us *to live and love as Christ did*.

On Thursday, October 13th, 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 Wednesday, November 9th and then on Monday, November 21st, 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 Mr. Robin Dzierniejko, 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

HOLY CROSS PASTORAL SERVICES

November provides us with a wonderful opportunity to remember loved ones who have died as we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day at the beginning of the month. We will again have a special Book of Remembrance in the Chapel; and we invite students, staff and visitors to our school to remember their loved ones by writing their names in this book; these people will be remembered in our daily prayers and at all our School Masses during November. On November 11th we will be remembering those who gave their lives in the Great Wars of the past century or while serving in Afghanistan or on peacekeep¬ing missions through a special Prayer Reflection. Let us all take time to remember, to pray and to buy a poppy in support of our veterans.

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP UPDATE: Close to 400 people attended our Jamaica Fish Fry on Friday, October 28th at Holy Cross. And close to \$3000.00 was raised for the Mission Trip. A big thank you to all our students, parents, teacher candidates and staff who helped out and to all all those who attended and who made this such a great evening.

RETREATS: Our Grade 10 home form classes attended the **Personal Growth: Mind, Body & Spirit Retreats** during the week of **October 18-21**st. These full-day retreats focused on ways all of us can develop a healthier respect for 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 especially enjoyed our speakers this year: **Terrie Hoey, Lisa Lol-Iar, Daniel Schultheis** and **Fabian Brown**.

CICS' CORNER: Congratulations 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 shelves for Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to our annual **Toronto Street Retreat** which will take place from **November 14-16**th. Permission forms are available in my office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please pray for the sick and for their families and caregivers. Many of our students and staff have experienced serious illness or even a death in their families recently and we offer our prayers and support to them.

Chris Forster, Pastoral Services

ECO-CORNER

Have you seen the changes to the back of our school? In the month of **October**, 46 solar panels were installed on the south side of the school. These solar panels will generate 10 kW and will help reduce the school's carbon footprint. Once the electrical connections are complete, the electricity generated will be sold back the the grid. The panels are placed on an angle above the windows to also provide shade when the sun is high. In other news, the **Green Team** has successfully started up the composting program in four areas o fthe school and is currently working towards getting better water fountains for the second floor. Keep it Green **HC**!

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

The school year is well underway as we enter into the month of November. October was a successful month for the Crusader community as we captured second place in the Kingston Partners in Mission food drive competition. Congratulations to the homeroom classes who rose to the top of the food donations podium and thank you to all who participated in helping an amazing cause. Earlier this month, both the Jr. and Sr. Boys' Football teams came out victorious at the "Friday Day Lights" Catholic Cup Championship against the Regiopolis-Notre Dame Panthers. Congratulations to both teams and thank you to all Crusaders who came out and showed their school spirit to support our boys! On Wednesday, November 2nd, the Students' Council will be hosting the Honour Roll Breakfast to congratulate the students who have achieved an 80% or higher average in the previous school year. The second dance of the school year will take place on Friday, November 18th (tentatively) in the Holy Cross cafeteria between 7:30 and 11:30 pm. The theme will be "Black Light" and Holy Cross students are able to sign in students from other schools to attend the dance. Details about sign-ins will be announced closer to the date of the dance. Late November will the beginning of the Advent Campaign. We encourage those in the Holy Cross community to participate in this campaign. Best of wishes to all students and staff for another successful month in the 2011/2012 school year! Stephanie Constantinidis, Communications Officer

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was great to have 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 **Wednesday, November 16**th in the **Library** at **6:30 pm**. All interested community members are invited to attend.

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 before the Christmas break. Grad Photo orders are still being accepted. Please bring your orders to **Mr. Prior** between **8:15** and **10:00**. Orders placed at this time, however, will not arrive until after Christmas. School Photos were taken in **September**, and orders have been distributed to students who ordered packages. Retakes were taken in late **October**. Retake orders will be distributed soon.

ARTS NOTES

The Holy Cross Arts Department proudly announces Kingston's first production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*. Based on the novel by Gaston Leroux, The Phantom of the Opera is the longest running show in Broadway history and the winner of over fifty major theatre awards around the world. The "music of the night" will come alive on the Holy Cross stage Wednesday, November 30th and December 1 – 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. and will showcase the artistic talents of over 120 Holy Cross student actors, dancers, musicians and scenic artists. A special art exhibit – *Muse* – by our student artists will explore the themes in the play. Tickets go on sale at the school November 16th. Ticket price is \$15.00.

TECH NEWS - SHSM CPR & First Aid Training

On Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th, grades 11 and 12 students enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major in Information and Communications Technology will be participating in a St. John's Ambulance training session in CPR and First Aid at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Secondary School. To meet the rigorous requirements of the SHSM, students must acquire six industry recognized certifications. HC students have already received this semester their "ticket" in Fall Prevention. In addition, they participated in a "Reach Ahead" experience touring Loyalist College and a variety of Com Tech programs: 3D animation, Television, Radio, Journalism, etc... The SHSM is a special program that provides students the opportunity to focus their secondary school studies on their chosen career path in the communications technol¬ogy sector. Students in the HC SHSM program study animation, audio production, graphic design, journalism, photography, video production and web page design. Grade 10 and 11 students interested in the HC SHSM program should contact Mr. Esford in Room 218.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

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 <u>hcssnews@alcdsb.</u> on.ca.

MOVEMBER

For breast cancer awareness, people wear pink ribbons ... the idea behind **Movember** is that all males are encouraged to grow mous¬taches to help raise awareness for prostate cancer; these moustaches act as their ribbons. To involve women, light blue ribbons can be worn as well. At **Holy Cross**, some of our students have been working extremely hard to help create this event. They have been creating posters and helping with the organization of homeroom letters. The **'Clean Shaven'** photos will be taken on **Tuesday, November 15**th, and finally, the official **'mo' pictures** on **Wednesday, November 30**th! Let's make **Movember 2011** at **Holy Cross** a huge success with both students and staff participating. The focus is not on fundraising, but rather in raising awareness about prostate cancer.

HOLY CROSS UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all those who have or will support 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 **Chris Corcoran** and **Shannon Guay**.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Appreciation is sent to all Parents/Guardians for completing the **Individual Education Plan** process for semester one. If you have not returned the Consultation Form, please do so as we are collating them and responding to any comments. If you did not receive your son or daughter's IEP for this term, please contact 613-384-1919, ext.3426. We are now in the process of setting IPRC dates.

Grade 12 Students who are graduating in **June 2012** are invited to update their IEP and prepare a Post-Secondary Transition Portfolio. To do so, schedule an appointment with **Ms. Gavan Knox** in **Room 117**.

With the collaboration of partners from **Queen's University**, we are excited to be part of a pilot project involving **Premier** assistive technology and some of our grade ten students. On **Thursday**, **November 3**rd, three classes of our grade ten students will participate in a workshop geared towards increasing their literacy skills.

LATE BUSES

Two late bus (taxi) runs have begun, each **Monday** and **Wednesday**, travelling from **Holy Cross** to **Napanee** and **Amherstview**. These buses (or taxis) will only run if numbers warrant. As these buses run on a needs-basis, please contact **Mrs. Bouvier** in the **Main Office** if you are interested in making use of this service, before **11:45** each **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER Honour Roll Ceremony

A ceremony honouring last year's **Honour Roll** students will take place during **Period One** on **Wednesday**, **November 2nd**. Our guest speaker will be **Sarah MacDonald**, **Holy Cross '94**, **Correctional Services Canada**, **Assistant Warden of Intervention** at **Pittsburgh Institution**.

Take Our Kid to Work Day

Grade 9 students will participate in **Take Our Kids to Work Day** on **Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.** This day is important in that it gives students the opportunity to gain exposure to the skills required in today's workplaces, and gain a better understanding of exploring career choices. Regular classes will not be held on this day. Signed permission forms must be returned to Student Services in order for students to participate.

Post Secondary Information

Workshops for on-line application to **OUAC (Universities)** were conducted **October 25th** and **October 27th**. Workshops for on-line applications to **OCAS (College)** will be held **Tuesday, November 8th** and **Thursday, November 10th** at **11:15**. Students are encouraged to check our up-to-date post-secondary information at the **Holy Cross Website** (<u>www.hctoday.ca</u> and click: "Academic" – Student Services "Post-Secondary Info"). Students applying to Ontario universities can now pick up their "PIN" in **Student Services**.

House of Commons Page Program

Grade 12 students accepted to a university in the **National Capital Region** with an academic average of 80% are eligible to apply to the **House of Commons Page Program**. Work begins in late **August 2012**, and the work schedule will be coordinated with their university schedule. Students must also speak fluent French to be eligible. For more information go to <u>www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage</u>. The deadline to apply is **Thursday December 22nd, 2011**.

Volunteer Opportunities:

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

Youth Leadership Committee

Students in grade11 and 12 who are looking for leadership opportunities are encouraged to be part of the **Youth Leadership Committee** with the United Way. Students will be planning and working on volunteer projects dealing with poverty, health and youth engagement. Students will strengthen their leadership skills and learn teamwork skills. Application deadline is **February 15th, 2012**.

United Way Volunteer Services

Volunteer Services links students looking for volunteer work with agencies and organizations that have opportunities. Visit <u>www.</u><u>unitedwaykfla.</u>ca to learn about volunteer opportunities in the community.

Loyalist Parks and Recreation

Loyalist Township is looking for volunteers to help with their "Light the Season" event and "Winter Carnival" in **December** and **Janu**ary.

Christmas Kettle Campaign 2011

Volunteers are needed to be **Salvation Army Bell Ringers** (two hour shifts) for the annual **Christmas Kettle Campaign** from **November 21st to December 24th.** Money raised for this campaign will remain in **Kingston** to help families in need.

Information for any of these events is available in Student Services.

Enrichment Opportunities: Waterloo Unlimited

Grade 11: Design Theme March 12-16, 2012

From engineering and the environment to science fiction and virtual reality, students will spend a week exploring the theme of Design. Application deadline: **December 16, 2011** Grade 10: **May 13 – 17, 2012**

Theme is currently in development.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Students ages 15 and older have the opportunity to experience a foreign country, learn a new language and culture by participating in the **Rotary Youth Exchange**. Opportunities for long-term and short-term exchanges are available. Students must be of good character, possess a desire to broaden their horizons, and be adaptable to new environments. For more information contact **sharon7040yex@hotmail.com** or **sherri@agnewfoods.com**.

Encounters with Canada

High school students are welcome to participate in a week-long youth form held at the **Terry Fox Canadian Youth Center** in **Ottawa.** During their week-long experience, students participate in five interactive modules, each linked to a specific theme. For more information go to <u>ewc-rdc.ca</u> or call **1-800-361-0419**.

Shad Valley

Shad Valley is a demanding four-week program that focuses on academics through workshops, lectures and a business project where the students are challenged to bring a new science and engineering based invention to market. Students also participate in challenging recreational activities, such as hiking and camping. There are several **Shad Valley** campuses across **Canada**, **Queen's University** being one. Applications are due **December 7**th, **2011** and **January 18**th, **2012.** For more information go to www. shad.ca, or see Mrs. Cantarutti for an application.

Engineering Enrichment Program (DEEP) Summer Academy

DEEP Summer Academy has been developed for high school students with a keen interest in tackling topics in some of the most innovative areas of engineering today. This program is offered each year in July at the University of Toronto's St. George Campus. Go to <u>http://outreach.engineering.utoronto.ca/preuniversity</u> programs/DEEP Summer Academy.htm.

STUDENT ABSENCES AND THE PROVISION OF WORK

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 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 coun-sellor. 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 in Student Services.

From the Attendance Office

1. Students are reminded that if they are feeling ill during the day and wish to go home they must report to the attendance office. Parents will be contacted by the **Attendance Secretary** to arrange for pick up.

2. Parents are reminded that if their child is going to be absent from school they must call the **Attendance Office (613-384-1355)** before 8:30 on the day of absence.

3. Students requiring to leave school early (e.g. medical, dental, or out of town sporting event) must bring parent notes to the **Atten-dance Office** prior to 8:30 to obtain a permission to leave slip.

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 re-garding teams can be obtained through a number of sources, including school announcements, posters, our school's athletic web site -www.gocrusadersgo.com, local newspapers and the KASSAA web site. 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

Badminton Mr. D. Roberts January Jr. Boys' Basketball Mr. Garant / Mr. Check / Mr. Besselink November Sr. Boys' Basketball Mr. Dzierniejko / Mr DeMelo November Cheerleading Ms. Carr / Ms. Myers / Mr. Perkin November Curling Mr. Thorburn / Ms. Doucet November Boys' Hockey Mr. Clarke / Mr. White / Mr. Switzer November Girls' Hockey Mrs. Nichol / Mr. Gillis November Jr. Girls' Volleyball Mr. O'Brien November Sr. Girls' Volleyball Mr. Justin Murphy / Mr. Sean Purcell November Wrestling Mr. J. Brady Late November Swimming Mrs. Coombs November

NEXT MONTH AT HOLY CROSS

NEAT MONTH AT HOLT CR055
1 – 3Phantom of the Opera performances continue
1World AIDS Day
Grade Level Reconciliations all day in the Library
2 & 3Sr. Boys' Basketball Crusader Classic, Kingston
3International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5Christmas Baskets Collection begins
5 – 9Grade Nine Transition Survey
6Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women
6-8 Improv Try-outs, 2:45 – 4:00 p.m., Rm 246
7New York City Arts Trip Departs
8Archdiocesan Feast Day, Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral
8-9Crusader Bands Foyer Performance (lunch)
9Queen's Online to Success Registration Deadline
10International Human Rights Day
Bill MacLeod Wrestling Tournament at RND
10 – 11Queen's U Sr. Boys' Basketball Tournament
11NYC Trip Returns
National Day of Prayer for Aboriginal People
13 & 14Crusader Bands Foyer Performances
15Recommended Date for university & college applications
Advent School Masses
Katherine Splinter Memorial Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.
22Winter Solstice
Advent Collection Ends
23 Last Day of classes before Christmas Break
Tentative Non-Uniform Day
24 – Jan. 8Christmas Vacation
Jan 9Classes Resume